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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 78

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2003

*The House meets this day at 9 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2002-2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003—Mr Murphy, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its failures in economic management, and in particular its failings in relation to both income and expenditure policies because:*
- (1) it is the highest taxing Government in Australian history, and:
 - (a) has imposed the highest level ever of income tax;
 - (b) is responsible for introducing the biggest new tax in our history; and
 - (c) is addicted to imposing ever more taxes and special levies;
 - (2) it has failed to deliver on its basic responsibilities to the Australian people, for example:
 - (a) bulk billing has collapsed;
 - (b) there is chronic under-investment in our public schools, TAFE colleges and universities;
 - (c) the struggle to balance work and family life continues to get harder; and
 - (d) entry level housing is becoming even less affordable for struggling Australian families; and
 - (3) despite the record tax take, and in spite of declining Government services, the Government has failed to keep the Budget in surplus after nearly a decade of strong economic growth in that:
 - (a) it broke its unequivocal promise to keep the Budget in surplus in 2001-02;
 - (b) future surpluses are dependent on the additional revenue provided by bracket creep;
 - (c) it has presided over enormous waste and mismanagement including billions of dollars of foreign exchange losses and defence procurement losses; and
 - (d) it has lost control over expenditure necessitating wholesale changes to the budgetary management system”.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2002-2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 3 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTING THE LOW PAID) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr McClelland*).

Notices

- *1 **MR I. E. MACFARLANE**: To present a Bill for an Act to give effect to the Timor Sea Treaty, and for related purposes.

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

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

Orders of the day—continued

- 4 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 5 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION AND PRODUCT STANDARDS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 6 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION AND PRODUCT STANDARDS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 9 **ENERGY GRANTS (CREDIT) SCHEME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **TERRORISM INSURANCE BILL 2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).

Notices—continued

- 2 **MR TUCKEY**: To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for works in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 6 February 2003, namely: Public artwork to celebrate the centenary of women's suffrage in Australia. (*Notice given 12 February 2003.*)

Orders of the day—continued

- 12 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 13 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003*).
- 14 **CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 15 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 16 **CORPORATIONS (REVIEW FEES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 17 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, RADIATION ONCOLOGY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 18 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).

- 21 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE WITH COURT AND TRIBUNAL ORDERS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 24 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2002—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **NATIONAL GALLERY AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 February 2003*).
- 27 **SUPERANNUATION INDUSTRY (SUPERVISION) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 28 **SUPERANNUATION (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 29 **DESIGNS BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 30 **DESIGNS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2002—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 38 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 39 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 40 **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*).

- 41 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROTECTED INFORMATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 42 **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*).
- 43 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CUSTOMS) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 44 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (EXCISE) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 45 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 46 **IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Evans, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Andren, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and insists that in the absence of specific, unambiguous and unanimous support of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, Australian defence forces not be involved in any military action in Iraq”—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland to the proposed amendment, viz.—That all words after “and” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:*
- “(1) condemns the Government for forward-deploying Australian troops to a potential theatre of war with Iraq in the absence of any United Nations authorisation and without revealing to the Australian people the commitments on which that deployment was based;
 - (2) declares its opposition to a unilateral military attack on Iraq by the United States;
 - (3) insists that the disarmament of Iraq proceed under the authority of the United Nations;
 - (4) expresses its full support and confidence in our servicemen and women, while expressing its opposition to the Government’s decision to forward-deploy them;
 - (5) expresses its total opposition to any use of nuclear arms and declares that Australian support should not be provided to any operation where such weaponry may be used; and
 - (6) declares that it has no confidence in the Prime Minister’s handling of this grave matter for the nation”.
- 47 **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*).
- 48 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 49 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 50 **KIMBERLEY LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **SOUTH WEST ABORIGINAL LAND AND SEA COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **YAMATJI BARNA BABA MAAJA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **GURANG LAND COUNCIL (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **NGAANYATJARRA COUNCIL (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) NATIVE TITLE UNIT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 55 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 25—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **TAKEOVERS PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL (NO. 2) 2002 AND NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (VENTURE CAPITAL DEFICIT TAX) BILL 2002—CORRECTIONS TO EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE GAP COVER SCHEMES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION ACT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **ANNUAL REPORTS OF ADVISORY PANEL ON MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—CORRIGENDA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **GOLDFIELDS LAND AND SEA COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **QUEENSLAND SOUTH REPRESENTATIVE BODY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—CORRECTION TO EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 70 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (EARLIER ACCESS TO FARM MANAGEMENT DEPOSITS) BILL 2002—CORRECTIONS TO EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Tuckey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.

- 73 **NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMISSION—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **MANAGING MIGRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Ruddock*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 77 **OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 78 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **MID-YEAR ECONOMIC REVIEW AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 2002-2003—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 80 **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—2001-2002—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 82 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2002-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 84 **COMPANIES AUDITORS AND LIQUIDATORS DISCIPLINARY BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.

- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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*).
- 94 **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

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 24 March 2003.*)
- 2 **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 24 March 2003.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 11 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 2001-2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 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 24 March 2003.*)
- 12 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 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 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Wednesday, 5 March 2003

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

- (1) congratulates the St. Mary's Rugby League Club upon gaining entry to the NSWRL Premier League Competition (formerly the NSW first division) for the 2003 season, under the name of the St. Mary's – Penrith Cougars;
 - (2) recognises the tireless work of the club's board and members in achieving this promotion;
 - (3) acknowledges the contribution made by the St. Mary's Leagues club in promoting the game of rugby league within the Chifley community and the work it's done in preparing young local players for the elite level of the game; and
 - (4) wishes them well for the season ahead, during which they will compete against sides from some of the most famous clubs in the modern day game, including the Sydney Roosters, St. George-Illawarra, South Sydney, Manly and Parramatta, as well as foundation clubs Newtown, North Sydney, Western Suburbs and Balmain now playing exclusively in the Premier League. (*Notice given 4 March 2003.*)
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Notices—continued**1 MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (ba) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
 - (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph; and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

2 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;

- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
- (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

5 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

6 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
- (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
- (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

7 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Questions from citizens

- 148A** (a) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division.
- (b) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (c) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 8 MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Members and Senators and the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers dated 1995;
- (2) seeks advice from the Procedure Committee as to the continuing validity or otherwise of the drafts; and
- (3) requests the Procedure Committee to confer with the Procedure Committee of the Senate in its consideration of these matters. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 9 MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 145 be omitted and the following standing orders be adopted:
- 145A** The answer to a question without notice shall be relevant and:
- (a) shall be concise and confined to the subject matter of the question;
- (b) shall relate to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected, to proceedings in the House, or to any other matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible; and
- (c) shall not debate the subject to which the question refers.
- 145B** The standing orders that apply to the asking of a question without notice shall generally apply to the answer.
- 145C** An answer to a question on notice shall be relevant to the question and shall be provided to the Member who asked the question within 30 days. (*Notice given 17 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 10 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 11 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 12 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 13 **MR JOHNSON** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises and celebrates 30 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and the People's Republic of China;
 - (2) acknowledges the critical importance and value of the Australia-China relationship in the broad Asia-Pacific region; and
 - (3) confirms Australia's support of the "One-China" policy. (*Notice given 2 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 14 **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 act immediately to honour its election commitment regarding university status for the College. (*Notice given 2 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 15 **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 2 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 16 **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 2 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 17 **MS C. F. KING**: To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the battle at the Eureka Stockade represents a turning point in Australia's development as a nation, especially in the right of people to have a say in how we are governed;
 - (2) notes that it is 148 years since this important battle took place;
 - (3) recognises that the Eureka Flag remains an important symbol of the development of democratic government in Australia; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to take steps to have the Eureka Flag proclaimed as an official flag of Australia under the provisions of the *Flags Act 1953*. (*Notice given 3 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 18 **MR KERR**: To move—That this House conveys to the Ambassador of the United States of America its:
- (1) concern at the ongoing detention, without charge or trial, of two Australian citizens in Guantanamo Bay; and
 - (2) request that the United States of America advises what processes will be put in place to allow the detained Australians to be put on trial or to be released. (*Notice given 4 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 19 **MS C. F. KING**: To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of the Western Highway to the economic well-being of the towns and cities along the highway;
 - (2) recognises that traffic congestion has increased with the development of housing estates at Deer Park, Burnside and Caroline Springs;

- (3) acknowledges that the Western Highway has suffered from sustained financial neglect that has in turn compromised the safety and integrity of the road;
 - (4) further acknowledges that since 1998 there has been a total of 543 collisions on the Ballarat Highway between Anthony's Cutting and the Western Ring Road with 14 resulting in fatalities and 254 collisions resulting in serious injuries; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to take steps to upgrade the Western Highway, including a commitment to the freeway standard link between the Western Highway and the Western Ring Road (Deer Park Bypass. *(Notice given 9 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*)
- 20 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Government's failure to deliver employment services that meet the needs of long term unemployed people; and
 - (2) notes the ineffectiveness of the Job Network in assisting the long term unemployed re-enter the workforce. *(Notice given 9 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*
- 21 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) address the rapid decline in bulk billing;
 - (2) ensure an equal distribution of, and access to, health services for all Australians; and
 - (3) ensure that quality health care is available to all Australians, not only those who can afford it. *(Notice given 9 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*
- 22 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that Australia has an ageing population; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) address the chronic shortage of aged care beds;
 - (b) resolve the issues surrounding phantom beds;
 - (c) provide more community care packages;
 - (d) ensure that aged care resources are located in areas of greatest need; and
 - (e) provide positive initiatives to improve the quality of life of older Australians. *(Notice given 9 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*
- 23 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) recognise the special needs of persons suffering from Acquired Brain Injury (ABI);
 - (2) provide disability specific services that recognise the special needs of people suffering from ABI; and
 - (3) introduce programs specifically designed to meet the needs of people suffering from ABI. *(Notice given 9 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*
- 24 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) takes note of recent progress towards a Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America;
 - (2) welcomes the increased opportunities the agreement will bring to Australia and Australian producers;
 - (3) congratulates the Government on the significant achievement of bringing this initiative closer to reality; and
 - (4) continues to place priority on working to negotiate free trade agreements that compliment the work of the WTO and APEC. *(Notice given 11 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.)*
- 25 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its sympathy to the McCabe children, who lost their mother to lung cancer and their father to a heart attack;
 - (2) notes that before her death Mrs McCabe was the first Australian to win a court case against a major tobacco company for causing lung cancer;

- (3) notes that the tobacco company—British American Tobacco Australia—has won legal action to have the case overturned, and despite the fact the McCabe children have repaid the money and agreed to pay \$27,500 in interest, will pursue them for many millions of dollars of legal costs;
 - (4) notes that the children may have to sell their \$180,000 home to pay the legal costs;
 - (5) calls on British American Tobacco Australia to withdraw its claim for legal costs; and
 - (6) calls on tobacco companies to cease their unprincipled tactics to recruit new smokers. (*Notice given 12 December 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 26 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of breastfeeding for the health of babies and children; and
 - (2) notes the responsibility that governments, the community and employers have to facilitate and encourage breastfeeding. (*Notice given 13 December 2002, a.m. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 27 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House notes with concern that there is strong evidence that there are Australian citizens who have committed war crimes overseas. (*Notice given 13 December 2002, a.m. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 28 **MS BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that statistics may not reveal the true extent of the unemployment problem for the over 45's;
 - (2) notes the additional impediments to gaining employment following the loss of a job for those aged over 45;
 - (3) notes the lack of opportunities for the older worker to change career paths and consider education and retraining before attempting to re-enter the workforce. The skills and knowledge of the older worker also need to keep pace with change so as to not alienate them from the workforce;
 - (4) acknowledges the benefit to employers of older workers as they generally demonstrate a greater commitment to a good employer and show competence in their dealings with customers; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to put in place policies that are more specific in tackling mature-age unemployment and that remove age-based discrimination and access to the labour market. (*Notice given 4 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 29 **MS BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the recent successes of notable employer groups in negotiating with their employees to provide extended unpaid leave, term time work, flexible roster systems and leave arrangements to suit family responsibilities; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to encourage and provide incentives for all Australian employers to extend such practices into more industries and working environments. (*Notice given 4 February 2003 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 30 **MS BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that trade apprenticeships continue to have low retention rates and strategies need to be put in place to improve these outcomes;
 - (2) notes the importance of relevance and quality of training for existing workers as well as new entrants, and that the content and coverage of training needs to keep pace with the rapid rate of technological change;
 - (3) notes that the age demographic changes will mean stagnation of 15 to 24 year olds in the population; alternative pathways such as the VET system are being considered to attract older participants; and
 - (4) acknowledges that training methods may need to broaden the skills of the individual to provide more options for better career prospects. (*Notice given 4 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 31 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the environmental impact the 6.4 billion plastic bags used in Australia annually have on our environment;
 - (2) notes the incredible success of the new plastic bag levy, introduced in Ireland on 4 March 2002; and

- (3) calls on the Government to introduce a similar plastic bag levy in Australia in order to reduce plastic bag usage and create a recurrent fund for environmental projects. (*Notice given 4 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 32 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its profound regret that the Saharawi people are still waiting to exercise their right to self-determination, 27 years after Morocco's illegal occupation of the Western Sahara;
 - (2) is deeply concerned about continuing reports of human rights violations against the Saharawi people in occupied Western Sahara and the severe shortfall in food aid affecting those in neighbouring refugee camps;
 - (3) welcomes the UN Security Council's recent reassertion of the importance of the Saharawi's right to self-determination;
 - (4) further notes the willingness of the POLISARIO Front to discuss with Morocco arrangements for the holding of the referendum to determine the future of the Western Sahara and economic and political guarantees in the event of the Western Sahara achieving independence following the referendum; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to get the parties to resume their talks with the aim of holding the long-delayed referendum and restoring stability to the area. (*Notice given 5 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 33 **MR PYNE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) reaffirms its support for the 30% private health insurance rebate which helps give Australians choice and is financially assisting almost 9 million Australians and their families, including one million Australians who earn less than \$20,000 a year;
 - (2) notes the Labor Party opposed the introduction of the private health insurance rebate and voted against the legislation when it was debated in the House of Representatives and the Senate;
 - (3) notes that numerous Labor Party members have called for major changes to the rebate; and
 - (4) calls on the Labor Party to express its support for the 30% private health insurance rebate or urgently release its private health insurance policy. (*Notice given 11 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 34 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the US and UK Administrations for their declaration that they will respond with nuclear weapons against any nation that uses biological or chemical weapons;
 - (2) calls on Prime Minister Howard to condemn any use of nuclear weapons in the potential military action in Iraq;
 - (3) confirms Australia's long-time opposition to the use and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
 - (4) notes the recent report by the Centre for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation on the \$1.2 trillion proposed Missile Defence System and raises concern over the effect of nuclear and missile technology proliferation as a consequence of the project;
 - (5) notes reports that the use of nuclear weapons may lead to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis in any nuclear attack on Baghdad; and
 - (6) expresses concern about the probable legal issues related to the use of strategic nuclear weapons and potential charges of crimes against humanity and breaches of the Geneva conventions on war. (*Notice given 11 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 35 **MR ADAMS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that there is a critical shortage of doctors in areas that have been deemed under the Rural Remote Metropolitan Assessment Index (RRMAI) scheme as level three and lower and yet are in rural catchment areas;
 - (2) notes that requests from Tasmania to review the RRMAI scheme have been ignored, despite Tasmania as a whole being in a remote location;
 - (3) recognises that the health of rural communities is diminishing because of lack of access to medical services, especially in times of shortages such as during summer; and

- (4) calls on the Government to review immediately the RRMAI as it affects Tasmania and similar rural and regional areas around Australia, examples of which are Beaconsfield, New Norfolk and Sorell, in order they may attract doctors to these areas. (*Notice given 13 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

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

- (1) recognises that, because of the Family Tax Benefit system, parents of middle incomes pay an effective marginal tax rate of between 60% to 77%;
- (2) recognises that, because of the Allowances Income Test, an individual claiming Newstart who earns more than \$62 in a fortnight pays an effective marginal tax rate of 67%;
- (3) recognises that, because of the Allowances Income Test, an individual claiming Newstart who earns more than \$150 in a fortnight pays an effective marginal tax rate of 87%;
- (4) recognises that, because of the parental income test of Youth Allowance, 40,000 families face effective marginal tax rates of up to 111.5%;
- (5) acknowledges that these effective marginal tax rates are much higher than those for persons with high incomes;
- (6) notes that the number of individuals facing effective marginal tax rates of more than 60% has nearly doubled since 1997;
- (7) calls on the Government to reform the tax, welfare and family payment systems to avoid the development of poverty traps and disincentives to work; and
- (8) affirms its commitment to a tax system that is progressive. (*Notice given 3 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

37 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) calls on the Government to comply with international covenants on the rights of the child and ensure that all children in detention have access to normal education;
- (2) asks that the Government work with appropriate State and Territory government agencies to develop a program of transition and support for children in detention; and
- (3) asks that the Government ensure that educational facilities for children are not located inside detention centres. (*Notice given 3 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

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

- (1) notes comments in *The Age* on 23 December 2002 by Professor Ian Webster, Chairman of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation, to the effect that alcohol is a major contributor to road accidents, suicide and depression all of which are major causes of death and illness amongst 18-24 year olds.
- (2) notes a draft discussion paper by the American Medical Association that teenage drinkers have increased risk of long-term health and lifestyle effects: social problems, depression, suicidal thoughts and alcohol associated violence and do worse at school, at finding employment and maintaining relationships.
- (3) recognises there is a role for families, schools, role models, governments and health workers in identifying and supporting young people at risk of alcohol abuse.
- (4) notes the recent *Alcohol Awareness Survey* by the Salvation Army/Roy Morgan into the rate and level of teenage binge drinking that confirmed that binge drinking is in epidemic proportions for young males and females.
- (5) calls on the Commonwealth Government to work with State and Territory Governments to investigate further measures to lower the rate of juvenile alcohol abuse and binge drinking, including: increased education and awareness programs in schools and the community, mentoring programs, and increased punitive measures to combat older people purchasing alcohol for teenagers. (*Notice given 3 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

39 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) passes on its congratulations to all those students who completed the HSC (or equivalent) in 2002.
- (2) recognises the outstanding performance of many students in the Chifley electorate who scored a band 6 (a mark of 90% or above) in one or more subjects; and

- (3) takes note of the exceptional results achieved by St. Mary's Senior High School where 73 students finished in the top 10% of the state in one or more subjects. (*Notice given 3 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 1 **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 24 March 2003.*)
- 2 **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 24 March 2003.*)
- 3 **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 24 March 2003.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 7 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (IMPROVING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE) 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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 24 March 2003.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 17 **CREDIT UNIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2002*) on the motion of Mr Neville—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 18 **NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2002—Ms Hoare, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 19 **YOUTH SUICIDE:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2002*) on the motion of Ms Vamvakinou—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 20 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 9 December 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 21 **FOREIGN CREWED VESSELS**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2002*) on the motion of Ms O’Byrne—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;
 - (2) calls upon the Government to act immediately to review the current security arrangements in relation to foreign seafarers; and
 - (3) further notes the threats posed to our coastal environment by flag of convenience vessels. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 22 **OPERATION JAYWICK—COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2002*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—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 recognise only 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 23 **INSTITUTIONALISED CHILDREN**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2002*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the ongoing effects of emotional deprivation suffered by children placed in institutions prior to the mid 1970s;
 - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 24 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FROM OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*): Second reading (*from 10 February 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 24 March 2003.*)
- 25 **PARKINSON’S DISEASE**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2003*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 26 **LEARNING MUSIC:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2003*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 27 **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2003*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—That this House:
- (1) notes the plans of Airservices Australia to remove air traffic controllers from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and consolidate terminal control units at Sydney, Perth and Adelaide into Airservices Australia's centre in Melbourne;
 - (2) is concerned that no proper safety case has yet been prepared; and
 - (3) is concerned about the loss of local knowledge caused by the transfer of air traffic controllers to an interstate location. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 28 **WOMEN:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2003*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—That this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), considering 75 states have signed the Optional Protocol, and of those 75 states, 47 have ratified the Optional Protocol;
 - (2) actively seek membership of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), of which Australia was a member from 1983 until 1990, and again from 1993 until 1996;
 - (3) ratify the revision of the Maternity Protection Convention (ILO No. 183), dated June 2000, which called for a minimum of 14 weeks paid maternity leave; and
 - (4) as a priority, establish a system of paid maternity leave for all Australian working women. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 29 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2003** (*Mr McClelland*): Second reading (*from 3 March 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 30 **VETERANS' GOLD CARD:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2003*) on the motion of Ms O'Byrne—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that medical practices and individual general practitioners are advising veteran patients that they will no longer be able to recognise the gold card when charging them for medical services;
 - (2) acknowledges that veterans are entitled to receive adequate and appropriate medical care in view of their service to this country;
 - (3) notes that many practices and practitioners, in particular those with a high percentage of veteran patients, are struggling to provide acceptable levels of medical care and service, given the rebates and fees currently available to them; and
 - (4) calls upon the Government to immediately negotiate with medical practitioners to ensure that an appropriate agreement is in place to enable doctors to provide adequate levels of care to gold card recipients. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 31 **LANG HANCOCK:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2003*) on the motion of Mr Schultz—That, this year being the 50th anniversary of an historic event which led to the early development of the giant Pilbara iron ore discovery in Western Australia, this House:
- (1) calls on the Government to recognise the memorable flight on 22 November 1952, when Lang Hancock observed vast iron ore deposits in The Pilbara whilst flying in adverse weather accompanied by his wife Hope;
 - (2) acknowledges the significant personal contribution Lang Hancock made in difficult circumstances in developing the mineral potential of this incredibly rich province – The Pilbara; and
 - (3) pays tribute to this great Australian pioneer, who against all odds proved that if you have the vision you can achieve the impossible against seemingly insurmountable odds. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 32 **OBESE CHILDREN:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2003*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—That this House:
- (1) notes that the percentage of Australian children who are overweight or obese is increasing; and
 - (2) commits itself to promoting measures to increase fitness and encourage healthy lifestyles. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)
- 33 **TOURISM INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2003*) 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 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 5 March 2003

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Mossfield*).
 - 2 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2003—Mr Murphy*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
 - 3 **DAIRY INDUSTRY SERVICE REFORM BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2003—Mr Cox*).
 - 4 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (DAIRY) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2003—Mr Cox*).
 - 5 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY LAW) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
 - 6 **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*).
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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Questions unanswered

Nos 77, 92, 94-98, 101, 103, 119, 130, 154, 197, 255, 260, 269, 281, 367, 372, 374, 385, 409, 412, 478, 537, 557, 598, 615, 636, 637, 639, 652, 669, 685, 691, 700, 707-723, 744, 758, 760, 776, 798, 823, 842, 853, 854, 856, 858, 876, 878, 880, 912, 915, 937, 956, 977, 979, 993, 1000, 1006, 1014, 1038, 1043, 1068, 1069, 1082, 1111, 1122, 1142, 1144, 1145, 1147, 1155, 1163, 1166, 1167, 1174, 1182, 1187, 1191, 1201, 1209, 1217-1219, 1224, 1237, 1239, 1243, 1244, 1246, 1250, 1254, 1255, 1264, 1265, 1274, 1280, 1282-1289, 1293-1295, 1297, 1298, 1300-1310, 1312-1329, 1331-1357, 1360-1365, 1367-1377, 1379-1399, 1401, 1402, 1404, 1406-1562.

5 March 2003

*1563 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How was the Wide Bay Area Consultative Committee's Regional Vision tour funded.
- (2) Who were the proponents of this project.
- (3) Who approved this project for funding.
- (4) How much did the tour cost.
- (5) Who went on the tour for which days.
- (6) On what specifically were program funds spent.
- (5) If funding for the tour was provided by the Department of Transport and Regional Services, have any other tours of regional areas by Departmental officers been funded by (a) the Regional Assistance Program, (b) Area Consultative Committee allocations, or (c) the Sustainable Regions Program.

*1564 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In relation to the (a) Regional Solutions Program, (b) Regional Assistance Program, (c) Rural Transaction Centres, (d) Sustainable Regions Program, and (e) Dairy Regional Assistance Program, what is the value of projects approved for funding in each State and Territory, each month, from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003.

*1565 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 335 (*Hansard*, 3 March 2003, page 997) concerning the operation of Airservices Australia during the recent industrial action by Airservices staff, (a) what contingency arrangements required legal advice and what was that advice and (b) what incidents were reported during the declaration of temporary restricted airspace, which incident is still under investigation and, if that investigation has subsequently concluded, what was the outcome.

*1566 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 18 if the Perth Terminal Control Unit (TCU) is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 18 Air Traffic Controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Perth TCU will require only 18 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 15 if the Adelaide TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 15 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis

has been completed to show that the Adelaide TCU will only require 15 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.

- (3) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 66 if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 66 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Sydney TCU will only require 66 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (4) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that 34 support positions, including management, training and data staff can be made redundant if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, what documented analysis has been conducted to determine how each job can be made redundant without adding extra resources in Melbourne; if no analysis has been completed, why not.
- (5) Has Airservices Australia developed a detailed resource and training plan for TCU consolidation that identifies: (a) where each replacement terminal controller will be sourced, (b) where additional controllers will be sourced to release others to TCU training, (c) how normal ongoing training, including ab initio, refresher, cross stream and project and procedure development training requirements will be accommodated, and (d) what training staff and resources will be required to meet this training demand; if not, why not.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it will rely on third-party service providers to transfer communication, radar and computer data to the Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCUs if they are consolidated to the Melbourne centre and if so, are the existing reliability levels of these third-party provided systems adequate for a consolidated TCU structure.
- (7) Is it the case that the third-party maintained radio link between the Sydney and Brisbane oceanic sector failed at least 11 times last year and that the satellite links that relay radio and/or radar data to the Melbourne and Brisbane centres failed at least four times since January 2001; if so, how will Airservices Australia ensure these failures will not continue to occur if TCU consolidation goes ahead.
- (8) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*provide the basis for increased standardisation and safety in the future*”; if so, (a) what documented analysis of existing procedures has been completed that identifies those that require increased standardisation, (b) what remedial plans have been developed that will ensure that increased standardisation will be achieved by a consolidated TCU structure, (c) what safety deficiencies have been identified and documented with the present distributed TCU structure, and (d) what documented analysis has been completed that proves that consolidating the TCUs to Melbourne will rectify these deficiencies.
- (9) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*reduce cost of service delivery and thereby the price*” charged to the aviation industry and that the amount of the planned reductions in charges to the aviation industry would be finalised at the end of the consultation period that ended in 2002; if so, (a) what is the amount of the cost reduction calculated by Airservices Australia if TCU consolidation goes ahead, and (b) has Airservices Australia calculated the difference between the charges that would apply if TCU consolidation proceeds compared to those that would apply if it does not, and if not, why not.
- (10) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*ensure service delivery is appropriately structured*”; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to identify deficiencies in Airservices Australia’s present service delivery standards, (b) what plans have been developed to ensure that TCU consolidation will result in appropriately structured service delivery, and (c) what benefits will result for Airservices Australia’s customers when service delivery is appropriately structured.
- (11) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that “*probably one of the greater benefits of integration is the possibility that is offered to integrate sectors*”; if so, (a) what sectors will be integrated, (b) what analysis has been conducted to determine that these sectors can be integrated, (c) why were not the sector reduction targets in the Air Traffic Management Benefits Program achieved, (d) what history “*has proven that it is much more difficult to integrate sectors if those sectors are not all within the one facility*”, and (e) were sectors integrated as a result of the Canberra TCU being consolidated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility and, if no sector integration occurred then, why not.

- (12) Is it the case that Airservices' Australia's predecessor, the Civil Aviation Authority, advised in June 1994 that the consolidation of enroute sectors would allow Sydney arrivals south and Melbourne sector 7 to be combined thus saving \$500,000 p.a. in staff costs; if so, (a) did this occur and if not, why not, (b) what comparative analysis has been completed that demonstrates that the consolidation of the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs will facilitate sector integration whereas the integration of the Canberra TCU and Sydney enroute sectors to Melbourne did not, and (c) if no comparative analysis has been completed, how has Airservices Australia established that TCU consolidation will facilitate sector integration.
- (13) Has Airservices Australia advised him that if TCU consolidation goes ahead, contingency and business continuity arrangements would be available to at least the same level of assurance as those currently existing; if so, has Airservices Australia developed a detailed contingency and business recovery plan for a consolidated TCU structure that satisfies this undertaking; if not, why is Airservices continuing to develop TCU consolidation plans.
- (14) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that if a consolidated Melbourne centre was rendered inoperable through facility failure or some other catastrophic event, then airspace over the southern half of Australia including the residential areas of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth would still be controlled, if so, what detailed plan exists to ensure that aircraft in this airspace would receive an air traffic control separation service even if the Melbourne centre had been rendered inoperable.
- (15) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that *"the integration of air navigation facilities has for some time been world's best practice as has been evident in Canada, USA and the UK."*; if so, what analysis has been conducted to assess: (a) what facilities have been integrated in these countries, (b) what benefits were achieved for the service provider and the aviation industry in each country, (c) what technical infrastructure has been put in place to ensure system reliability, and (d) what relevance do these consolidations have to the Airservices Australia proposal.
- (16) Is it the case that a correctly constituted expert safety panel assessed the risk of having a large number of inexperienced terminal staff after consolidation as "Category A unacceptable" and that a Melbourne management review panel changed this initial assessment to "Category D acceptable"; if so, (a) did the management review panel composition comply with the Project Safety Plan and (b) what documented evidence was presented to justify any reassessment of risk.
- (17) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it will address community concerns about the future management of LTOP issues at Sydney by stating that *"to a great extent these concerns can be overcome by a number of initiatives which could be put in place prior to integration and tested for effectiveness"*; if so, (a) what are these initiatives, and (b) how will their effectiveness be assessed.
- (18) Has Airservices Australia advised that it will address community concerns about LTOP management by stating that *"post-integration the Tower supervisor will have the primary say in the runway configuration"*; if so, (a) has this runway mode management procedure been used before; if so, (i) when was it used, (ii) why is it no longer used, and (b) if Airservices Australia plans to use this procedure again, how will it ensure that the same safety concerns that caused it to be abandoned previously will not occur in the future.
- (19) Is TCU consolidation a prerequisite for any of the following: (a) a more efficient air route structure, (b) reduced delays at Sydney, Adelaide or Perth airports, (c) more efficient climb and descent profiles, (d) more effective environmental management (particularly LTOP at Sydney) and (e) safer terminal area procedures at Sydney, Adelaide or Perth; if so, (i) what analysis has been conducted to quantify the benefits in each of these areas that can only be achieved by consolidating the TCUs to Melbourne, (ii) what analysis has been completed to determine why these improvements cannot be implemented with the TCUs in situ, and (iii) if these improvements are not dependent on TCU consolidation, why does Airservices Australia consider that TCU consolidation will deliver operational benefits for its customers.
- (20) If TCU consolidation goes ahead, what measurable criteria will Airservices Australia use to evaluate its success and what guarantees will Airservices Australia give to stakeholders that these measurable criteria or benchmarks will be achieved.
- (21) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it has identified cost savings that can only be achieved by consolidating Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs to the Melbourne centre; if so, (a) what detailed analysis has been completed to quantify these projected savings, (b) what detailed analysis has been completed to determine the dollars per tonne reduction in charges that will result, (c) what detailed analysis has been done that identifies the difference in charges that will result from

consolidating the three TCUs as compared to leaving them in situ, and (d) what detailed analysis has been completed that identifies why the same reduction in charges cannot be achieved with the TCUs remaining in situ and if no detailed analysis has been completed, why not.

- (22) How much did Airservices Australia budget to spend on investigating the consolidation of Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCUs to the Melbourne centre.
- (23) How much has been spent to date on this project and will the amount spent on investigating TCU consolidation be included as cost of TCU consolidation if this project proceeds, if not, why not.
- (24) Has Airservices advised that Sydney, Adelaide and Perth terminal controllers located in Melbourne will retain local knowledge through familiarisation visits and ongoing briefings; if so, (a) why did the Melbourne management review of the safety analysis of TCU consolidation reject the loss of local knowledge as a credible risk associated with consolidating the TCUs, and (b) if local knowledge is considered important and familiarisation visits and ongoing briefing will be provided to ensure controllers retain local knowledge, (i) what detailed analysis has been conducted to determine the number of familiarisation days per annum that will be required to retain adequate levels of local knowledge, (ii) what ongoing briefing content will be provided to retain this knowledge and (iii) what budget allowance has been made for local knowledge issues.
- (25) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that its legal department has expressed no opinion on the broader issue of TCU consolidation, if so, what was Airservices Australia's General Counsel referring to when she advised in relation to an aircraft crash near Lake George that "... if controllers had local knowledge of the relevant area, they would then have the necessary intimate terrain knowledge. Such an allegation, if successful, has serious implications for Airservices' ability to implement TCU consolidation and possibly other ATM strategies. Accordingly, we will be attempting to persuade our insurer to seek a favourable settlement of this claim...".

*1567 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he guarantee that if the Adelaide, Sydney and Perth Terminal Control Units (TCUs) are consolidated to Melbourne, the reliability of communications equipment link systems and back-up systems will be at least equal to the present systems and that future long distance third-party provided communication links will provide the same reliability as present Airservices Australia owned and maintained systems.
- (2) What analysis has been conducted to assess the reliability of future systems compared to present ones and, if no analysis has been conducted, is Airservices Australia intending to conduct this analysis; if so, when and if not, why not.
- (3) Is it the case that the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs currently have a back-up radio system known as the Hard Wired Air Ground Bypass that is an extremely simple, robust system that connects Air Traffic Controllers directly to their radio equipment without the need for third-party provided satellite and terrestrial links, and will the consolidation proposal for back-up radio links be as reliable as this.
- (4) What technical analysis has been conducted to assess the relative reliability of proposed future back up links as compared to present ones and, if no analysis has been conducted, is Airservices Australia intending to conduct this analysis; if so, when and by whom and if not, why not.
- (5) Is it the case that Airservices Australia currently transfers radio data, radar data and voice coordination information between facilities via duplicated satellite links and a back-up terrestrial link; if so, does Airservices Australia plan to use this same system to transfer data between Sydney-based equipment and Melbourne-based Sydney terminal controllers after TCU consolidation, and are these facilities adequate.
- (6) Is it the case that both satellite intercommunication links and the back-up terrestrial link between the Sydney TCU and the Melbourne centre failed on 7 October 2002; if so, how will Airservices Australia ensure future links will not fail if the Sydney TCU is moved to the Melbourne centre.
- (7) What analysis has been conducted to assess the reliability of proposed intercommunication links and how much will it cost to install additional redundant capability; if no analysis has been conducted, why not.
- (8) Is it the case that Airservices Australia Service Failure Notification 1278 dated 31 August 2002 described a failure which caused "Total loss of air ground communications throughout MCO"; if so, do such failures reduce the ability of Air Traffic Controllers, including future terminal controllers if they are located in Melbourne, to provide a safe separation service.
- (9) What steps will Airservices Australia take to ensure that this situation cannot arise if the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs are relocated to the Melbourne centre, what analysis has been undertaken

to ensure that future systems cannot suffer the same failure and how much will it cost to implement any required system modifications; if no analysis has been undertaken, is Airservices Australia intending to conduct this analysis; if so, when and by whom.

- (10) Does Airservices Australia Service Failure Notification 984 dated 17 July 2001 describe a failure in the primary and back-up radio links between Canberra terminal controllers located in Melbourne and their radio equipment located in Canberra; if so, did this failure cause the Canberra terminal controllers to lose contact with aircraft under their control.
- (11) Is it the case that this failure reduced the ability of Canberra terminal controllers to provide a safe separation service and does Airservices Australia consider that such failures would reduce the ability of future terminal controllers, if they are located in Melbourne, to provide a safe separation service; if not, why not.
- (12) What analysis has been undertaken to ensure that future systems cannot suffer the same failure and how much will it cost to implement any required system modifications; if no analysis has been undertaken, is Airservices Australia intending to conduct this analysis; if so, when and by whom.
- (13) What steps will Airservices Australia take to ensure that Sydney, Adelaide and Perth terminal controllers will not lose contact with aircraft under their control if they are relocated to the Melbourne centre.

*1568 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) What actions, decisions and/or representations have been taken by his Department or any other Commonwealth Department as a result of the decision to award Major Project Facilitation status to the Melbourne to Gladstone rail link project.
- (2) What cost has been incurred by the Government in relation to the project having this status and for what specifically were these costs incurred.
- (3) What are the criteria for awarding this status to a project and do they include whether the project (a) involves over \$50 million of expenditure and (b) must be commercially viable.
- (4) On what information, study or report did the Government determine that this project is commercially viable and was that assessment of viability for the project from Melbourne through to Gladstone or some other destination and if so, what was that destination.
- (5) Did the assessment made by his Department that the project is commercially viable include financial or any other assistance available from any government, Commonwealth or State; if so, what assistance was included from which government/s.
- (5) Which section of his Department assessed the commercial viability of the project and was either Treasury or the Department of Finance and Administration involved in that assessment; if not, why not.

*1569 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) What has been the cost of the APEC project performed under the direction of his Department to assess the outlook of gasoline supply stability in Australia to date.
- (2) Have any findings been presented to government and what is the expected completion date of the project.
- (2) Were scenarios involving the use of MTBE in the APEC region included in the scope of the study.
- (3) Has his Department done any forward estimates on the demand for gasoline in Australia; if so, what are they.
- (4) Has his Department done any assessment of gasoline refinery capacity in Australia and the future; if so, what are they.
- (5) Is it the case that domestic refineries on current projections will be unable to keep pace with demand, thereby increasing our dependence on imports.
- (6) Does his Department accept that given the specifications on the future use of MTBE in production, importation of gasoline from the APEC region would be unsuitable for Australia and what cost implications would that have for domestic consumption.
- (7) Will the findings of the APEC study be released for public consideration; if so, when and if not, why not.

*1570 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many Medicare shopfronts have been closed or amalgamated during (a) 1999–2000, (b) 2000–2001, (c) 2001–2002, and (d) 2002–2003.

- (2) How many staff reductions occurred due to closures or amalgamation of Medicare offices during (a) 1999–2000, (b) 2000–2001, (c) 2001–2002, and (d) 2002–2003.
 - (3) Is it the case that some clients are experiencing waiting periods of more than 30 minutes when attempting to access the Medicare enquiry line, if so, why.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware that some Medicare clients, particularly those with sight impairments, experience difficulty locating refurbished or relocated Medicare offices due to the minimised and vertical signage.
 - (5) Has there been a decline in the number of claims lodged in person at refurbished or relocated Medicare shopfronts; if so, of what magnitude.
 - (6) Has there been a rise in the number of complaints from clients experiencing difficulty in accessing these same locations; if so, of what magnitude.
 - (7) How many complaints were registered by clients experiencing difficulty accessing Medicare offices as a result of (a) distance, (b) location, and (c) restricted opening hours during (i) 1999–2000, (ii) 2000–2001, (iii) 2001–2002, and (iv) 2002–2003.
- *1571 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—How many extraordinary general meetings have been called in each of the last five years by shareholders of public companies compared to those initiated by the boards of public companies.
- *1572 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that Mr Clarrie Stevens, QC, did not lodge an income tax return for twenty years whilst practising as a barrister between 1976 and 1996; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is it the case that Mr Stevens has acted for the Taxation Commissioner; if so, on how many occasions has he been retained by the Taxation Commissioner and for what periods of time.
 - (3) What checks does the Taxation Commissioner undertake before retaining the services of a member of the legal profession.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether the Taxation Commissioner considered the question of whether Mr Stevens is of good fame and character before retaining his services; if so, what were those considerations and when was this question considered, if not, why not.
 - (5) Is there a procedure whereby the Commissioner of Taxation determines the good fame and character of a legal practitioner retained for the purposes of assisting/representing him in litigation, policy advice, and/or legal work; if so, what is that procedure, if not, why not.
 - (6) Are there criteria by which the Taxation Commissioner appoints, retains, employs or otherwise engages legal practitioners on a fee-for-service basis; if not, why not.
- *1573 **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 2002.
 - (2) By and from which states were nominations made for the five vacancies.
- *1574 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) On 25 March 2002 did he and the Attorney General state that there are ongoing negotiations on the permanent maritime boundaries between Australia and New Zealand.
 - (2) When did the negotiations commence and when are they expected to conclude.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lloyd, Mr Snowdon, Mr Tollner.

Current inquiry:

Capacity building in indigenous communities.

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Structure of Telstra.

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

Current inquiry:

Local government and cost shifting.

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

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 inquiries:

Children's developmental health and well being.

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 inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Crime in the community.

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

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

PRIVILEGES: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Barresi (nominee of the Leader of the House), Mr Billson, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Brereton, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr McLeay, Ms Plibersek (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Sawford, Mr Scott.

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

Current inquiries:

Adequacy of procedures for examining the estimates of expenditure.

Conduct of divisions.

Operation of sessional order 344.

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, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker.

Current inquiry:

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

Joint Statutory

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

Current inquiry:

Review of agency security arrangements.

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

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 inquiries:

Australia's insolvency laws.

Disclosure of commissions on risk products.

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

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Mrs Hull, Dr Lawrence, Mrs Ley, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator Johnston, 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 Conroy, Senator Lundy, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Australia's quarantine function.

Draft Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill.

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 inquiries:

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

Melbourne—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Bureau of Meteorology at Docklands.

Newcastle, NSW—Development of off-base housing for Defence at Adamstown.

Randwick, NSW—Site remediation and construction of infrastructure for the Defence site.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, 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—

AusAID.

Austrade.

Australia Indonesia Institute.

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 inquiries:

2003 review of Migration Regulation 4.31B.

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

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

Current inquiries:

Pay parking in the Parliamentary zone

Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services 2001-2002 and the Department of the Environment and Heritage 2001-02 (Australia's external territories).

TREATIES (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Ms J. I. Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr Hunt, Mr P. E. King, Mr Scott, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Kirk, Senator Marshall, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Stephens, Senator Tchen.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 21 August 2002, for a period of 3 years*).

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