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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 81

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2003

*The House meets this day at 9 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notice**

\*1 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That for the sitting on Wednesday, 19 March 2003 so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

- (1) Order of the day, government business, being resumption of debate on the Prime Minister's motion relating to Iraq and the commitment to the coalition in the Gulf;
- (2) Presentation and adoption of the report of the Selection Committee; and
- (3) Notices and orders of the day, government business.

**Orders of the day**

\*1 **IRAQ—COMMITMENT TO COALITION IN THE GULF:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 March 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Howard—That this House:

- (1) condemns Iraq's refusal, over more than 12 years, to abide by 17 resolutions of the United National Security Council regarding the threat it poses to international peace and security;
- (2) recognises:
  - (a) that Iraq's continued possession and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, in defiance of its mandatory obligations under numerous resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, represents a real and unacceptable threat to international peace and security;
  - (b) that Iraq's behaviour weakens the global prohibitions on the spread of weapons of mass-destruction, with the potential to damage Australia's security; and
  - (c) that, as more rogue states acquire them, the risk of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists multiplies, thereby presenting a real and direct threat to the security of Australia and the entire international community;
- (3) abhors:
  - (a) Iraq's continued support for international terrorism; and
  - (b) the institutionalised widespread and grave abuse of the human rights of the Iraqi people over many years;
- (4) notes that United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted under Chapter VII of the United Nations charter, in particular resolutions 678, 687 and 1441, provide clear authority for the use of force against Iraq for the purposes of disarming Iraq of weapons of mass destruction and restoring international peace and security to the region;
- (5) endorses the Government's decision to commit Australian Defence Force elements in the region to the international coalition of military forces prepared to enforce Iraq's compliance with its international obligations under successive resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, with a view to restoring international peace and security in the Middle East region;

\* 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.

- (6) expresses its unequivocal support for the Australian service men and women, and other personnel serving with the international coalition, our full confidence in them and the hope that all will return safely to their homes;
- (7) extends to the innocent people of Iraq its support and sympathy during the military action to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction and the reconstruction period that will follow; and
- (8) notes that the Government is committed to helping the Iraqi people, including through humanitarian assistance, to build a new Iraq at peace with itself and its neighbours.—

*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House:*

- (1) insists that Iraq must disarm under the authority of the United Nations;
  - (2) believes that in the absence of an agreed UN Security Council resolution authorising military action against Iraq, there is no basis for military action to disarm Iraq, including action involving the Australian Defence Force;
  - (3) insists that there should be no commitment of Australian troops to a war in Iraq outside the authority of the United Nations;
  - (4) concludes that Australian involvement in a war in Iraq without UN authorisation is not in Australia’s national interests or in the interests of maintaining international peace and security; and
  - (5) expresses its confidence in our servicemen and women and our full support for them and their families”.
- 2 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
  - 3 **ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003—Mr Cameron*) 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 gross mismanagement of fuel tax policy, in particular:*
    - (1) its failure to deliver measures to promote cleaner fuels, despite its explicit promise to do so in the agreement with the Democrats leading to passage of *A New Tax System* through the Parliament;
    - (2) its overall policy paralysis and deception, shown most starkly by its decision to dump all the Fuel Taxation Inquiry recommendations even before the report was released; and
    - (3) its inexcusable delay in finalising even the limited set of measures included in this Bill and the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill, which has left the transport industry with an extremely short timeframe to prepare for the new scheme before it comes into operation on 1 July 2003.”
  - 4 **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*).
  - 5 **TERRORISM INSURANCE BILL 2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
  - 6 **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*).
  - 7 **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*).
  - 8 **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*).
  - 9 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Zahra*).
  - 10 **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*).

- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **NATIONAL GALLERY AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 February 2003*).
- 23 **SUPERANNUATION INDUSTRY (SUPERVISION) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002—Mr Snowdon*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **DESIGNS BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).

- 32 **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*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 35 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **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*).
- 38 **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*).
- 39 **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*).
- 40 **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*).
- 41 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 42 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL (NO. 2) 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 43 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 44 **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”.
- 45 **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*).

- 46 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 47 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 48 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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.*)

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**

**Notices given for Wednesday, 19 March 2003**

- \*1 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that on 5 March 1804 the Battle of Vinegar Hill took place at what is today known as Rouse Hill, New South Wales;
  - (2) notes that some 200 mainly Irish convicts, led by Phillip Cunningham, took part in Australia's first known armed rebellion against authorities, largely over the treatment of Irish convicts in both Britain and the colonies;
  - (3) notes that next year marks the 200th anniversary of this battle;
  - (4) notes that a steering committee of 5 Western Sydney Councils has been formed to stage a re-enactment and associated celebrations;
  - (5) recognises that this Battle is a significant chapter in Australia's early convict history;
  - (6) recognises that the Battle and its outcome helped shape the Australian character; and therefore:
  - (7) urges the Government to provide whatever additional assistance is necessary to ensure a successful re-enactment of this historic battle; and
  - (8) calls on the Government to commemorate this significant event by issuing a commemorative coin and stamp. (*Notice given 18 March 2003.*)
- \*2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 330 be replaced with the following:
- (a) A Standing Committee on Modernisation and Procedure of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to inquire into and report on practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.
  - (b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker or his appointed Deputy Speaker, The Leader of the House or his appointed Deputy, the Manager of Opposition Business or his appointed Deputy and eight Members, four government Members and four non-government Members.
  - (c) The Secretary of the Committee will be the Clerk or his Deputy. (*Notice given 18 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 VAMVAKINOU:** 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.*)
- 40 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 March 2003.*)

41 **MS BURKE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that a study commissioned by Osteoporosis Australia and a subsequent report titled *The Burden of Brittle Bones* indicated that osteoporosis is a disease that is becoming increasingly prevalent in our communities;
- (2) notes that this report further indicated that it should be recognised that osteoporosis is a preventable and treatable disease and with more research the current trend could be reversed;
- (3) notes with concern the statistics in this report that indicate the projected increase in numbers of patients within the population diagnosed with osteoporosis—in 2001, 1.9 million Australians, 10% of the population, were diagnosed as suffering from osteoporosis and by 2021 this figure is expected to rise to 13.2%;
- (4) recognises the enormous cost to the health services, the community, to individual sufferers and their carers; and
- (5) calls on the Government to recognise osteoporosis as a national health priority. (*Notice given 5 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.*)

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

- (1) recognises that the *Hansard* record on the parliamentary website should pre-date the current cut-off of 1984;
- (2) acknowledges the national benefit that would be derived from a more comprehensive record being made available as well as the benefit to Members of Parliament and their staff;
- (3) notes that the proposed Centenary project to have all the *Hansard* records incorporated was unable to be finalised apparently because of the cost; and
- (4) urges the Presiding Officers to re-examine the proposal and at least attempt to extend the current scope of the *Hansard* available on the Web even if it has to be staged over a number of Parliaments. (*Notice given 5 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.*)

43 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Howard Government's seven years of disinterest and denial on public transport as evidenced by its:
  - (a) decision to add a Goods and Services Tax to fares;
  - (b) failure to address the FBT disincentives on public transport fares;
  - (c) failure to give urban buses a fair go under the Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grant Scheme; and
  - (d) stated denial of any responsibility or consideration of public transport in the Auslink Green Paper that purports to lay the groundwork for a national transport plan;
- (2) notes with concern the impact of increased congestion in urban and outer urban areas on quality of life, health and access to jobs and services for Australians;
- (3) emphasises the environmental gains to be made through policy measures that reduce transport emissions, especially by reducing car dependency;
- (4) stresses that access to public transport is an issue in all regions, including regional towns and cities, impacting daily on access to jobs, education and services for Australians;
- (5) calls on the Howard Government to release any policy option and research papers commissioned or undertaken by the Commonwealth that canvas policy measures and costs associated with tax and regulatory barriers to increasing public transport usage, including the "*Cost Benefit Analysis Study for Exempting Employer-Provided Public Transport from Fringe Benefits Taxation*" conducted by the Australian Greenhouse Office in 2002; and
- (6) calls on the Howard Government to accept a role for the Commonwealth in relation to public transport and declare that role in the Auslink White Paper due to be released this year. (*Notice given 6 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.*)

44 **MR A. D. H. SMITH:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) the history of violence and civil dispute in parts of Indonesia against Indonesian Christians;
- (2) the impact of threats and intimidation towards individuals, families and local communities that have not provoked or initiated conflict;

- (3) past incidents of terror and religious violence, along with the potential for further terror arising from the extreme views of some individuals and extremist Islamic organisations; and
  - (4) the significant humanitarian effort being undertaken in Indonesia through Australian based organisations. (*Notice given 6 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.*)
- 45 **MR P. E. KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the widespread use of mobile phones in Australia, with subscriptions now at approximately 12 million;
  - (2) commends the Commonwealth Government and Australia’s telecommunications carriers for their cooperative action in developing measures to address the problem of loss and theft of mobile phones, including:
    - (a) carriers implementing IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identification) number blocking technology, which can render a lost or stolen mobile phone inoperable;
    - (b) examination of regulatory reform to support IMEI blocking; and
    - (c) encouraging greater public awareness of this problem and recommending action consumers can take to protect themselves in the event of the loss or theft of their mobile phones; and
  - (3) notes the success of these measures to date and the recently reported falls in the level of mobile phone theft in Australia. (*Notice given 6 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.*)
- 46 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the vital contribution that unpaid workers make to our economy and our society;
  - (2) acknowledges that the contribution of unpaid workers is not adequately recognised in GDP measures;
  - (3) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that the 2006 Census includes a question relating to unpaid work; and
  - (4) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that future Census include questions relating to unpaid work. (*Notice given 6 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 Iopendylate (marketed under the name Pantopaque and Myodil);
    - (b) the basis on which Iopendylate 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.*)

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**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).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE***Wednesday, 19 March 2003**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 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 18 March 2003—Mr Georgiou*) 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 **INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003—Mr Hardgrave*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Emerson, 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:
    - (1) failing to implement an effective industry policy for Australian manufacturing; and
    - (2) failing to invest adequately in innovation, leaving Australia trailing its main competitors in research and development”.
  - 4 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003—Mrs May*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
  - 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:

[www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf).

### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 77, 92, 94, 97, 98, 101, 103, 130, 197, 255, 269, 281, 367, 372, 374, 385, 409, 412, 478, 537, 557, 598, 615, 636, 637, 639, 652, 669, 685, 691, 700, 708-713, 715-723, 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, 1122, 1142, 1144, 1155, 1167, 1174, 1182, 1187, 1201, 1209, 1218, 1219, 1224, 1237, 1243, 1244, 1250, 1254, 1255, 1265, 1282, 1283, 1285-1287, 1293-1295, 1297, 1298, 1300-1310, 1317-1324, 1326-1329, 1331-1344, 1346-1351, 1353-1357, 1360, 1361, 1363-1365, 1368, 1369, 1372-1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383-1387, 1389-1399, 1402, 1404, 1407, 1410, 1411, 1413-1420, 1422, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1428, 1431-1452, 1454-1469, 1471-1489, 1491-1499, 1501-1516, 1518-1594, 1596-1649.

### *19 March 2003*

- \*1650 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why does he not have an e-mail address at the Parliament of Australia website in the format “John.Howard.MP@aph.gov.au” as do other Members of Parliament.
- \*1651 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What (a) number and (b) percentage of all taxpayers failed to lodge an income tax return during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- \*1652 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of the case of Mr Tom Harrison, a barrister, who has been convicted of numerous offences relating to his failure to lodge an income tax return over a period of 14 years.
  - (2) Is he aware that, following that conviction, Mr Harrison again failed to lodge tax returns during the following two years.
  - (3) On how many occasions has the Commissioner of Taxation written to Mr Harrison to demand that he lodge a tax return.
  - (4) Has Mr Harrison lodged his tax returns on time for each of the financial years ended 30 June 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002; if not, what action has the Australian Taxation Office taken to ensure that Mr Harrison complies with the tax laws of Australia.
- \*1653 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What has he done to prohibit a taxpayer from depositing income into an account of another person or entity with the intention of frustrating potential garnishee orders obtained by the Australian Taxation Office.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1654 - \*1671)—Has Mr Tom Harrison, a barrister who has been convicted of offences relating to the failure to lodge his income tax returns on at least 14 occasions, ever been retained by their Departments or Agencies in their portfolios; if so, (a) on how many occasions (b) for what periods of time and (c) for what purposes.
- \*1654 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- \*1655 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- \*1656 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer.
- \*1657 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- \*1658 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- \*1659 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- \*1660 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- \*1661 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

- \*1662 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- \*1663 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- \*1664 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- \*1665 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- \*1666 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- \*1667 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- \*1668 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- \*1669 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- \*1670 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- \*1671 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- \*1672 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Regular and Reserve General Practitioners are employed in each of the single services.
  - (2) How many Reserve General Practitioners are currently undertaking full-time service in each service.
- \*1673 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many (a) Service Medical General Practitioners and (b) Service Medical Specialists are currently subject to (i) a formal State Medical Board of Inquiry investigation and (ii) a formal State Medical Board of Inquiry hearing.
  - (2) In each instance, in which Service does the medical practitioner or specialist serve and which State Medical Board is conducting the inquiry or hearing.
  - (3) Has the Surgeon General provided guidance to the Services for doctors subject to State Medical Board inquiries and hearings; if so, what are the details, if not why not.
- \*1674 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For each service, who approves the deployment doctors and specialists.
  - (2) Is such approval subject to guidance from the Surgeon General; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
  - (3) Did the Fleet Medical Officer approve the deployment of the doctor on board HMAS *Kanimbla*.
  - (4) Was the Fleet Medical Officer involved in the case which led to the WA Medical Board of Inquiry investigating and now proceeding to a hearing against the doctor on board HMAS *Kanimbla*; if so, what steps have been taken to avoid any perception of bias or conflict of interest in the discharge of his or her duty and, if no steps have been so taken, why not.
- \*1675 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Australian Defence Force or the Department of Defence hired Phillips Fox as its legal Counsel in the WA Medical Board of Inquiry into the doctor aboard HMAS *Kanimbla*.
  - (2) Is Phillips Fox also acting in the related matters before the Defence Ombudsman and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.
  - (3) Has the Medical Board of WA outlined the particulars of a case against the doctor on board HMAS *Kanimbla*; if so, when and what are they.
  - (4) Were the particulars provided before or after approval was given for the doctor to deploy.
- \*1676 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) As at 12 March 2003, had all papers, files, records and information requested by the WA Medical Board of Inquiry been provided to the Board by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and/or the Department's legal representatives; if not, why not?
  - (2) Has she or will she direct the ADF and/or the Department and their legal representatives to fully cooperate with the WA Medical Board of Inquiry.
  - (3) As at 12 March 2003, had all papers, files, records and information requested by the Defence Ombudsman and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, in their investigations of complaints against the doctor on board HMAS *Kanimbla*, been provided to them by the ADF and/or the Department's legal representatives; if not, why not.
  - (4) Has she or will she direct the ADF and/or the Department to fully co operate with the Defence Ombudsman and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission investigations.

- (5) Can she confirm that the WA Medical Board of Inquiry had tentatively set down a five day hearing for October 2003 to consider complaints against the doctor on board HMAS *Kanimbla*.

\*1677 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the process required in a redress of grievance complaint.
- (2) In relation to the former Executive Officer of HMAS *Stirling*, was the redress of grievance process followed; if not, why not.
- (3) What, if any, investigations have been conducted into the complaint by the former Executive Officer of HMAS *Stirling*; when were they conducted and by whom.

\*1678 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Was or is the Navy trying to have the former Executive Officer of HMAS *Stirling* discharged from the Service.
- (2) Has a Ministerial Direction been issued to the Navy to cease action to discharge the former Executive Officer of HMAS *Stirling* until such times as the WA Medical Board of Inquiry, the Defence Ombudsman and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission have completed their investigations; if not, why not.

\*1679 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In developing a blended company of Army reservists for deployment in: (a) East Timor and (b) Butterworth, Malaysia, have guidelines been developed for the period of full-time training required to bring the reservists up to an appropriate stage of readiness; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) What was the period of full-time training for reservists deployed to: (a) East Timor and (b) Butterworth and, in each case, (i) what was the cost and (ii) from which program was it funded.
- (3) What, if any, additional equipment was provided to the two reserve companies and at what cost.
- (4) In Army planning, how many Reserve Brigades are required to yield a blended volunteer Reserve Company.

\*1680 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—When reservists opt to be High Readiness Reserves are they committed to be in that category for a minimum period of time; if so, what is the period of time; if not, why not.

\*1681 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—

- (1) How many people in the electoral division of Prospect received the Baby Bonus in 2002-03.
- (2) How many people in the electoral division of Prospect received a payment of \$2,500 in 2002-03.
- (3) How many people in the electoral division of Prospect received a payment of \$500 in 2002-03.
- (4) How many people in the electoral division of Prospect have applied for a Baby Bonus payment in 2002-03 and been rejected.

**MS HOARE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1682 - \*1699)—

- (1) Does the Minister's Department administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Charlton can apply for funding; if so, what are the programs.
- (2) Does the Minister's Department advertise these funding opportunities; if so, (a) what print or other media outlets have been used for the advertising of each of these programs, (b) were these paid advertisements, and if so, (c) what was the cost of each advertisement.
- (3) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), (a) what is its purpose and (b) who is responsible for allocating funds.
- (4) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), how many (a) community organisations, (b) businesses or (c) individuals in the electoral division of Charlton received funding in (i) 1999, (ii) 2000, (iii) 2001, and (iv) 2002.
- (5) What is the name and address of each recipient.

\*1682 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1683 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

\*1684 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer.

\*1685 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

\*1686 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- \*1687 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- \*1688 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- \*1689 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- \*1690 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- \*1691 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- \*1692 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- \*1693 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- \*1694 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- \*1695 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- \*1696 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- \*1697 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- \*1698 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- \*1699 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- \*1700 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he provide details (dates, time, locations, with whom and content) of his dealings with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the matter of Iraqi refugees arising from a potential conflict with Iraq and will he advise whether these meetings included discussion of the number of refugees Australia would accept from Iraq in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.
  - (2) Can he provide details (dates, time, locations, with whom and content) of his dealings with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) on the matter of Iraqi refugees and Internally Displaced Persons arising from a conflict with Iraq.
  - (3) Can he provide details (dates, time, locations, with whom and content) of his dealings with different UN bodies regarding Australia's involvement in post-war reconstruction efforts in Iraq.
  - (4) On how many occasions has he spoken in support of regime change in Iraq.
  - (5) On how many occasions has he, or his office, had direct dealings with the Iraqi Embassy since March 2002.
  - (6) Can he provide details of the Government's assessment of: (a) the number of (i) nuclear weapons warheads, (ii) chemical weapons warheads and (iii) biological weapons warheads, and (b) the number of missiles including: (i) the type, and (ii) their range, in Iraq's possession.
- \*1701 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he provide details of the occasions since March 1996 when he has described the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a threat to Australia's security.
  - (2) Can he provide details of the Government's assessment of: (a) the number of (i) nuclear weapons warheads, (ii) chemical weapons warheads and (iii) biological weapons warheads, and (b) the number of missiles including: (i) the type, and (ii) their range, in the DPRK's possession.
- \*1702 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What are the details of his Department's dealings (including the dates, time, locations, with whom, and content) with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the matter of Iraqi refugees arising from a potential conflict with Iraq and did these dealings include any discussion of the number of refugees Australia would accept from Iraq in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.
  - (3) What are the details of his Department's dealings (including the dates, time, locations, with whom, and content) with different UN bodies regarding Australia's involvement in post-war reconstruction efforts in Iraq.
- \*1703 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he advise whether AusAID has had any contact with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) or other UN bodies on the matter of Iraqi refugees arising from a potential conflict with Iraq; if so, what are the details (dates, time, locations, and with whom) of those dealings.
  - (2) Can he advise whether AusAID has had any contact with UN organisations on the matter of post-war reconstruction efforts in Iraq; if so, what were those organisations, and what are the details (dates, time, locations, with whom and content) of that contact.

\*1704 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Has he engaged in consultations with Baptist Community Care concerning the proposed closure of the Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick, and has he engaged in consultations with anyone else regarding this issue; if so, with whom.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth provide capital assistance for the Church Nursing Home before, during, or after its construction in 1995; if so, (a) what was the value of that capital assistance, (b) were there any conditions attached to the provision of that assistance and (c) will the Commonwealth be seeking a refund of any or all of that capital assistance.
- (3) Does the Government have any policy to ensure that capital assistance for nursing homes is not wasted; for example, if a nursing home constructed with Commonwealth funds were proposed to be demolished after 30 days is there any action the Commonwealth could take to prevent this.
- (4) Does the Government have any policy concerning the re-allocation of bed licences; for example, if a body which has an allocation of bed licences sought to transfer those licences to a facility in an area of lesser need, would the Government allow this; if so, in what circumstances.
- (6) Has he received representations from the Member for Gippsland concerning Baptist Community Care nursing home facilities; if so, what action did he take following those representations.

\*1705 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) In respect to section 14 of the *Privacy Act 1988* which limits the disclosure of personal information by Commonwealth government agencies, and especially IPP 11, which states, *inter alia*; “(a) the individual concerned is reasonably likely to have been aware, or made aware under Principle 2, that information of that kind is usually passed to that person, body or agency; (b) the individual concerned has consented to the disclosure”; how is this applied to inquiries by Members of Parliament and their staff to Centrelink officers following requests by a constituent to act on their behalf, or to make representations to Centrelink on their behalf.
- (2) Will he issue an instruction to all Centrelink staff that staff are to cooperate with Members of Parliament and their staff, subject to the provision of the constituent’s Centrelink Customer Reference Number, and other verification information, notwithstanding written authorisation.

\*1706 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Were the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs’ staff members, Mr Peter McConnell and Mr Damian Callachor acting on the Minister’s directions during their two day trip to the Richmond electorate on 11 and 12 March 2003; if not, under whose direction were they acting.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth Government initially pay the airfares from Canberra to the electoral division of Richmond for the 2 staff members concerned; if so (a) what was the cost of those flights and (b) has the cost of these flights been repaid; if so when.
- (3) Did any staff members of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs claim Travel Allowance for the night of 11 March 2003; if so, has this allowance been repaid to the Commonwealth; if so, when.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that a hire car was authorised for two members of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs’ staff for the night of 11 March 2003 and can the Minister also confirm that these payments have now been repaid; if so, on what date was this repayment received by the Commonwealth.
- (5) Who authorised the payment of the hire car and under which Member or Senator’s entitlement was it initially paid.
- (6) Will taxpayer funds be used by any of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs’ staff to attend a court hearing on 7 April at Tweed Heads in respect to an incident on 11 March 2003.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**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:*

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.

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**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*).