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NOTICE PAPER

No. 98

MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2003

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR TOLLNER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* in relation to representation of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 2 June 2003. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 2 June 2003. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †4 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:
 - (1) notes that cancer of the cervix is the eighth most common cancer amongst females;
 - (2) notes with satisfaction that as a result of the National Cervical Screening Program its incidence and mortality have been falling for many years;
 - (3) encourages all Australian women to undertake regular screening for cervical cancer;
 - (4) notes that although the Pap smear has been an effective screening test there is room for improvement;
 - (5) understands that many Australian women are choosing the more accurate but costly ThinPrep Pap test for screening; and
 - (6) urges the Minister to allow free access to the more reliable ThinPrep Pap test for all Australian women. (*Notice given 27 March 2003. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †5 **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;

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

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

- (3) 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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†6 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) the very high levels of domestic violence in Vietnam and its consequences for women and children and urges international agencies and Vietnamese institutions to take action to detect and prevent abuse and calls on Non Government Organisations and AUSAID, in consultation with Vietnamese Government agencies, to initiate and promote education programs on gender equality, vocational rights and children's rights in Vietnam;
- (2) the high level of sex trafficking in Vietnam and neighbouring countries and related risks including increasing infection rates of HIV/AIDS and calls on Non Government Organisations and AUSAID to cooperate with the Vietnamese Government to train law enforcement officers to rescue and rehabilitate victims, to raise public awareness of the problem, to provide alternative employment and income earning opportunities for women and girls and to offer sex education for children; and
- (3) the lack of safe and effective fertility control available to women in Vietnam and the resulting very high level of legal abortions performed and calls on Non Government Organisations and AUSAID to assist in the development of accessible, safe and effective fertility control measures for women in Vietnam. (*Notice given 26 March 2003. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MEDICARE AND PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mrs Gash, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House rejects this Bill and the Government’s so-called “A Fairer Medicare” package for the following reasons:*
 - (1) it will create a two tiered user-pays health system under which Australian families will pay more for a visit to the doctor;
 - (2) it will lead in time to Medicare becoming a second-class safety net in which bulk billing is only available for pensioners and concession card holders; and
 - (3) it will make it easier for those doctors who currently bulk bill Australian families to start charging them co-payments for the first time, and those doctors who are currently private billing to increase their fees;

and commends Labor’s plan to save Medicare and restore bulk billing for Australian families”.
- 3 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- *4 **AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 5 **SUPERANNUATION (SURCHARGE RATE REDUCTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 6 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **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*).

- 9 **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).
- 10 **DESIGNS BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox).
- 11 **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).
- 12 **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).
- 13 **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).
- 14 **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).
- 15 **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).
- 16 **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).
- 17 **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).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham).
- 19 **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).
- 20 **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).
- 21 **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).
- 22 **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).
- 23 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 12 February 2003—Mr Cox).
- 24 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 March 2003—Mr Edwards).
- 25 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox).
- 26 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE LEVIES) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox).
- 27 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (ACAC REVIEW LEVY) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox).
- 28 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COLLAPSED ORGANIZATION LEVY) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox).

- 29 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION LEVY) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 30 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (REINSURANCE TRUST FUND LEVY) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 31 **AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY BILL 2003** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 32 **AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 33 **PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP (OIL) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2003** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 34 **EXPORT CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Snowdon*).
- 35 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CUSTOMS) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Snowdon*).
- 36 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (EXCISE) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Snowdon*).
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION LEGISLATION BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 38 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 39 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 40 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2003—Mr Melham*).
- 41 **INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2003—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 42 **AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 43 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (TAXATION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 44 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 45 **SUPERANNUATION (GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 46 **SUPERANNUATION (GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 47 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 48 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 49 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SPONSORSHIP MEASURES) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2003—Mr Cox*).

- 50 **NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION BILL 2003** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 51 **NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2003—Mr Cox*).
- *52 **OZONE PROTECTION AND SYNTHETIC GREENHOUSE GAS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- *53 **OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- *54 **OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—MANUFACTURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- *55 **ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT (COURT PROCEDURES) BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 56 **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”.
- 57 **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*).
- 58 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 59 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 60 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- 61 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—FROM PHANTOM TO FORCE: TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ARMY—A MODEL FOR A NEW ARMY: COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON ‘FROM PHANTOM TO FORCE’ PARLIAMENTARY REPORT INTO THE ARMY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 64 **AUSTRALASIAN POLICE MINISTERS' COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **NCA INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBER—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **OPERATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON INTERACTIVE GAMBLING ADVERTISEMENTS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER—ISSUES PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 70 **EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP ON HEPATITIS C AND PLASMA IN 1990—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION CONVENTIONS NOS 83, 85 AND 86—TREATIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—HIGHER EDUCATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 73 **PAYMENT SYSTEMS BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **INDEPENDENT SOCCER REVIEW COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE COLLAPSE OF HIH INSURANCE—VOLUMES I-III—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PRICING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 77 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE ACCRUAL BUDGET DOCUMENTATION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 78 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 80 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Ms Roxon*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the House take note of the paper.

- 82 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRADE AND DEFENCE ANNUAL REPORTS 2000-2001—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIA'S ROLE IN UNITED NATIONS REFORM—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 84 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SHARED ENDEAVOURS—AN INQUIRY INTO EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 85 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: VOLUME 1 AND VOLUMES 3 TO 11—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Barresi*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 86 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: VOLUME 2 AND VOLUMES 12 TO 22—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2003—Mr Barresi*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 87 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 88 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 89 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2003—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 90 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON MARALINGA REHABILITATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2003—Mr McGauran, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 91 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING OF INFANT HEALTH FORMULA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 92 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT ON PREMIUM INCREASES FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2003—Mr Sidebottom*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.

- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.

- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 27 March 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2003)—*moved 27 March 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
 - 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*).
- 139 **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 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 2 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 3 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 9 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON 2003 REVIEW OF MIGRATION REGULATION 4.31B—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2003—Ms Gambaro, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 10 **EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIA'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEMES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2003—Mrs D. M. Kelly, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Monday, 16 June 2003

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

- (1) deplores the damaging and destructive environmental impact of 142 ocean outfalls throughout Australia which are dumping treated and untreated sewage on our coastlines;
- (2) notes the associated risks to human health, sustainable aquaculture and fisheries from the dumping of sewage into our coastal areas;
- (3) condemns the annual waste of over 1.5 trillion litres of water throughout Australia resulting from the practice of dumping waste water rather than reusing it;
- (4) calls upon the States to commit to the goal of ending all ocean outfall in Australia by the year 2025 and to adopt policies to achieve that goal;
- (5) calls upon all local water boards to commit to the goal of ending all ocean outfall in Australia by the end of 2025 and to adopt policies to achieve that goal; and
- (6) calls upon the Federal Government to assist the States by helping coordinate a National Ocean Outfall Strategy aimed at coordinating the ending of all ocean outfall in Australia by the year 2025.

Notices—continued

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 20 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the US and UK Administrations for their declaration that they will respond with nuclear weapons against any nation that uses biological or chemical weapons;

- (2) calls on Prime Minister Howard to condemn any use of nuclear weapons in the potential military action in Iraq;
 - (3) confirms Australia's long-time opposition to the use and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
 - (4) notes the recent report by the Centre for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation on the \$1.2 trillion proposed Missile Defence System and raises concern over the effect of nuclear and missile technology proliferation as a consequence of the project;
 - (5) notes reports that the use of nuclear weapons may lead to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis in any nuclear attack on Baghdad; and
 - (6) expresses concern about the probable legal issues related to the use of strategic nuclear weapons and potential charges of crimes against humanity and breaches of the Geneva conventions on war. (*Notice given 11 February 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 23 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

25 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

26 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

27 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 29 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 30 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 31 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 32 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) values the contribution that all veterans who have served Australia have made;
 - (2) expresses the appreciation of the contributions made by families of the veterans;
 - (3) notes that to be entitled to a Veteran's Pension, veterans will have had to serve in campaigns overseas; and
 - (4) expresses its strongest condemnation against the Government for treating veterans as second-class citizens by failing to allow the same voluntary direct debits to third parties, such as health funds, as those on Centrelink benefits are allowed to make. (*Notice given 24 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 33 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) commends the Australian Government on its efforts to support the local film industry;
 - (2) recognises the cultural and economic contribution that the Australian film industry makes to the nation; and

- (3) acknowledges the excellence of the film industry training centres in Australia. (*Notice given 27 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 34 **MR P. E. KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the importance to Australian families who are new home buyers of clear and fair arrangements for the entry into mortgages;
 - (2) notes the recent calls by industry leaders for legislation for the finance broking industry to put in place an accredited licensing scheme; and
 - (3) commends the Commonwealth Government and Australia's mortgage finance industry for their cooperative action in identifying measures including uniform legislation. (*Notice given 27 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 35 **DR SOUTHCOFF:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the problems and possibilities identified in the report *Maximising Australia's Asia Knowledge: repositioning and renewal of a national asset*, prepared by the Asian Studies Association of Australia;
 - (2) recognises that the national interest is served by the knowledge Australians have of their world and particularly of their own diverse, complex region; and
 - (3) commends efforts by governments, educational institutions, businesses and voluntary associations to renew, enhance and extend Australian knowledge of Asia. (*Notice given 27 March 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 36 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that in the appointment of the Governor-General, only the views of the Prime Minister of Australia are considered and that neither the Cabinet, the House of Representatives, the Senate, nor the community have any say in the appointment; and
 - (2) advises the Prime Minister that it believes that future nominations for Governor-General should be submitted to both houses for their consideration and approval by a two-thirds combined vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate prior to the transmission of the name of the proposed appointment to the Queen. (*Notice given 13 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 37 **MS ELLIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the valuable role of carers in Australia;
 - (2) notes that there are at least 388,800 carers under the age of 26 years in Australia, that 18,800 of these are primary carers and that Carers Australia states that these figures are likely to be an underestimate due to the number of 'hidden' carers;
 - (3) notes the potential for a significant and negative impact on the lives of young carers including poor physical and mental health, leaving school early, social isolation and reduced training and employment opportunities;
 - (4) notes the Young Carers Research Project undertaken by Carers Australia, with funding by the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FACS), which published a Final Report in 2001 that makes ten recommendations on future directions for policy, research and program development in this area; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to take immediate action on the recommendations outlined in the Young Carers Research Project Final Report. (*Notice given 13 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 38 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that hepatitis C is the most frequently reported notifiable disease in Australia with about 240,000 people infected and an additional 16,000 new infections each year;
 - (2) recognises that hepatitis C poses a substantial threat to the health of Australians, due to the failure of the Government to fund the implementation of the National Hepatitis C Strategy; and
 - (3) calls upon the Government to fund the implementation of the National Hepatitis C Strategy in order to:
 - (a) reduce the transmission of hepatitis C;

- (b) improve access to hepatitis C treatments;
- (c) support and resource programmes which maintain and promote the health, care and support of people with hepatitis C; and
- (d) prevent discrimination and reduce the stigma and isolation of those infected with hepatitis C. *(Notice given 15 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)*

39 **MS O'BYRNE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that 2003 has been designated as the Year of the Official;
- (2) acknowledges that those who officiate on the technical aspects at a sporting event play a crucial role in ensuring that sport is able to develop and flourish and is played in the spirit in which it was intended;
- (3) notes that the majority of those who participate in sports officiating in Australia do so on a voluntary basis or for the smallest honoraria;
- (4) notes that forums held throughout Australia during 2002 found that many sports officials were subject to abuse by participants, coaches, parents and spectators and that higher levels of respect for the role which they play is required from the broader community; and
- (5) calls upon the Government to work with National Sporting Organisations to instigate additional programs to recognise the service given by sports officials and to examine methods by which high levels of competence, retention and recruitment can be achieved. *(Notice given 15 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)*

40 **MR ORGAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) commemorates the passing of 'Sorry Day' and the 'Journey of Healing' on the 26th May 2003 and that we recognise the National significance of this Day;
- (2) recognises the passing of Reconciliation Week from 27-31 May 2003;
- (3) recognises that the 'Journey of Healing' is working to heal the wounds resulting from the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families, a practice pursued by Australian Governments throughout most of last century;
- (4) recognises that the 1997 Bringing Them Home report revealed the immense harm done by forced removal of Indigenous children from their families and culture, and that current Governments have a responsibility to address that harm caused to those directly affected as well as generations following; and
- (5) calls upon the Prime Minister to say sorry to the Indigenous people of this nation, on behalf of the non-Indigenous community, in order to prove that collectively we recognise the harm which has been done to those individuals and families, and that now and in the future, all Australians will commit to the meaningful reconciliation of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia. *(Notice given 26 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)*

41 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Israeli Cabinet for its decision to take positive steps for the resolution of conflict in the Middle East, including the adoption of the Road Map which is:
 - Phase 1 (to May 2003): End of terrorism, normalisation of Palestinian life and Palestinian political reform; Israeli withdrawal and end of settlement activity; Palestinian elections;
 - Phase 2 (June-Dec 2003): Creation of an independent Palestinian state; international conference and international monitoring of compliance with roadmap;
 - Phase 3 (2004-2005): Second international conference; permanent status agreement and end of conflict; agreement on final borders, Jerusalem, refugees and settlements; Arab states to agree to peace deals with Israel; and
- (2) calls on all parties involved in the conflict to emulate this example and move forward to a rapid settlement. *(Notice given 26 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)*

42 **MS C. F. KING:** To move—That this House recognises that:

- (1) the viability of many small wineries is under threat;

- (2) in a large part this threat is the result of the Howard Government's introduction of the Wine Equalisation Tax;
- (3) the Government has consistently failed to heed the advice of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia of the threat the Wine Equalisation Tax poses to small wineries; and
- (4) the Government has ignored the comments of its own Trebeck report into improving the viability of small wineries by failing to address the problems small wineries are experiencing with the Wine Equalisation Tax. (*Notice given 28 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 43 **MR ORGAN:** To move—That in light of the Indonesian military action in Aceh and increasing concern in the Australian community that an humanitarian crisis similar to that witnessed in East Timor is in the making, this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) make provision for immediate humanitarian relief to those civilians who are now without food, shelter and access to medical assistance;
- (2) urge the Indonesian Government to revoke the imposition of martial law in Aceh, and to pull troops back to a defensive position;
- (3) call on the Indonesian Government to return to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) process, and to resume a dialogue in pursuit of a political solution to the problem in Aceh;
- (4) urge the Indonesian Government to allow the involvement of a third party (preferably a United Nations special envoy) to mediate in future dialogue;
- (5) offer a temporary safe haven to those who are already displaced and whose lives are under immediate threat by the actions of the Indonesian security forces; and
- (6) urge the Indonesian Government to guarantee that international norms and conventions on the protection of civilians in war will be strictly adhered to, and to ensure that the Indonesian Government remains accountable for the actions of their security forces deployed in Aceh. (*Notice given 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 44 **MR MOSSFELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges:
- (a) the need for leadership role models for young people across a diversity of fields and professions and that the role of teachers in the education system is imperative in achieving this objective;
- (b) that healthy vibrant town centres, well resourced with youth facilities such as libraries, entertainment facilities, community facilities and accessible transport, ensure positive youth participation in the community;
- (c) that social and peer pressure add to the challenges that today's youth face, which can often lead to depression and youth suicide; and
- (d) the difficulties faced by students forced to juggle work and academic participation in relation to wages, exploitation and time management; and
- (2) urges the Government to:
- (a) encourage the promotion of positive role models, both male and female, to inspire and lead the expanding youth population of the Western Sydney region;
- (b) increase its focus on urban development and planning to aid the growing needs of today's youth;
- (c) make available a variety of options to address the important issue of depression and youth suicide; and
- (d) promote youth participation by encouraging the establishment of a wider range of forums for young people to be able to voice their concerns and that these forums should involve all levels of government and the community. (*Notice given 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 45 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

46 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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

47 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

48 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

49 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

50 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

51 **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*

29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)

52 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

53 **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 29 May 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

54 **MS C. F. KING:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Report of the January 2003 Joint Mission of the Australian Section of the International Commission of Jurists and the Australian Council for Refugees to Papua New Guinea, *Seeking Refuge: the Status of West Papuans in Papua New Guinea*; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to endorse the Report's recommendations and, in consequence;
 - (a) negotiate an agreement with Papua New Guinea for the recognition of travel documents based on certificates of identity for the purpose of enabling students to enter Australia to pursue educational courses;
 - (b) provide humanitarian relief through AusAID or other appropriate agencies for those West Papuans in Transmitter Camp found to have refugee status;
 - (c) express its willingness to assist the government of Papua New Guinea to implement a long term solution for the West Papuans in Western Province;
 - (d) express its willingness to contribute to support and to provide aid funding to enable Papua New Guinea to put a plan in place to act as an incentive to those West Papuans to move from border camps; and
 - (e) provide places for West Papuans found to be refugees in Australia's resettlement programs. (*Notice given 2 June 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 2 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 3 **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 16 June 2003.*)

- 4 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 5 **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 16 June 2003.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 June 2003.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 23 **LANG HANCOCK:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2003*) on the motion of Mr Schultz—That, this year being the 50th anniversary of an historic event which led to the early development of the giant Pilbara iron ore discovery in Western Australia, this House:
- (1) calls on the Government to recognise the memorable flight on 22 November 1952, when Lang Hancock observed vast iron ore deposits in The Pilbara whilst flying in adverse weather accompanied by his wife Hope;
 - (2) acknowledges the significant personal contribution Lang Hancock made in difficult circumstances in developing the mineral potential of this incredibly rich province – The Pilbara; and
 - (3) pays tribute to this great Australian pioneer, who against all odds proved that if you have the vision you can achieve the impossible against seemingly insurmountable odds. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.)

- 26 **MOBILE PHONE THEFT:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 2003*) on the motion of Mr King—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 27 **MATURE-AGE UNEMPLOYMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 2003—Mr Johnson, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Burke—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 not to 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 28 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REBATE:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 2003*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 29 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 2003*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 30 **A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR KIDS BILL 2003:** (*Ms Roxon*) Second reading (*from 26 May 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 31 **KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION BILL 2003:** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*) Second reading (*from 26 May 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 32 **TAIWAN AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2003*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) congratulate Taiwan on its substantial achievements in the field of health and its many contributions to world health care;
 - (2) acknowledge that Taiwan’s contributions to world health care could be made much more effectively and with much broader scope under the auspices of the World Health Organisation (WHO);
 - (3) acknowledge the need for a fully-integrated global health care system and the undesirability of Taiwan’s exclusion from this system, particularly in the light of the current Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome crisis;
 - (4) recognise therefore, that Taiwan’s participation as an observer in the WHO would not only benefit the people of Taiwan, but also leave no loophole in the world health care network; and
 - (5) help Taiwan find appropriate and feasible ways to participate meaningfully in the WHO. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 33 **AUSTRALIANS IN GUANTANAMO BAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2003—Mr Dutton, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 34 **DECLARATION OF PARKS, CONSERVATION AREAS AND RESERVES:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2003—Mr Albanese, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—That this House:
- (1) notes the recent announcement of the Carr Labor Government to declare 65,000 hectares of land as 15 new National Parks, State Conservation Areas and State Forest Reserves;
 - (2) is concerned that this declaration may be in breach of the Regional Forest Agreement between New South Wales and the Commonwealth;
 - (3) is concerned that the removal of this land from production will impact upon timber resources required to sustain employment in timber communities and the future viability of those communities; and
 - (4) is concerned that substantial Commonwealth and New South Wales government funds invested under FISAP will be placed at risk as a result of this declaration. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)
- 35 **SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SECTOR:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2003—Ms Jackson, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Ellis—That this House:

- (1) recognises the valuable role of the supported employment sector in providing paid work to people with disabilities;
- (2) notes that employment gives people with disabilities not only an income, but also important social and developmental experiences;
- (3) asserts the need to ensure that pay and working conditions for people with disabilities are fair and meet minimum standards;
- (4) notes Government reforms in this area including quality assurance reforms and the introduction of case-based funding to business services;
- (5) acknowledges that unless these reforms are introduced in a coordinated manner and with adequate support to the supported employment sector, the viability of many business services in this sector may be threatened and that, according to the Department's Case Based Funding Trial Final Evaluation Report: Main Findings (October 2002, page 14), "based on maintenance funding levels, 67% of Business Services would operate at a deficit, 5% at close to break even and 28% at a surplus"; and
- (6) calls upon the Government to:
 - (a) consult with the supported employment sector to ensure that the original December 2004 deadline for certification allows optimal outcomes to be achieved;
 - (b) provide adequate assistance to the supported employment sector, so that nil, or a minimum number of businesses become unviable leading to loss of employment by some people with disabilities;
 - (c) liaise with people working in business services and their families to ensure that they are prepared for the transition or closure of the business service; and
 - (d) liaise closely with the State/Territory governments to ensure that they are prepared and able to manage the increased demand on services as a result of business service closures. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

36 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (HEZBOLLAH EXTERNAL TERRORIST ORGANISATION) BILL 2003** (*Mr Crean*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 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 16 June 2003.*)

37 **PROSTATE CANCER**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2003—Ms O'Byrne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that prostate cancer is now a major cause of death in Australian men with more than 2,500 men dying from prostate cancer annually;
- (2) recognises the importance of prostate specific antigen (PSA) testing as a reliable and effective method of diagnosing early prostate cancer, providing the best possibility of a successful outcome;
- (3) notes the reported collapse of a proposed national television awareness campaign about prostate cancer; and
- (4) calls on the Federal Government to examine funding options which will enable increased research into prostate cancer, and provide additional and more effective awareness programs to assist in the early detection of prostate cancer. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

38 **TAX SYSTEM**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2003*) on the motion of Mr B. P. J. O'Connor—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% and 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

39 **SCORESBY FREEWAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2003*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) the importance of the Scoresby Freeway to the people of the East and Southeast of Melbourne and the Federal Government's continued commitment to this project; and
 - (b) the inclusion of funding for the Commonwealth's share of project costs as agreed with the Victorian Government in the 2003-2004 Federal Budget;
- (2) takes note of:
 - (a) the conditions contained in the Memorandum of Understanding and the obligations on the Victorian Government to comply with the agreement;
 - (b) the payment of funds by the Commonwealth to the Victorian Government under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding; and
 - (c) reports that the Victorian Government was seeking support for tolls on the Scoresby Freeway while publicly claiming to be committed to the toll-free condition of the Federal Government funding;
- (3) condemns:
 - (a) the Victorian Bracks Government for lying to the Victorian people about supporting a toll-free Scoresby Freeway prior to the last State election; and
 - (b) ALP members of the Victorian Parliament elected under false pretences by communities in the East and Southeast of Melbourne by misleading the people they claim to represent; and
- (4) calls on:
 - (a) the Bracks ALP Government in Victoria to honour the binding agreement and deliver a completed toll-free Scoresby Freeway by 2008 as promised to the people of the Eastern and Southeastern suburbs of Melbourne;
 - (b) all Victorian Federal and State Members of Parliament to support the honouring of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments; and
 - (c) the Victorian Government to release all documents relating to tolls on the Scoresby Freeway and Eastern Freeway Extension from the time the Scoresby Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Transport Ministers. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 June 2003.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE*Monday, 16 June 2003**The Main Committee meets at 4 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2003-2004** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2003*) on the motion of Mr Costello—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:
 - (1) its obsession with shifting the cost of health and education from the budget to Australian families;
 - (2) imposing higher costs of doctors’ visits on families without concession cards and a 30 per cent hike in essential medicine prices;
 - (3) allowing HECS fees to rise by 30%, introducing a loan scheme with a 6% interest rate and doubling the number of places reserved for full fee paying students;
 - (4) its cynical attempt to distract the public from these higher costs by offering miserly tax cuts of \$4 a week for the average family;
 - (5) its failure to address the complexity of superannuation and its determination to offer super cuts only to the wealthiest families;
 - (6) its willingness to deliver tax cuts to corporate Australia while imposing a record tax burden on Australian families;
 - (7) its failure to protect the superannuation savings of Australian families by protecting them from corporate greed;
 - (8) its decision to hire yet more tax officials rather than take steps to ease the BAS compliance burden on small business; and
 - (9) its failure to provide leadership on environmental issues and in particular its failure to address water reform”.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 4 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 5 **CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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*).



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

13 February 2002

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

- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
- (2) In addition to the \$850 000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240 000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120 000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.

130 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.

11 March 2002

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

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

20 March 2002

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

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

21 March 2002

- 269 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What were the details of operational deployments of Australian Defence Force personnel from 1972 to the present date, including personnel numbers, relevant services and branches involved.
- 281 **MR MOSSFELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) In relation to the collapse of Commercial Nominees Australia (CNA), why, when the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) required CNA to stop accepting contributions to the ECMT from AWERF, the Network Superannuation Fund and Midas Superannuation Fund, did it allow CNA to continue accepting contributions from approximately 475 small APRA funds (SAFs).
 - (2) Why did APRA remove CNA as Trustee for the 475 SAFs two months after removing CNA as the trustee for the three funds mentioned in part (1).
 - (3) Was APRA aware that, at the time it removed CNA as trustee, CNA was negotiating with Perpetual Trustees Limited to take over the administration of some or all of the 475 SAFs; if not, why not.
 - (4) What process was used by APRA to appoint Oak Breeze, a liquidator, as the temporary trustee of the 475 SAFs given its lack of experience in this area and the work already undertaken by Perpetual Trustees with regard to the SAFs and their compliance.
 - (5) What guarantees did APRA seek from Oak Breeze that it would fulfil its claim of bringing all SAFs to a level of compliance by 31 October 2001.
 - (6) How many funds were actually brought to a level of compliance by this date.
 - (7) How many funds have been brought to a level of compliance since 31 October 2001.
 - (8) What guarantees or limits did APRA seek from or place on Oak Breeze or Price Waterhouse Coopers regarding fees and charges in relation to the administration of the SAFs.
 - (9) Are these guarantees or limits different from the standard required under the Superannuation Industry Supervision Act (SIS Act) for other trustees of superannuation funds; if so why.
 - (10) Have the protocols between the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and APRA, detailed in the Senate Select Committee Report, been agreed to and executed by both agencies; if not, what is the anticipated time frame for this to occur.
 - (11) What is the anticipated time frame for the Minister to make a decision regarding the implementation of section 229 of the SIS Act.

16 May 2002

- 367 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) What measures is the Commonwealth taking to address the current crisis in public liability insurance for community and sporting groups.
 - (2) What are the timeframes for implementation of Commonwealth measures.
 - (3) Do these measures provide any guarantee that public liability insurance premiums will reduce in price.
 - (4) Under the proposed Commonwealth Government measures are there any direct controls over insurance companies to take into account an organisation's claims history and risk management strategies.
 - (5) Will the Government take direct measures to combat the problem by setting up a uniform national insurance scheme; if not, why not.
 - (6) Will the Government take direct measures to set minimum standards for insurance claims through the introduction of an Insurance Claims Act; if not, why not.
 - (7) Will the Government amend the Insurance Contracts Act to require insurance companies to charge premiums that take into account an organisation's risk management strategies and claims history; if not, why not.
 - (8) Will the Government restore the power previously in the Insurance Contracts Act which allowed a representative on behalf of members of the public to take legal action against insurance companies that ignored risk assessment strategies and claims histories on the grounds that they breached the duty of good faith; if not, why not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 May 2002

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

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

5 June 2002

478 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the impact the doubling of the notional employer contributions this year by the Police Superannuation Scheme actuary due to the increased number of NSW Police being medically discharged after sustaining recognised hurt on duty injuries, is having on NSW Police.
- (2) Why are police being taxed as high income earners as a ramification of their colleagues who have been medically discharged due to being injured at work.

- (3) Why does this anomaly exist where workers compensation for affected NSW police is included under the federal superannuation taxation regime.
- (4) Will the Government take steps to address this important issue and to rectify the anomaly that unfairly affects NSW Police.

18 June 2002

537 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

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

19 June 2002

557 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure that private midwives have access to affordable insurance indemnity cover, thereby allowing them to continue practising their profession.
- (2) When will the Government introduce measures to alleviate problems that large sections of the community are experiencing with exorbitant indemnity insurance.

25 June 2002

598 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

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

26 June 2002

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

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

19 August 2002

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

- (1) How many employers are estimated to be (a) non-compliant and (b) partially compliant with their legal obligation to pay superannuation guarantee contributions (SGC) for their employees under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.
- (2) How many employers are estimated to be covered by the Act.
- (3) How many employees are estimated to have not received the superannuation guarantee contribution from their employer to which they are legally entitled.

- (4) How many complaints did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) receive from employees regarding the non-compliance or partial compliance of their employers with the Act each year since 1992.
 - (5) How many of the complaints received by the ATO were resolved with full payment by the employer of all outstanding SGC monies, each year since 1992.
 - (6) From the time when a complaint is made to the ATO by an employee regarding non-payment of SGC monies, what is the average time it takes the ATO to contact the employer for the monies.
 - (7) How long on average does the ATO give an employer to pay outstanding SGC monies owing to an employee.
 - (8) How long on average from the time the ATO contacts an employer for outstanding SGC contributions, does it take the ATO to lodge a prosecution against the employer if the employer does not pay.
 - (9) How many employees are estimated to have lost their superannuation guarantee entitlements because their employer has gone bankrupt or into receivership since 1992.
 - (10) How many employers are estimated to have not paid their employees superannuation guarantee contributions because they have gone bankrupt or into receivership since 1992.
 - (11) How many prosecutions against employers for non-payment of some or all superannuation guarantee contributions were successful, for each year from 1992.
- 639 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many departmental case officers were employed assessing applications from asylum seekers in each year from 1990 to 2001, inclusive.
 - (2) How many applications were assessed in each year.
 - (3) What was the country of origin of applicants, detailed for each year.
 - (4) On average, how long did each case take to be assessed.
 - (5) Can part (4) be broken down by country of origin; if so, what are the details for each year.
- 685 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.
- 717 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Are there any programs administered by the Minister's Department that provide, or have provided, funding to local government authorities in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001 and (f) 2001-2002.
 - (2) If so, for each program for each of the years that funding was granted to local government authorities, (a) what was the level of funding provided to each local government authority, (b) what was the purpose for which the grant was made and (c) in which federal electoral division or divisions does this local government authority fall.
 - (3) Have any concerns been raised with the Minister's office or the Minister's Department from (a) local government authorities or (b) other organisations regarding cost shifting onto local government in regard to any programs administered by the Minister's Department; if so, (a) to what program or programs did the concern relate and (b) were any investigations undertaken by the Minister's Department in relation to these concerns; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings of these investigations.
- 776 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
 - (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
 - (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
 - (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
 - (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

22 August 2002

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

- (1) During his period as Prime Minister, has he visited any public housing estates in Australia; if so, which public housing estates and on what dates.
- (2) During his period as Prime Minister, has he visited any Aboriginal communities; if so, which Aboriginal communities and on what dates.

26 August 2002

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

- (1) Is question No. 36 which appeared on 13 February 2002 on the first *Notice Paper* of the 40th Parliament the same question No. 2478 which first appeared on the *Notice Paper* of 28 March 2001 during the 39th Parliament.
- (2) Did he receive a letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 29 August 2001 to write to him seeking an early reply to question No. 2478 under standing order 150.
- (3) Did he receive a further letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 14 May 2002 to write to him again seeking an answer to question No. 36 under standing order 150.
- (4) Did he receive yet another letter from the Speaker following yet another request by me to the Speaker on 19 August 2002 to write to him seeking an answer to question No. 36 under standing order 150.
- (5) When will he answer question No. 36.

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

- (1) Is question No. 37 which appeared on 13 February 2002 on the first *Notice Paper* of the 40th Parliament the same question No. 2657 which first appeared on the *Notice Paper* of 6 June 2001 during the 39th Parliament.
- (2) Did he receive a letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 29 August 2001 to write to him seeking an early reply to question No. 2657 under standing order 150.
- (3) Did he receive a further letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 14 May 2002 to write to him again seeking an answer to question No. 37 under standing order 150.
- (4) Did he receive yet another letter from the Speaker following yet another request by me to the Speaker on 19 August 2002 to write to him seeking an answer to question No. 37 under standing order 150.
- (5) When will he answer question No. 37.

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

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

27 August 2002

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

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

28 August 2002

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 September 2002

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

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

19 September 2002

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

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

24 October 2002

1069 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to evidence before the HIH Royal Commission concerning the role of Mr Malcolm Turnbull in the sale of FAI and the subsequent collapse of HIH.
- (2) Are office bearers of registered political parties in receipt of public funds under the Commonwealth Electoral Act required to be fit and proper persons; if so, are Mr Turnbull's actions consistent with this requirement.

11 November 2002

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

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

14 November 2002

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

2 December 2002

1144 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) tertiary students are there in Australia.
- (2) What proportion of GDP was spent on education in 2001-2002.
- (3) What are the funding arrangements for secondary students in terms of State and Federal Government funds spent on non-government and government schools.
- (4) In monetary terms, to what extent does the Federal Government subsidise non-government schools.

9 December 2002

1209 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) On what date was the Dairy Exit Program (DEP) announced.
- (2) On what date was the first DEP project approved.
- (3) Who is eligible for DEP funding.
- (4) How many applications for the DEP have there been to date.
- (5) How many of these applications are from farmers who have also lodged a Claim After Sale form.
- (6) How many of these applications are from farmers who have not yet lodged a Claim After Sale form.
- (7) How many DEP grants have been approved to date.
- (8) How many DEP grants have been paid to date.
- (9) Of DEP grants approved, what is the average payment for each farmer.
- (10) What is the total DEP expenditure to date.

10 December 2002

1219 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answers to questions Nos. 184 (*Hansard*, 15 May 2002, page 2300) and 408 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2002, page 5279), on what occasions since he became Foreign Minister have meetings been held in the context of the Five Power Defence Arrangements.
- (2) At which of these meetings were refugee and illegal migration issues discussed and with what results.

11 December 2002

1237 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What are the details of the Draft Ruling the Australian Tax Office (ATO) has released dealing with time chartering ships.
- (2) Has the Government or the ATO costed this measure; if so, what is the cost impact of the ruling.
- (3) Has the Government or the ATO received legal advice on the draft ruling; if so, what was the legal advice.
- (4) What consultation did the ATO undertake.
- (5) Is the Government and the ATO aware of the criticisms of this measure and the affects it will have on the national shipping industry.
- (6) Will the Draft Ruling severely injure the Australian shipping industry.
- (7) Will the Government legislate or take any other action, including funding a test case to test the validity of the Ruling, to ensure that this Draft Ruling will not come into force.

12 December 2002

1244 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is April 2003 the expiry date for the contract for the Commercial Support Program (CSP) being carried out by the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation—Geospatial Information Branch for defence mapping at the Fortuna Villa site in Bendigo.
- (2) How many staff are engaged on the project at Bendigo.
- (3) What total sum was paid in 2001-2002 in wages and salaries of staff employed by the organisation in Bendigo.
- (4) At the expiration of the contract, what is the future of (a) the work presently being carried out under this contract, (b) the staff engaged on the project and (c) of the location.
- (5) Does the Government intend that the work and staff will be transferred to Canberra or any other site in Australia; if so, to what other site.
- (6) Can the Minister assure the Organisation, and its staff, that it will not undergo a further CSP process but instead be absorbed back into the mainstream Defence Department.
- (7) Can the Minister give an assurance that the work, the staff and the site will not be moved from Bendigo.

1250 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the reply to part (4) of question No. 472 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4970) and the reply to part (3) of question No. 882 (*Hansard*, 15 October 2002, page

7675) by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, was any Government supervision or scrutiny made of the sale of Traveland to Internova, in light of what appears to be a commercial transaction involving the sale and transfer of a strategic national travel agency to a company that was ab initio fundamentally incapable of providing that service; if so, what supervision was undertaken; if not, why not.

- 1255 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What sum of the total revenue presently derived from personal income tax would be lost by the Commonwealth were the Government to legislate to allow all married or de facto couples to share, equally, for the purposes of the Australian Taxation Office assessing their liability to pay personal income tax to the Commonwealth, their combined total income.

4 February 2003

- 1283 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is a person who takes out unemployment insurance ineligible for unemployment benefits upon retrenchment.
 - (2) Is such a person also ineligible to receive training assistance from Centrelink; if so, why.
 - (3) How many persons approached Centrelink in 2002 for training assistance but were refused because they were not in receipt of unemployment benefits.
- 1285 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did he tell the House (*Hansard*, 12 March 2002, page 995) that in his view ministerial staff are accountable to the Minister and the Minister is accountable to the Parliament.
 - (2) At what point prior to 10 November 2001 did he have conversations with any Minister, staff member or Commonwealth official which cast doubt on whether children from SIEV4 had been thrown overboard as suggested by the Government on 7 October 2001.
 - (3) Did he have a conversation with Defence Minister Reith on or about 12 October 2001 which went to the veracity of the original report and whether or not subsequent evidence in the form of videos, photos, witness statements or defence reports failed to sustain the original allegation.
 - (4) In his conversation with Defence Minister Reith on 7 November 2001, did the Minister mention an earlier conversation with the Acting Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Angus Houston; if so, did the Minister's conversation include any expression of doubt over whether or not children had been thrown overboard as indicated in initial Government statements.
 - (5) How many conversations did he have with the Defence Minister's aide, Michael Scrafton, on 7 November 2001 and for how long were those conversations.
 - (6) Did those conversations at any point carry the implication that one or both parties were aware that neither videos, photos or witness statements provided evidence that children were thrown overboard because none, in fact, had been.
 - (7) In his conversations with Mr Scrafton, was any mention made of the photos of the alleged incident previously released by the Government being not in fact photos of children who had been thrown into the water on 7 October 2001.
 - (8) During his press conference of 19 February 2002 did he suggest that he might have had a different recollection of the context of the conversation than Mr Scrafton.
 - (9) Given his statement that Ministers are responsible for staff, does Mr Scrafton's recollection of the conversations include a wider discussion than one simply about the video of the alleged event.
 - (10) Does Mr Scrafton's recollection include a belief that the character of their conversations was underpinned by an assumption on the part of the parties that there was no veracity in the claim that children had been thrown overboard.
 - (11) Did he say at his press conference on 19 February 2002 that on 7 November 2001 he had asked Miles Jordana to go through the material he had already seen or the office had received.
 - (12) Did any of that material include papers or other documentation about the SIEV4 incident which made no mention of children being thrown overboard.
 - (13) What documents, videos, photos or witness statements were drawn to his attention either directly, or in oral briefings, from this process.
 - (14) What information did they contain on whether or not evidence verified the initial government statements.
 - (15) Who briefed him on this material.

- (16) When did Mr Jordana, or any one else in his office, become aware that there was no evidence in videos, photos, or defence reports for the proposition that children on SIEV4 had been thrown overboard.
- (17) Did he in any conversation with staff, ministerial colleagues or public servants indicate that he would rather not be briefed on the full circumstances of the SIEV4 children overboard story prior to 10 November 2001.
- (18) Did he ask Mr Jordana or any other staff member in the days after the initial report to verify the facts around the interception and sinking of SIEV4 and present them to him.
- (19) Did any talking points received by him from his staff, the Department of Defence, or his Department mention the SIEV4 incident; if so, what was the content of that reference.
- (20) On 7 November 2001, or at any time afterwards, did Mr Jordana inform him of advice that he had received from Ms Jane Halton regarding doubt the Department had that the photos received, and made public, of the SIEV4 incident verified that children had been thrown overboard.
- (21) On how many occasions (a) prior to and (b) after 10 November 2001 did he discuss with Ms Halton the children overboard incident and in relation to each discussion, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did Ms Halton provide to him.
- (22) On how many occasions (a) prior to and (b) after 10 November 2001 did he discuss with Mr Max Moore-Wilton the children overboard incident and in relation to each discussion, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did Mr Moore-Wilton provide to him.

1293 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he made statements about the need to prevent Iraq from providing terrorists with weapons of mass destruction.
- (2) In the 21 years since Iraq has had weapons of mass destruction, to which terrorist organisations has the Government of Iraq provided weapons of mass destruction, and when did it do so.

1294 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he made statements about the need to prevent Iraq from providing terrorists with weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the text of a letter from George Tenet, Director of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in which Mr Tenet argues that Saddam is more likely to assist terrorists with WMD in the event of a US first strike against Iraq; if so, why does he argue the case for a pre-emptive strike against Iraq as the best means of preventing Saddam providing WMD to terrorists.
- (3) Has his attention also been drawn to statements by the Defence Minister on 27 November 2002 who, when asked for the Minister's reaction to a letter from the Director of the CIA arguing that Saddam Hussein was likely to be much less constrained in adopting terrorist actions involving chemical and biological weapons in the event of a US-led attack, Senator Hill said that the views had not been verified.
- (4) Does he share the view of the Defence Minister that the CIA views on the impact of a US first strike on Iraqi behaviour in providing WMD to terrorists cannot be verified.

1295 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to his comments of 1 December 2002 about Australian support for a doctrine of pre-emption against somebody that he believed was going to launch an attack against Australia, is it the Government's view that Iraq is going to launch an attack against this country.
- (2) Is it the Government's view that a terrorist organisation supported by Iraq is going to launch an attack against this country.

1306 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is it a fact that among the 45 countries to nominate for the bench of the International Criminal Court (ICC) were nominations from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cambodia, Nigeria, Mongolia, Mali and the United Republic of Tanzania.
- (2) Was there any person in Australia worthy of a nomination to the bench of the ICC.
- (3) What was the basis on which the Government decided against submitting a nomination to the Bench of the ICC.
- (4) Did the Government submit a nomination for the position of Chief Prosecutor to the ICC.
- (5) Does the Government believe that it has a better chance of getting the position of Chief Prosecutor rather than the position of Judge to the ICC; if so, why.

- (6) What lobbying efforts did Australia engage in to have its nomination for Chief Prosecutor succeed.
 - (7) What sum was spent on the campaign for the position of Chief Prosecutor.
 - (8) Did Australia enter into informal or other agreements to support nominations of other countries for the position of Judge to the ICC; if so, with which countries and for what was this support in exchange.
 - (9) Was this support conditional on support being received for Australia's nomination for the position of Chief Prosecutor.
- 1328 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Have the scientific methods used in development of the Salinity Hazard Maps by the Queensland Government been reviewed by leading scientists from his Department.
 - (2) If so, did these scientists find any fault or flaw in the scientific methods used in the development of the Queensland Salinity Hazard Maps.
 - (3) Do scientists from his Department regard the Queensland Salinity Hazard Maps as accurate.
 - (4) Is there any validity in the querying of the Salinity Hazard Maps engaged in by Queensland National Party politicians.
- 1346 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) How long has the Minister had in her possession a report from the Bankruptcy Taskforce that was established following the investigation and revelations about certain barristers failing to pay their fair share of taxation by the journalist Mr Paul Barry and published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 26 February 2001.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of the under-reporting by barristers and solicitors to their professional bodies of prosecutions and other matters that require reporting.
 - (3) Has the Minister received representations from the NSW Bar Association recommending changes to section 16 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* that would allow professional bodies to better regulate or discipline their members under the New South Wales Legal Profession Act; if so, what action has the Minister taken to change the law; if not, why not.
- 1347 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Why is it still lawful to avoid the payment of personal income tax or other tax through the utilisation of bankruptcy or insolvency.
 - (2) Has bankruptcy or insolvency become a business tool to permit individuals to avoid their obligations to pay their fair share of tax.
 - (3) What is the Government doing to change the law to eliminate this rort.

5 February 2003

- 1356 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) judges and (d) magistrates failed to lodge an income tax return for each of the financial years ended 30 June (i) 1992, (ii) 1993, (iii) 1994, (iv) 1995, (v) 1996, (vi) 1997, (vii) 1998, (viii) 1999, (ix) 2000, (x) 2001 and (xi) 2002.
- 1361 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Is the credit rating of a client affected when Centrelink puts a client's debt into the hands of a debt collection agency.
- 1363 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of an article by Tom Baddeley entitled "ATO's tardiness creates a bother" in *The Australian* on 3 February 2003.
 - (2) How many taxpayers have accepted the offer made by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to investors in mass marketed tax effective schemes.
 - (3) How many of these taxpayers have not yet received an acknowledgement from the ATO.
 - (4) What is the average time the ATO is taking to process reassessments once the taxpayer has accepted the ATO's offer.

6 February 2003

- 1383 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.

- 1385 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- 1404 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What is (a) the number of community based child care centres that are located in the electoral division of Scullin, (b) the name and address of each centre and (c) the sum of Commonwealth funding that each centre received in (i) 2001-2002 and (ii) 2002-2003.
 - (2) Which (a) Commonwealth funded child centres located in the electorate of Scullin have been overpaid and (b) what sum will each child care centre be asked to repay.
- 1415 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article by Paul Barry titled “Bankrupt in Paddo: barrister’s \$3m unpaid taxes” which appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 26 February 2001, detailing the bankruptcy history of Mr Stephen Archer and attempts by creditors, including the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), to recover debts.
 - (2) Is he aware that Mr Archer again comes up for a full public examination at the Federal Court Sydney Registry on 19-20 February 2003.
 - (3) Is he also aware that this will be the third time Mr Archer has come before a court of law in a bid to use serial bankruptcy to avoid paying his creditors, principally the ATO, millions of dollars.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to deal with serial bankrupts like Mr Archer.
 - (5) What action is the Government taking so that it will be able to alert the Law Society of New South Wales and the Bar Association of New South Wales of individuals like Mr Archer who use serial bankruptcy and family law and other legislative provisions to avoid paying tax.
- 1422 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did he state on 27 August 2001 that when the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) audit into the GST activities of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party is completed it should be made public.
 - (2) Is it a fact that the audit report has not been made public, apart from a media statement made by the then Liberal Party Director on the day the he announced his new Ministry.
 - (3) Will he release the audit report as promised; if not, why not.
 - (4) As a former Treasurer, was he aware when he promised the ATO audit report would be released that the secrecy provisions of the Income Tax Act meant the report could be released only with the concurrence of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party.
 - (5) Will he now arrange for the release of the audit report through the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party.
 - (6) Has his attention been drawn to the former Liberal Party Director’s media release issued the day he announced his new Ministry which revealed that the ATO had applied a GST bill to the Liberal Party of \$13,000 on transfers of funds within the Party and sponsorships; if so, is he able to say whether the \$13,000 bill means the Liberal Party sought to avoid paying GST on \$130,000 in GST.
 - (7) Does he stand by his claim of 28 August 2001 that the under-payment of GST was only \$180 and that it was an honest mistake.

10 February 2003

- 1433 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article by Paul Barry titled “As Caesar judges Caesar, bankrupt barristers go on their merry way” which appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 27 February 2001, identifying four Sydney barristers who have been bankrupted twice over huge unpaid tax bills.
 - (2) Is he aware that one of those barristers, Mr Robert Somosi, has incurred \$835,000 in unpaid tax and penalties since the 1980s.
 - (3) Is he aware that Mr Somosi was also convicted in 1996 of failing to lodge a tax return for 17 years, which then covered his entire working life at the Bar.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to deal with serial bankrupts like Mr Somosi, who use serial bankruptcy to avoid paying tax, including whether it will report such persons to the Law Society of New South Wales and the Bar Association of New South Wales.

11 February 2003

1434 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many applications for consideration of eligible investor status did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) receive from individuals wishing to seek a remission of penalties and interest in the categories of (a) scheme promoters who designed, prepared, managed, sold or implemented the investment schemes, including the directors and office bearers of an entity which managed the investment, (b) tax advisers or financial planners who received a fee for another investor's scheme participation, (c) tax agents and others who give tax advice for a fee on a regular basis, and who could be expected to be aware of the taxation issues associated with investments, including the self-assessment system and (d) members of a professional firm that has a tax practice.
- (2) Were these applications individually assessed taking into account an applicant's previous history as a taxpayer and level of knowledge and understanding of the tax laws, as stated in the *Taxpayers' Charter* explanatory booklet entitled "Treating you fairly and reasonably".
- (3) How many of these applications were approved in each category.
- (4) Of those applications that were approved, what was the average percentage of (a) penalties and (b) interest that was remitted in each category.
- (5) What criteria were used in each category to ensure that each applicant was treated on his or her merits.

1443 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Minister's departmental annual report list fast-jet pilot shortages and equipment shortages driven by logistics shortfalls, as problem areas for the Tactical Fighter Capability; if so, (a) how long is the logistics shortfall, (b) will the Minister detail and quantify the scope, cost and capability impact of these problems, (c) what plans are proposed, or in place, to fix these issues and (d) when will they be resolved.
- (2) What are the current and planned projects for the F-18, including costs, capability enhancement sought and schedules.
- (3) What are the costs, scope and schedules of current projects compared with original approvals.
- (4) What are the current limitations on deploying the F-18 to a hostile air defence environment.
- (5) When will these projects change these limitations.
- (6) What studies have been undertaken to check the sustainability of the F-18 fleet out to its planned withdrawal date and what further studies are under way or planned.
- (7) What has been the trend over the last decade in the cost of operating the F-18 fleet and what is the projected cost of operating the F-18 fleet to its withdrawal date.
- (8) What is the current estimate of the annual cost growth due to aircraft ageing for the F-18 fleet.
- (9) What are the risk factors that might impede the retention of the F-18 fleet out to planned withdrawal date.
- (10) What studies have been undertaken concerning an interim combat aircraft to replace the F-111 or F-18 aircraft prior to the introduction of the Joint Strike Fighter.
- (11) What would be the cost of an interim combat aircraft and how does this compare with the cost of maintaining the F-111 and F-18 fleets to their planned withdrawal dates.
- (12) By what sum would the remaining through-life cost of the F-111 and F-18 fleets need to rise to make it more cost effective to seek an interim solution.
- (13) What contingency plans are in place should either the F-111 or F-18 prove not to be sustainable out to their planned withdrawal date.

12 February 2003

1457 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What percentage of (a) barristers and (b) solicitors failed to lodge an income tax return on time in each of the financial years ended 1992 through to 2002.
- (2) What action did the Australian Taxation Office do about this and when was it taken.

1458 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at any time over the last seven years retained any barrister who has used bankruptcy as a means of avoiding taxation obligations; if so, (a) which barrister or

barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date that each barrister was retained.

- (2) Has the ATO at any time over the last seven years retained any barrister while that person was bankrupt; if so, (a) which barrister or barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date each barrister was retained.
- (3) Was question No. 2455 asked by the Member for Barton on 26 March 2001 unanswered by the time of the dissolution of the 39th Parliament in October 2001; if so, why.

13 February 2003

MS GRIERSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1491 - 1493)—

- (1) Does the Minister's Department administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Newcastle 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 and (b) were these paid advertisements.
- (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 Newcastle received funding in 2001 and 2002.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each recipient receive in 2001 and 2002.
- (6) What is the name and address of each recipient.

1491 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1493 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1512 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the P&O *Adelaide* been operating on the Australian coast on continuing voyage permits since 24 October 2000; if not, what permits have been issued to it and when were they issued
- (2) How many permits have been issued, on which dates and for the carriage of what cargo, how many crew were employed on the vessel for each voyage or pattern of voyages and which Australian operators were contacted to ensure no Australian vessel was available for each voyage.
- (3) Was any other Australian rail or road transport operator available to transport this cargo; if not, why not.
- (4) For each permit, if an Australian vessel was not available at the time the permit was issued, when would have one been available.
- (5) For each of these voyages under a single or continuing voyage permit, what type of tax, if any, was paid by the operators, crew or owners of the vessel and what employment framework covered the crew.
- (6) Is this vessel registered in The Netherlands, managed from Cyprus and crewed by Polish and Filipino nationals.

3 March 2003

1524 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Tasmania and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 7248, (ii) 7249, (iii) 7250, (iv) 7252, (v) 7253, (vi) 7254, (vii) 7255, (viii) 7257, (ix) 7258, (x) 7259, (xi) 7260, (xii) 7261, (xiii) 7262, (xiv) 7263, (xv) 7264, (xvi) 7265, (xvii) 7267, (xviii) 7268, (xix) 7277 and (xx) 7212.

1526 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Tasmania and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 7248, (ii) 7249, (iii) 7250, (iv) 7252, (v) 7253, (vi) 7254, (vii) 7255, (viii) 7257, (ix) 7258, (x) 7259, (xi) 7260, (xii) 7261, (xiii) 7262, (xiv) 7263, (xv) 7264, (xvi) 7265, (xvii) 7267, (xviii) 7268, (xix) 7277 and (xx) 7212.

1538 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What are the procedures visitors must follow when delivering parcels to individual asylum seekers in detention.
- (2) What can be delivered.
- (3) When can items be delivered.
- (4) What checks are performed on packages.
- (5) Can visitors give packages directly to detainees; if not, why not.
- (6) Who is responsible for ensuring a package is delivered to a detainee.
- (7) Is it the case that until recently visitors could not leave packages for more than one detainee at a time; if so, (a) when was this policy changed, (b) why was this limit imposed and (c) why was the policy changed.
- (8) What is the reason for this policy.
- (9) Was it set by the Government or by a private security firm.
- (10) Are there records on the number of packages delivered to detainees; if so, will he provide details.

1545 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many (a) barristers and (b) solicitors paid the top marginal rate of income tax during the financial year ended 30 June 2001.

1547 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the common law rule and administrative law maxim that justice must not only be done, it must manifestly be seen to be done.
- (2) Is he also aware that, in the Commissioner of Taxation's annual report on the activities of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the year 2000-2001, there is a chapter titled "Legal Profession Project" (LPP) dealing with persistent tax debtors.
- (3) Does the chapter provide important information in the public interest relating to (a) the investigation of 62 barristers with current practising certificates who had been bankrupt or entered into Bankruptcy Act Part X arrangements in the past decade, (b) strategies for dealing with serial bankrupt barristers, (c) proposed action in relation to the prosecution of 104 barristers who had failed to respond to a demand for lodgment of a tax return by the due date and (d) the Commissioner of Taxation meeting with the NSW Bar Association to share information and discuss opportunities to work together.
- (4) With regard to the sharing of information between the NSW Bar Association and, in light of section 16 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA), (a) what authority does the Commissioner of Taxation have to share such information with the NSW Bar Association, (b) has the Commissioner of Taxation actually shared such information with the NSW Bar Association; if so, what is the nature, or what are the details, of this information and by what legal authority and statutory or other power has the Commissioner shared this information, (c) is the statement on page 63 of the annual report that: the Commissioner has met with the NSW Bar Association to share information and discuss opportunities to work together false; if not, why not and (d) if the Commissioner of Taxation has not met with the NSW Bar Association in furtherance of the annual report 2000-01, when will the Commissioner so meet.
- (5) What power is the Commissioner of Taxation actually using when sharing information referred to in parts (3) and (4), and is this power (a) a power under section 16 of the ITAA; if so, what provision of that section; if not, why not, (b) a power under the exclusionary or exceptions provisions of the Information Privacy Principles under section 14 of the *Privacy Act 1988*; if so, what power; if not, why not, (c) some other statutory power under the ITAA, Privacy Act, other taxation, secrecy, privacy or other statute law; if so, what is that power; if not, why not, (d) a common law power; if so, what is that power, (e) an administrative power; if so, what is that power, (f) a prerogative power; if so, what is that power or (g) some other power; if so, what is that power.
- (6) What priority is the Commissioner of Taxation giving to the prosecution of serial bankrupt barristers, in particular the prosecution of the 104 cases mentioned in the annual report.
- (7) What remedy is there to eliminate the high number of barristers who fail to lodge a tax return and fail to pay their assessed and fair share of tax.

1548 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why does the 2001-2002 annual report on the activities of the Australian Taxation Office omit a chapter titled "Legal Profession Project" (LPP) which appeared in the 2000-2001 annual report.
- (2) Where can the report of the activities of the LPP be found for the period 2001-2002.

- (3) Does the LPP still exist; if so, what is the nature of its work and to whom does it report.

1549 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the information provided at page 63 by the Commissioner of Taxation in the annual report of 2000-2001 that 590 barristers had income tax debts of about \$52 million, what is the current sum of the outstanding tax debt to be collected from barristers in NSW.
- (2) Does the drop in the number of barristers with outstanding debts from 590 to 432 from 1999-2000 to the 2000-2001 demonstrate the success of the Legal Profession Project (LPP); if so, how; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the success in the project supported by the statistics cited by the Commissioner of Taxation on page 63 of the 2000-2001 annual report that overall the number of cases for barristers decreased 26 per cent, and the total debt dropped 14 per cent; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (4) Did he see that segment of the annual report at page 64 titled "Be more involved with trustees" in which the cases of *Re: Davison – Special Case to the Full Court of the Federal Court* and subsequently reported as *In the matter of Davison, Donnelly v Davison [2000] FCA 1396 (6 October 2000)* are cited; if so, how has the Commissioner of Taxation more vigorously pursued debt recovery involving barristers using trusts to avoid tax.
- (5) Has he been made aware of the five judgments in the Federal Court of Australia of (a) *Prentice v Cummins* [2002] FCA 1140 (13 September 2002), (b) *Prentice v Cummins* [2002] FCA 1165 (19 September 2002), (c) *Prentice v Cummins* [2002] FCA 1172 (19 September 2002), (d) *Prentice v Cummins* (No. 4) [2002] FCA 1215 (2 October 2002) and (e) *Prentice v Cummins* (No. 5) [2002] FCA 1503 (5 December 2002); if not, why not.
- (6) In the matter of *Prentice v Cummins* No.5 (Fed Ct Ref N7481 of 2002) is he aware that the reported judgment notes that Mr Cummins became bankrupt by his own petition in December 2000 and that between 1995 and early 2000, Mr Cummins failed to lodge any income tax returns and owed an estimated \$955,672.92 in unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Taxation.
- (7) Is he aware that the said report in N7481 notes that the trustees of the bankrupt estate of Mr Cummins seek to recover certain property or funds said to have been transferred by Mr Cummins to his wife and to the trustee of the Cummins Family Trust.
- (8) Is he aware that, in like fashion, there was also an intent to transfer property out of the reach of creditors in the pending proceedings before a full examination by the Federal Court of Australia on 19-20 February 2003 in the matter of Mr Stephen Archer, a former barrister now the subject of his third serial bankruptcy.
- (9) In light of the similarity of facts between the Cummins and Archer matters with intent to transfer property out of reach of creditors, can he say whether the Commissioner of Taxation is prosecuting with full force, his powers under section 121 of the Bankruptcy Act and elsewhere, with respect to those 590 barristers deliberately transferring property or other assets so as to defeat creditors, principally, the Commissioner of Taxation; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (10) What is the number and percentage of those 590 barristers who are engaged in activities to defeat creditors involving (a) the transfer of their personal assets into family trusts, (b) the transfer of their personal assets to their spouses and (c) other transfers, gifts etc. whilst still having significant outstanding debts to creditors, principally the Commissioner of Taxation.
- (11) Is he able to say how widespread is the practice of what may be described as asset stripping amongst barristers in NSW and in the other membership lists of the Bar Associations of all the States and Territories; if so, how; if not, why not.

1550 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the Commissioner of Taxation's annual report of 2000-2001 in which it is reported that the Commissioner has demanded that 771 barristers lodge tax returns, (a) how many returns have been lodged by those 771 barristers and (b) how many returns are outstanding.
- (2) What are the details of the "outstanding years" of those 771 barristers who have one or more years of outstanding tax returns.
- (3) With respect to the Commissioner of Taxation's report that only 56 per cent of the NSW Bar Association were current with their tax returns, what are the current numerical and percentile break-ups of both data and statistics in number of years for outstanding non-lodgments of tax returns by barristers in NSW.
- (4) What action is being taken to arrest the high percentile of barristers who have one or more years of outstanding income tax returns.

- (5) What does the Commissioner of Taxation define as a serial offender of non-compliance with taxation law, in particular, non-lodgment of tax returns.
- (6) Is a serial offender a barrister with a history of (a) two or more consecutive years of non-lodgment or (b) two or more years of non-lodgment, whether consecutive or not, or is there some other definition; if so, what is that definition.
- (7) What is the total number of barristers registered throughout all Bar Association Registries in each of the States and Territory Bar Associations, who have described themselves by this occupation when filing and for the purposes of lodging their tax returns.
- (8) Can he confirm the existence of certain barristers who declare themselves to be within either (a) Australian Taxation Office Business Industry Codes (BIC) or (b) other occupations other than as barrister as defined under the BIC or as a barrister yet lodging under another BIC, yet still be practising effectively as a barrister for fee for service; if so, what is the number and percentile of those barristers practising yet not declaring themselves to be barristers for taxation purposes.

1551 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the omission of the activities of the Legal Profession Project from the Commissioner of Taxation's annual report of 2001-2002 have any relationship with the revelations that disgraced barrister John Cummins QC had not lodged an income tax return for forty-five years; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Commissioner of Taxation report on the activities of the Legal Profession Project in future annual reports; if not, why not.

1552 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report by Valerie Lawson titled "Tax-free QC wigs up for the old day job" which appeared on page 3 of *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 26 February 2003 and claiming that Mr Clarrie Stevens, QC had not paid any income tax for more than fifteen years.
- (2) Is he aware that the report notes that Mr Stevens is known to be in practise for 28 years, a senior counsel for 11 years and specialised in tax advice for much of his career'
- (3) Is he able to say on what grounds the Supreme Court of NSW granted an extension of time in which Mr Stevens could file an appeal against being removed from the roll and under what power did Mr Stevens seek this extension; if so, what are those grounds and what is the power; if not, why not.
- (4) What action is he taking to ensure that the common law and administrative maxim that justice is not only done, but manifestly seen to be done is applied to ensure that public confidence is restored to the legal profession.
- (5) What legislative or other action is he taking to arrest the problem of practising barristers who are serial rorters of the legal system using taxation, family law and bankruptcy provisions to systematically suit their own ends

5 March 2003

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

- (1) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 18 if the Perth Terminal Control Unit (TCU) is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 18 Air Traffic Controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Perth TCU will require only 18 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 15 if the Adelaide TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 15 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been completed to show that the Adelaide TCU will only require 15 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (3) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 66 if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training

requirements can be achieved with 66 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Sydney TCU will only require 66 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.

- (4) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that 34 support positions, including management, training and data staff can be made redundant if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, what documented analysis has been conducted to determine how each job can be made redundant without adding extra resources in Melbourne; if no analysis has been completed, why not.
- (5) Has Airservices Australia developed a detailed resource and training plan for TCU consolidation that identifies: (a) where each replacement terminal controller will be sourced, (b) where additional controllers will be sourced to release others to TCU training, (c) how normal ongoing training, including ab initio, refresher, cross stream and project and procedure development training requirements will be accommodated, and (d) what training staff and resources will be required to meet this training demand; if not, why not.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it will rely on third-party service providers to transfer communication, radar and computer data to the Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCUs if they are consolidated to the Melbourne centre and if so, are the existing reliability levels of these third-party provided systems adequate for a consolidated TCU structure.
- (7) Is it the case that the third-party maintained radio link between the Sydney and Brisbane oceanic sector failed at least 11 times last year and that the satellite links that relay radio and/or radar data to the Melbourne and Brisbane centres failed at least four times since January 2001; if so, how will Airservices Australia ensure these failures will not continue to occur if TCU consolidation goes ahead.
- (8) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*provide the basis for increased standardisation and safety in the future*”; if so, (a) what documented analysis of existing procedures has been completed that identifies those that require increased standardisation, (b) what remedial plans have been developed that will ensure that increased standardisation will be achieved by a consolidated TCU structure, (c) what safety deficiencies have been identified and documented with the present distributed TCU structure, and (d) what documented analysis has been completed that proves that consolidating the TCUs to Melbourne will rectify these deficiencies.
- (9) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*reduce cost of service delivery and thereby the price*” charged to the aviation industry and that the amount of the planned reductions in charges to the aviation industry would be finalised at the end of the consultation period that ended in 2002; if so, (a) what is the amount of the cost reduction calculated by Airservices Australia if TCU consolidation goes ahead, and (b) has Airservices Australia calculated the difference between the charges that would apply if TCU consolidation proceeds compared to those that would apply if it does not, and if not, why not.
- (10) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*ensure service delivery is appropriately structured*”; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to identify deficiencies in Airservices Australia’s present service delivery standards, (b) what plans have been developed to ensure that TCU consolidation will result in appropriately structured service delivery, and (c) what benefits will result for Airservices Australia’s customers when service delivery is appropriately structured.
- (11) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that “*probably one of the greater benefits of integration is the possibility that is offered to integrate sectors*”; if so, (a) what sectors will be integrated, (b) what analysis has been conducted to determine that these sectors can be integrated, (c) why were not the sector reduction targets in the Air Traffic Management Benefits Program achieved, (d) what history “*has proven that it is much more difficult to integrate sectors if those sectors are not all within the one facility*”, and (e) were sectors integrated as a result of the Canberra TCU being consolidated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility and, if no sector integration occurred then, why not.
- (12) Is it the case that Airservices’ Australia’s predecessor, the Civil Aviation Authority, advised in June 1994 that the consolidation of enroute sectors would allow Sydney arrivals south and Melbourne sector 7 to be combined thus saving \$500,000 p.a. in staff costs; if so, (a) did this occur and if not, why not, (b) what comparative analysis has been completed that demonstrates that the consolidation of the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs will facilitate sector integration whereas the integration of the Canberra TCU and Sydney enroute sectors to Melbourne did not, and (c) if no comparative

analysis has been completed, how has Airservices Australia established that TCU consolidation will facilitate sector integration.

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

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

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

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

1571 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—How many extraordinary general meetings have been called in each of the last five years by shareholders of public companies compared to those initiated by the boards of public companies.

1572 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports that Mr Clarrie Stevens, QC, did not lodge an income tax return for twenty years whilst practising as a barrister between 1976 and 1996; if not, why not.
- (2) Is it the case that Mr Stevens has acted for the Taxation Commissioner; if so, on how many occasions has he been retained by the Taxation Commissioner and for what periods of time.
- (3) What checks does the Taxation Commissioner undertake before retaining the services of a member of the legal profession.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the Taxation Commissioner considered the question of whether Mr Stevens is of good fame and character before retaining his services; if so, what were those considerations and when was this question considered, if not, why not.
- (5) Is there a procedure whereby the Commissioner of Taxation determines the good fame and character of a legal practitioner retained for the purposes of assisting/representing him in litigation, policy advice, and/or legal work; if so, what is that procedure, if not, why not.
- (6) Are there criteria by which the Taxation Commissioner appoints, retains, employs or otherwise engages legal practitioners on a fee-for-service basis; if not, why not.

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- 1577 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Newstart Allowance recipients reside in (a) Western Australia and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 6018, (ii) 6019, (iii) 6020, (iv) 6021, (v) 6022, (vi) 6029, (vii) 6060, (viii) 6061 and (ix) 6062.
- 1579 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Western Australia and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 6018, (ii) 6019, (iii) 6020, (iv) 6021, (v) 6022, (vi) 6029, (vii) 6060, (viii) 6061 and (ix) 6062.
- 1586 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to your answer to question No. 155 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2003, page 647) is he able to say whether the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) keeps records that are easily accessible on computer about the matters it deals with.
 - (2) Does the ATO prepare management reports on the performance of its divisions that deal with the timeframe of cases that it deals with; if so, would these management reports contain information that would assist in easily answering question No. 155; if not, what type of records are generated to measure its internal performance.
 - (3) Why the many parts of question No. 155, which can be answered “yes” or “no”, would require a significant diversion of resources to collate the information.
 - (4) Will he provide the House with an indication of the level of resources or cost that would be required to answer question No. 155.
 - (5) Can he explain why it took over 12 months to state that he was not prepared to answer the specifics in question No. 155.
- 1587 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to paragraph (3) of your reply to question No. 43 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2003, page 647) what are the external sources from which he gathered the information that 69.2% of barristers declared a taxable income in excess of \$60,000 for the financial year 2000-01.
 - (2) Is it the case that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), on the basis of its own records, cannot provide information on the number and percentage of self-employed barristers who paid the top marginal rate of income tax for the financial year 2000-01; if so, why.
 - (3) On the basis of the ATOs internal records in relation to those taxpayers who describe their occupation to the Taxation Commissioner as a self-employed barrister, what is the number and percentage of those self-employed barristers who paid the top marginal rate of income tax for the financial year 2000-01.
 - (4) On the basis of the ATOs internal records in relation to those taxpayers who describe their occupation to the Taxation Commissioner as a solicitor or lawyer, what is the number and percentage of those self-employed solicitors or lawyers who paid the top marginal rate of income tax for the financial year 2000-01.
- 1588 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors or lawyers, registered with any Bar Association or Law Society, do not have a tax file number.
- 1589 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the total number of taxpayers recorded by the Australian Tax Office under the industry code No. 78410 it uses to identify taxpayers engaged in the following legal services occupations: advocates, barristers, conveyancing services, legal aid services, notaries and solicitors.
- 1590 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What was the amount of taxpayer-debt carried by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) immediately before the introduction of the New Taxation System.
 - (2) What is the current amount of taxpayer-debt carried by the ATO.
- 1591 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that Mr Bill Davison, SC, has been made bankrupt twice in 1992 and 1999; if not, why not.
 - (2) Can he confirm reports that Mr Davison has paid no tax for 4 years despite earning substantial income; if not, why not.

- (3) Can he confirm reports that Mr Davison owes approximately \$2 million of unpaid taxes; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware that Mr Davison claims that he has no assets and that his wife owns the million dollar home that they live in and that they both drive Mercedes Benz motor vehicles.
- (5) What is the Taxation Commissioner doing to ensure that Mr Davison pays his debts to the Australian Taxation Office.
- (6) Have Mr Davison's services ever been retained by the Commonwealth; if so, on how many occasions, for what periods of time and for what purposes.

1592 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports that Mr Timothy Wardell, a barrister, went bankrupt in 2000 owing \$1 million to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO); if not, why not.
- (2) Has he been advised that Mr Wardell told the Federal Court that he had no assets even though court documents proved that he had an income of \$350,000 per annum, drove a BMW motor vehicle and lived in Sydney near the waterfront; if not, why not.
- (3) What has the Taxation Commissioner done to ensure that Mr Wardell pays his debts to the ATO.
- (4) Have Mr Wardell's services ever been retained by the Commonwealth; if so, on how many occasions, for what periods of time and for what purposes.

1593 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Mr Wayne Baffsky, a barrister practising criminal law, who did not lodge income tax returns during 1998 or 1999 and was subsequently bankrupted by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in February 2000 owing \$442,000.
- (2) Is he aware that Mr Baffsky continues to drive a \$70,000 red Mustang motor-vehicle.
- (3) What is the total amount of tax to date that the ATO has forgone in relation to the case of Mr Baffsky.
- (4) Have Mr Baffsky's services ever been retained by the Commonwealth; if so, on how many occasions, for what periods of time and for what purposes.

1594 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many public examinations of members of the legal profession, who have employed bankruptcy or family law to avoid paying tax, have occurred in the Federal Court Registry since 16 August 2000.

1596 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—In accordance with the Australian Taxation Office's Seminar Program, as reported on page 128 of the Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report 2001-02, has the Taxation Commissioner conducted any seminars to promote compliance from the barristers who use bankruptcy and family law to avoid paying tax; if so, what are the details, if not, why not.

1597 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect to the Australian Taxation Office's "ATOconcern" confidential service, as reported on page 134 of the Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report 2001-02, have any members of staff of the ATO voiced their concerns or complained about the roting of the taxation system by members of the legal profession.
- (2) What is the total number of complaints about members of the legal profession made by staff to this service since the service was instituted in August 1998.

1602 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) In respect to the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Report 2000-01 where it was reported on page 64 that the Attorney-General and the Assistant Treasurer had established a bankruptcy task force to determine any changes needed to bankruptcy, taxation or other laws to ensure that members of the legal profession may not use bankruptcy as a means of avoiding their tax obligations; what recommendations has the taskforce made to date.
- (2) Have any recommendations been implemented; if so, what are the details, if not, why not.

1606 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports, including those on *Foreign Correspondent* on ABC TV on 4 March 2003, that a Saudi Arabian charity was responsible for funding the terrorist attacks in Bali in October 2002.
- (2) Has he raised the question of funding of Jemaah Islamiah (JI) and the Bali attacks with the Saudi or Indonesian government; if so, what was the result of those representations.
- (3) Is he aware of any money from individuals, corporations or charities in Australia going to the Al-Haramain charity in Saudi Arabia, which is suspected of funding terrorism; if so (a) does the group

have any representatives or offices in Australia, and (b) does the group have any connection with any organisations or individuals in Australia.

- (4) Has the Minister heard of the World Assembly of Moslem Youth, which is also suspected of funding terrorism; if so, (a) does the Assembly have any representatives or offices in Australia, and (b) does the Assembly have any connection with any organisations or individuals in Australia.
- (5) Is he aware of any money from individuals, corporations or charities in Australia going to the Assembly

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1611 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Vehicle Safety Standards Branch of his Department have a client service charter; if so, what is it and what penalties, action or processes apply, or are taken, if a member of the public alleges or proves that the client service charter has been breached with respect to their treatment by a Departmental officer.
- (2) What action is taken by him or his office when a member of the public alleges or proves to him that his Department's client service charter has been breached by an officer and who is responsible if that action is not taken.
- (3) What action is taken by the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services when a member of the public alleges and proves to him that the Department's client service charter has been breached by an officer and who is responsible if that action is not taken.
- (4) Has any action been taken by him, his office or the Secretary of the Department in relation to allegations by Mr Colin G. Young that certain officers have seriously breached the client service charter; if not, why not.
- (5) Did an officer of the Department of Transport and Regional Services send a copy of a highly-confidential letter addressed to Mr Young to any individual, company or organisation who had no reason to know the contents of the letter; if so (a) who, (b) why and (c) did that officer have Mr Young's permission to do so; if not, why not.
- (6) Further to paragraph 5, if a letter was sent, on whose behalf and/or on whose authority did that officer take that action, and why.
- (7) In respect to information posted on the Department of Transport and Regional Services' Road Vehicle Certification Scheme website in relation to vehicle approval issues: can that information (a) be taken as being true and correct; if not, why not, (b) what is the purpose of having that vital information displayed when it is used in relation to registering motor vehicles, and (c) what is the status of that information and have readers and users of that information always been so advised; if not, why not.
- (8) Do all Honda CR-V and Nissan X-trail motor vehicles comply with all Australian Design Rules relating to vehicle lighting; if not, why not.
- (9) Will all full-volume ADR 73/00-complianced vehicles that do not have a pictogram that is in precise accordance with that specified in the ADR be recalled and rectified; if not, why not.
- (10) Can a Compliance Plate Approval held by a company at the time it is wound up, put into liquidation or ceases to trade, be transferred to another newly-formed company formed by the proprietor/director of the former company; has he and the Administrator consistently refused to answer this simple yes/no question; if so, why.
- (11) What avenues of redress or appeal are available to members of the public with a grievance about their treatment by, or decisions taken, by officers in the Vehicle Standards Section of the Department of Transport and Regional Services.
- (12) Did an officer of the Department of Transport and Regional Services send, via fax, an "advance copy" of a registered mail letter from the Administrator addressed to Mr Young, to any individual, company or organisation, who had no reason to know the contents of the letter, and if so (a) who, (b) why and (c) did that officer have the permission of Mr Young to do so; if not, why not.
- (13) Did an officer of the Department of Transport and Regional Services ask Mr Young's office for Mr Young's home address; if so, (a) what legal and ethical reason in relation to the officer's duties with the Department did the officer have for doing so, and (b) why was this officer permitted to remain involved with matters concerning Mr Young and his colleagues and clients, when extremely grave complaints, involving breaches of privacy and confidentiality, lying and defamation, had been laid against the officer.

- (14) What avenues of redress or appeal are available to members of the public with a grievance about serious breaches of the Australian Public Service and Senior Executive Service “Values” and “Code of Conduct” by officers in the Vehicle Standards Section of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and is he aware of complaints of heinous breaches by officers, including the Administrator; if so, what action has he taken to address these matters.
- (15) Has he received letters from Mr Young regarding allegations of serious breaches by officers of his Department; if so, (a) on what date(s) were they received, (b) what date(s) did he respond and (c) if he has not responded, why not.
- (16) Did the Administrator receive a notification of a suspected serious ADR safety violation involving a power-window exerting too much force in respect to a large-selling fully-complianced motor vehicle; if so, what action was taken and, if no action was taken, why not.
- (17) Can he confirm that the Vehicle Standards Administrator has consistently refused to answer a number of serious items raised by Mr Young; if so, when did he become aware of this and when will he ensure that all matters raised are responded to.
- (18) Can he confirm that the Vehicle Standards Administrator, when investigating complaints that an officer had publicly stated that Mr Young and four of his colleagues/clients “had a conspiracy to illegally import and register motor vehicles”, had (a) produced an important document that was alleged to be “obviously fraudulent” when in fact it was printed from the Vehicle Safety Standards internet site, (b) asked only the officer for his comments and (c) did not ask any of the five aggrieved parties for their comments or to see the statutory declarations that had been prepared.
- (19) Can he confirm that the Administrator advised him and/or his office, either directly or indirectly, that the above complaints had been investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
- (20) Did he or his office ensure that this investigation by the Administrator was thorough, professional, transparent and in accordance with all the applicable Values, Codes of Conduct, Charters and principles of natural-justice; if not, why not and what action will he now take as a consequence.
- (21) Can he confirm that Compliance Plate Approval application 29674 was received on 6 September 2002; if so, (a) what action has been taken to date to process it, (b) if no action has been taken, is this consistent with the standard timeframes for handling such applications: if not, what is the reason for the delay.
- (22) Does the law provide that while certain vehicles do not have to comply with certain ADR’s (because of their date of manufacture), they nevertheless must comply with certain aspects of those ADR’s; if so, did the Administrator refuse to provide Mr Young with details of the law; if the law does not so provide, why does the Vehicle Standards Section insist that those vehicles do have to comply.
- (23) How many complaints and/or grievances have been made against the Vehicle Standards Section in each of the past five years and how much has it cost to attend to them.
- (24) How many Freedom of Information requests have been lodged for information held by the Vehicle Standards Section in each of the last five years and how much has it cost to process them.
- (25) How many Administrative Appeals Tribunal appeals have been lodged against decisions or actions of the Vehicle Standards Section in each of the past five years, what has been the outcome of each appeal and what has been the cost to the Department, or any other Commonwealth Department, of each appeal.

1612 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Would he define precisely the roles of the Governor-General and Prime Minister in relation to membership of, and authority over, the Australian Defence Forces.
- (2) In respect to the decision of the Prime Minister made at a meeting of the National Security Council (NSC) on or about 10 January 2003 to commit an advance deployment of Australian Defence Forces to the Persian Gulf; (a) was the Governor-General present at this meeting; and (b) what prior reference was made by the Prime Minister to the Governor-General in making the decision to advance deploy Australian service men and women.
- (3) What was the stated purpose of the advance deployment and has that purpose changed since the decision was made.
- (4) In reference to the article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 11-12 January 2003 that reported that the advance deployment would likely take part in sabotage, reconnaissance and incursion; is the quote attributed to the Prime Minister in this article accurate as reported; if not, what are the inaccuracies in the newspaper report and what did the Prime Minister actually say to the press on that occasion.

1613 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many ministerial statements have been made in the years 1996 to 2003.
- (2) In respect of each ministerial statement: (a) what was the name and portfolio of the Minister who made it, (b) on what date was it made and (c) was it published.
- (3) In respect to each ministerial statement that was published; (a) how many copies were printed, (b) what was the cost of publication and (c) what was the method of distribution of the printed material.

1614 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many Tax File Numbers (TFN) have been issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (2) How many TFNs have been: (a) associated with the lodgement of a tax return in the last 12 months, (b) not associated with the submission of a tax return in the last 12 months and (c) found by the ATO to be inactive or no longer operational.
- (3) What are the criteria for determining the continuing use or functionality of a TFN.
- (4) Has the ATO found cases of the issue of multiple TFNs to any individual; if so, (a) is there any legitimate reason for an individual to be issued with multiple TFNs, (b) how many instances of multiple TFN issues have been found, and (c) what is the highest number of TFNs that have been issued to an individual.
- (5) Does the issue of multiple TFNs provide opportunities to attempt the commission of taxation fraud.
- (6) Does the ATO undertake any data matching to reduce the instances of multiple issue of TFNs.
- (7) What steps has the ATO taken to eliminate or reduce instances of multiple TFN issue.

1615 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many Australian Business Numbers (ABN) have been issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (2) How many ABNs have been: (a) associated with the lodgement of a GST return in the last 12 months, (b) not associated with the submission of a GST return in the last 12 months and (c) found by the ATO to be inactive or no longer operational.
- (3) What are the criteria for determining the continuing use or functionality of an ABN.
- (4) Has the ATO found cases of the issue of multiple ABNs to any registered entity; if so, (a) is there any legitimate reason for any entity being issued with multiple ABNs, (b) how many instances of multiple ABN issues have been found, and (c) what is the highest number of ABNs that have been issued to a single entity.
- (5) Does the issue of multiple ABNs provide opportunities to attempt the commission of taxation fraud.
- (6) Does the ATO undertake any data matching to reduce the instances of multiple issue of ABNs.
- (7) What steps has the ATO taken to eliminate or reduce instances of multiple ABN issue.

1618 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that Mr Roger de Robilliard, a barrister, appeared before the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 5 March 2003 for not filing a tax return since 1997.
- (2) On how many occasions since 1997 has the Australian Taxation Office written to Mr Robilliard demanding that he lodge a tax return.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Attorney-General (questions Nos. 1620 - 1637)—Have any of the following barristers: Mr John Cummins, QC, Mr Stephen Archer, SC, Mr Clarrie Stevens, QC, Mr Bill Davison, SC, Mr Timothy Wardell, Mr Wayne Baffsky, Mr Robert Somosi or Mr Roger de Robilliard, all of whom have appeared before the Courts in relation to very serious breaches of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, ever been retained by their Departments or Agencies in their portfolio; if so, (a) on how many occasions (b) for what periods of time and (c) for what purposes.

1638 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of all taxpayers paid the top marginal rate of income tax during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

1639 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 1203 (*Hansard*, 13 February 2003, page 908), in what way is the Government giving further consideration to the issues contained in parts 5 to 8 of that question.
- (2) What matters are specifically being considered.
- (3) Has he received advice from the Commissioner of Taxation on these issues; if so, what was that advice.

- 1640 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What investigations are currently being undertaken in the Australian Taxation Office with respect to (a) breaches of the Income Tax Assessment Act by barristers with residential addresses or normal places of business located in the State of Queensland and (b) with respect to use of the following legal instruments for the express or substantive intention of avoiding or evading taxation: (i) Family Trusts in equity law, (ii) Property Orders under the Family Law Act, (iii) Debtors' petitions under the Bankruptcy Act, (iv) any other legal instrument, lawful in itself, yet with the intention of being used to put the assets of the barrister out of the reach of their sole or principal creditor, the Commissioner of Taxation; if there are no investigations into these issues, why not.
- 1641 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of those practitioners in the following Business Industry Codes pay the top marginal rate of income tax: (a) 86110 which includes: eye hospitals, hospital operation – except psychiatric, dental or veterinary hospitals, maternity hospital operation, obstetric hospital operation, psychiatric hospital, convalescent homes, hospice operation, and nursing home operation, (b) 86210 which includes: clinic – medical practice, general practice, flying doctor service, general practitioner – medical, and medical service, (c) 86221 – anaesthetist, (d) 86222 – consultant physician, (e) 86223 – dermatologist, (f) 86224 – gynaecologist, (g) 86225 – pathologist, (h) 86226 – psychiatrist, (i) 86227 which includes: radiologist and radiologist services, (j) 86228 which includes: allergist, medical service – specialist, neurologist, ophthalmologist, otorhinolaryngologist, paediatrician, plastic surgeon, rheumatologist, specialist medical practitioner, surgeon – medical, thoracic specialist and urologist, (k) 86230 which includes: clinic – dental, dental hospital operation, dental surgeon, endodontist, oral pathologist, orthodontist, paedodontist, periodontist and prosthodontist, (l) 86320 which includes: contact lenses dispensing, eye testing – optometrist, optical dispensing, optician, orthoptist and spectacles dispensing, (m) 78420 which includes: accountant, accounting service, auditing service, bookkeeping service and tax agent and (n) all business activities listed under code 86392.
- 1643 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) With respect to cockpit security on commercial aircraft, has he mandated the installation of cockpit security systems in all commercial aircraft; if not, why not; if so, what has been mandated and does it apply to domestic and international operations.
 - (2) Has the International Civil Aviation Organisation provided any direction or directive on the provision on such systems; if so, what.
 - (3) What is the timeframe for action by the Australian Government on this issue.
 - (4) Is he aware of the Australian made AACE Flightsafe system; if so, has he assessed its effectiveness relative to other systems produced overseas; if not, why not.
- 1648 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What strategy does the Government have in place to address issues such as homelessness induced by funding cuts under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
 - (2) How many people are homeless in (a) Australia and (b) each State and Territory.
 - (3) How many people are homeless in each federal electoral division and, in particular, the electoral divisions of Oxley and Blair.
- 1649 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Is the Government planning to continue program funding under the Men and Family Relationship Initiative within the context of the Partnerships Against Domestic Violence Strategy beyond June 2003; if not, what will replace this program.

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- 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 Attorney-General (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.

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*.

1681 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (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. 1691 - 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.

1691 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1692 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

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.

1697 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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1707 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many detained asylum seekers have died in Australia (including Christmas Island) in a detention centre or in a hospital or other place to which they might have been taken while under detention in each year since the introduction of mandatory detention in 1989; of those deaths in each year, how many were: (a) women, and (b) children.
- (2) How many died: (a) prior to a first determination being made about their claim, and (b) prior to a final determination.
- (3) In respect of each detainee who died: (a) in which detention centre were they detained, (b) how long had they been detained, (c) what was the cause of death, and (d) how was the cause of death established.

1709 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many refugees on temporary protection visas have died while in Australia in each year since 1999.
- (2) How many inquests into the deaths: (a) have been completed, and (b) are in process but have not been completed.
- (3) Have any of the deaths not been investigated by an inquest; if so, why.
- (4) Do State and Territory Coroners have jurisdiction into the deaths of asylum seekers which occur in Commonwealth detention centres.
- (5) In respect of each completed inquest: (a) what were the findings and recommendations of the Coroner, (b) have the staff of his Department or Australasian Correctional Management Pty Ltd (ACM) been criticised for: (i) the treatment of the deceased, (ii) the treatment of the deceased's family, or (iii) failure to provide adequate documentation and information to the inquest; if so, what are the details of the criticism; (c) were changes recommended to: (i) the conditions of detention, (ii) departmental practices, (iii) the practices of ACM, (iv) the provision of medical care, or (v) access to medical services including counselling services; if so, what are the details; and (e) have similar recommendations been made in more than one coronial report; if so, what are they.
- (6) How many deaths have been attributed to suicide and, in respect of these deaths, did the Coroner's findings make any recommendations for changes his Department's staff or ACM staff should make to procedures; if so, what were those recommendations.

1710 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the procedures for dealing with the deaths of asylum seekers detained under Australian jurisdiction, and the treatment of their relatives, what are the procedures or protocols his Department uses to deal with: (a) deaths of asylum seekers in detention or in a hospital or other place to which they were removed from a place of detention, and (b) the deaths of refugees on temporary protection visas.
- (2) What is his Department's protocol for burial of the deceased.
- (3) What are his Department's policies, procedures or guidelines for dealing with close relatives and friends at the time of death and/or in the period leading up to death, and how does it ensure that these are implemented.
- (4) What are his Department's processes for the internal review of: (a) deaths in detention facilities or in a hospital or other place to which an asylum seeker was removed from a place of detention, and (b) of deaths of refugees on temporary protection visas.
- (5) Is his Department responsible for informing families of the deceased of their rights in respect of: (a) requesting a Coronial inquest, or (b) representation at any Coronial process or inquest; if so, what procedures does it have to fulfil this responsibility and how does it ensure they are implemented; if not, is he able to say whether these responsibilities lie with the Coroner in each jurisdiction.

1711 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—How many applications for temporary protection visas has his Department received from followers of Falun Gong or Falun Dafa and how many of these applications have been approved to date.

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- 1716 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Why he is proposing the introduction of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for overseas students wanting to undertake secondary or other studies in Australia and how will this English language testing assist to ensure compliance with visa conditions.
 - (2) How will this change crack down on educational institutions with high non-compliance records.
 - (3) Why has he chosen a process that targets applicants from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and bypasses UK applicants, when UK visitors have a relatively high non-compliance rate of 11% against the Chinese visitors' non-compliance rate of 5%.
 - (4) What research has his Department undertaken to investigate the impact this will have on Australian educational institutions and their viability, given that it is estimated that this proposal will reduce the number of students from the largest market, China, by up to 90%.
 - (5) How, when, where and with whom were consultations undertaken in relation to the proposed IELTS testing.
 - (6) What measures will his Department take to ensure the visa processing time for PRC applicants does not extend beyond the current 16 week period.
 - (7) If and when is he planning to implement these proposed changes and what notice of the changes does he intend to give to educational institutions if the changes are implanted.
- 1720 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of research released by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission on 24 February 2003 on the phenomenon of cyber-racism; if so, does the research show that the Internet is being used to promote: (a) notions of racial superiority and violence, (b) racist groups, (c) extremist literature, (d) race hate music, and (e) racist games, via email, websites, chat rooms, newsgroups and web order catalogues.
 - (2) Do the aims of the Living in Harmony initiative include an effective focus upon combating racism and encouraging respect, goodwill and understanding between Australians of all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds and does the prevalence of cyber-racism run counter to these aims; if so, what actions, if any, has he taken to initiate suitable educational measures to alert the Internet industry and users of the Internet to the need to combat the phenomenon.
- 1723 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—Further to the answer to question No. 1111 (*Hansard*, 18 March 2003, page 12622) concerning the Centenary of Federation, was travelling allowance payable to members of the National Council of the Centenary of Federation in addition to their daily sitting fees; if so, what was the amount of travelling allowance payable and was this allowance payable irrespective of whether they stayed in commercial accommodation.
- 1727 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has he recently declared his support for human rights in the Middle East; if so, will he now apologise to the parents whom he claimed to have thrown their children overboard during the last Federal election campaign.
- 1734 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Centrelink's International Division is attempting to recoup money it has inadvertently overpaid to recipients of pensions from both Holland and Australia.
 - (2) What number and proportion of pensioners receiving a Dutch and an Australian pension have incurred a debt to the Commonwealth.
 - (3) Recipients of which other overseas pensions are affected and what proportions in those groups have incurred a debt to the Commonwealth.
- 1736 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence —
- (1) Since the introduction of the National Service Medal how many people have been entitled to receive it.
 - (2) To date how many applications for a National Service Medal have been (a) received and (b) issued: (i) nationally, (ii) in each state and territory, and (iii) in the electoral division of Oxley.
 - (3) What is the average time taken to process an application for a National Service Medal.
 - (4) What is the longest time taken to process an application for a National Service Medal.
 - (5) Why has the Government not organised any formal public ceremonies to present the National Service Medal.

(6) Have there been any delays experienced in the delivery of National Service Medals; if so, why.

1745 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the total number of individuals that have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2001-02 and (b) 2002-03 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and (iii) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (2) What was the total number of families that have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2001-02 and (b) 2002-03 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and (iii) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (3) What was the total number of individuals that have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold and were not issued with a Safety Net Card during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-00, (c) 2000-01, (d) 2001-02 and (e) 2002-03.
- (4) What was the total number of families that have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold and were not issued with a Safety Net Card during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-00, (c) 2000-01, (d) 2001-02 and (e) 2002-03.

1748 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—

- (1) On most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (2) On the most recent data, how many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.

1751 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) On the most recent data, how many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (2) On the most recent data, how many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (3) On the most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- (4) On the most recent data, how many age pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.

1752 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
On the most recent data, how many parenting payment single recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) in the postcode areas of (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046 (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.

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1754 **MRS IRWIN**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has the Minister received an evaluation of the Men and Family Relationships initiative prepared by consultants Phoenix Projects; if so, when will the Minister release the findings of the evaluation.
- (2) Will the Minister release the findings of the evaluation before the 2003-2004 Budget is announced.

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1761 **MR MURPHY**: To ask the Treasurer—What is the Australian Taxation Office doing in relation to the investigation of members of the legal profession in States and Territories outside New South Wales who have: (a) failed to lodge tax returns on time, and (b) abused family law and/or bankruptcy as a tool to avoid paying their creditors, particularly the Taxation Commissioner.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1762 - 1765)—Do the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission and the Insolvency and Trustee Service of

Australia share information with a view to each body fulfilling its objectives laid out in its business plan; if not, why not.

1762 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer.

1765 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

1766 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Before appointing magistrates and judges to the bench, does he take steps to ensure that the nominees do not have a history of tax avoidance or any outstanding obligations under Australia's tax laws that would bring into question their suitability to be appointed; if so, what are those steps; if not, why not.
- (2) Before appointing Royal Commissioners and members of Commonwealth Tribunals, does he take steps to ensure that the nominees do not have a history of tax avoidance or any outstanding obligations under Australia's tax laws that would bring into question their suitability to be appointed; if so, what are those steps; if not, why not.

1771 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that *The Age* of 14 March 2003 reported that the ABC Website is outside the coverage of the ABC Code of Practice.
- (2) What media does the ABC Code of Practice cover and, in particular, does it cover Internet content; if not, why not.
- (3) Over what media does the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) have jurisdiction and, in particular, does it cover ABC Internet content; if not, why not.
- (4) Is the ABA restricted to matters covered by the ABC Code of Practice; if so, why.
- (5) What authority does the Government have over the ABC Code of Practice.
- (6) Will the government direct the ABC to bring Internet content under its Code of Practice; if not, why not.

13 May 2003

1796 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Can he provide by institution and in 2001 dollars: (a) a table of university operating surpluses for the financial years ending 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, and (b) an average of university operating surpluses for those years.

1797 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For each State and Territory, what is the accumulated HECS debt for the years 1995 to 2001.

1799 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many public servants worked on the higher education review full- or part-time.
- (2) Over what period of time did each public servant work on the review.
- (3) What was the salary for each public servant who worked on the review.
- (4) What was the total expenditure on travel for each public servant who worked on the review.
- (5) What was the total expenditure on travel for the reference group.
- (6) What were the total sitting costs for the reference group.
- (7) What was the total expenditure on postage for the review.

1800 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Will he provide a full list, including the date and form of publication, of all reports that have been published (including on the internet) without an accompanying press release since 11 November 2001.
- (2) Who determined that the publication of the Anderson report was a 'routine matter'.
- (3) Who decided that the Anderson report should not be accompanied by a media alert.
- (4) Who is typically responsible for determining whether the publication of a report should be accompanied by a media alert.

1801 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—After the current conflict in Iraq is over, what steps is the Government going to take to: (a) make an unambiguous commitment to the peace, (b) develop a foreign policy for our country, which gives primacy to human rights in the context of our

national interests, and (c) commit to a renewed effort to develop international legal rules, which are underpinned by an irreducible commitment to the protection of human rights.

1802 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—In December 2002 or early 2003, was one of the civilians doing work for a defence contractor testing F111 wing flexibility at Amberley found to have forged qualifications; if so: (a) what action was taken, and (b) has the matter been referred to the Australian Federal Police or the Queensland Police Service.

1803 **MR FORREST:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Will he provide a list of all public water storage reservoirs used in the provision of domestic, commercial and agricultural water supply for the whole of the Australian mainland which includes the following information in respect of each water storage reservoir: (a) the average annual yield for the full period the storage has been in use, (b) the annual yield for the storage for each of the past two years, (c) the predicted yield for the current year, (d) the average annual demand for the full period the storage has been in use, and (e) the current available level of storage as a percentage of its full capacity.

1804 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since the adoption of the Advertising for Motor Vehicles Voluntary Code of Practice, how many formal complaints have been lodged with the Advertising Standards Bureau that relate to breaches of the Code.
- (2) Which specific commercials did they relate to and how long did it take for each complaint to be considered and responded to.
- (3) How many commercials have been deemed to have been in breach of the Code, under which sections of the Code were they deemed to have breached and how long did it take for such commercials to be removed from broadcast.
- (4) What is the process for reviewing advertisements following the lodgement of a formal complaint and what right of appeal does both the complainant and the car manufacturer have in response to a decision of the Advertising Standards Bureau.
- (5) What power does the Advertising Standards Bureau have to enforce a decision to remove an advertisement deemed to be in breach of the Code.
- (6) Has any timeframe been set for the assessment of the effectiveness of the Code in promoting safe driving in the community.

1805 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 103 (*Hansard*, 26 March 2003, page 13409) in regard to the Roads of National Importance Program, what requests for funding under this program have been submitted by each State and Territory Government in 2002-03.
- (2) What forward priority proposals or indicative priorities have been submitted for the financial years: (a) 2003-04, (b) 2004-05, and (c) 2005-06.
- (3) Which projects in each State and Territory have been brought to the Government's attention through community representations in: (a) 1999-00, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001-02, and (d) 2002-03, and how many of those projects have received Commonwealth funding.

1806 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Government support linking the extension of the Eastern Freeway to Ringwood with the Scoresby Freeway project; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (2) Was the Government consulted about the Bill before the Victorian Parliament to establish the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority; if so, (a) what was the nature of that consultation, (b) when did it occur, and (c) what will be the Federal Government's involvement in the Authority.
- (3) Is the Federal Government represented on the proposed Authority; if so, in what capacity and by whom; if not, why not.
- (4) In respect of the Scoresby Freeway: (a) how much money has the Federal Government committed in total, (b) how much money has been committed annually over which years, and (c) is the total amount capped; if so, at what level; if not, what is the approval mechanism for additional funds.
- (5) Did the linking of the Eastern Freeway to Ringwood with the Scoresby Freeway project incur, or does it have the potential to incur, additional costs for the Federal Government commitment to road funding in Victoria; if so, what are the details; if not, how is the Federal Government sure that this is the case.

- (6) In respect of the Scoresby Freeway: (a) when is the construction scheduled to commence, (b) what is the expected date of completion of the project, and (c) has the Government been advised of any revised cost estimates for the project by the Victorian Government; if so, (i) when were they advised, (ii) what are the new estimates, and (iii) in which years and/or stage of construction are those additional monies required.
 - (7) Is the Government represented on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby Freeway and Eastern Freeway Extension) Community Advisory Group; if so, in what capacity and by whom; if not, why not.
 - (8) Does the Group have the right to make recommendations on the associated public transport aspects of the project.
 - (9) What is the Victorian Government budget commitment to the Scoresby Freeway project and how has linking that project with the Eastern Freeway Extension impacted on that commitment.
 - (10) What process or protections are in place to ensure that the Federal Government does not become liable for additional expenses associated with the Eastern Freeway Extension now that the projects have been joined.
- 1807 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) In respect of the agreement with Qantas to drop frequent flier arrangements for Members of Parliament in return for cheaper airfares as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 8 February 2002, have the details of this agreement been announced; if so, where; if not, why not.
 - (2) If the agreement is not finalised, when will it be completed and what is the cause of the delay; if the agreement is not intended to be finalised, why not and who made that decision.
 - (3) Will the agreement save taxpayers \$1 million as reported; if not, what are the projected savings and how were they calculated.
 - (4) When will the agreement come into effect.
 - (5) Will the agreement also apply to staff travel; if so, what is the expected saving attributable to discounts from Qantas for staff travel.
 - (6) Who has been undertaking the negotiations on behalf of the Government and how many meetings have occurred.
 - (5) Have meetings been held with any airline(s) other than Qantas to discuss Government discounts or special arrangements; if so, which airlines and what is the detail of any agreed arrangements; if not, why not.
- 1808 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the Ministers' powers under subparagraph 33 (2)(b)(ii) of the Migration Act to establish a new type of Special Purpose Visa (SPV) category for crews on vessels and the stipulation that a SPV will only be taken to be held where the SPV or Continuous Voyage Permit (CVP) was granted in circumstances where "the vessel is an international vessel engaged in a pattern of business that takes it outside Australia on a regular basis", which Department is going to monitor that the vessel goes to a place outside Australia and how will it do so.
 - (2) Is the definition of "regular basis" weekly, monthly or some other period of time, and which Department will monitor that the vessel is not breaching the conditions.
 - (3) What is the definition of a place outside Australia and which ports would be considered outside Australian waters.
 - (4) In respect of the requirement that, at the end of a three month period, the ship and crew are required to leave Australian waters to a place outside Australia: (a) what is the time period for Special Purpose Visas to be re-issued, (b) what measures are in place to satisfy DIMIA that the crew members, during the course of the voyage, have gone to a place outside Australia before they are issued with another Special Purpose Visa, and (c) how will his Department monitor cases where crew on Special Purpose Visas on Continuous Voyage Permits are working beyond the three months limit.
 - (5) Can he confirm that Special Purpose Visas have not been, or are not being issued beyond the three month period, and how will they be monitored and implemented in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Regional Services.
 - (6) What are the fines and penalties, if any, if crew members breach the three month visa condition.
- 1811 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Since March 1996, under Remuneration Tribunal Guidelines, which departmental officers and/or public office-holders have had an entitlement for their spouses to travel, both domestically and internationally, and what conditions apply for approval of such travel.

- (2) What are the details of travel including destinations, reasons for travel and the itemised cost of travel undertaken by spouses of departmental and/or public office-holders in this period.
- 1812 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that construction of a CDMA Tower at the Emergency Management Australia (EMA) site in Mt Macedon commenced without any community consultation; if so, when did the Minister first become aware that the tower was being built.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of the considerable community disquiet regarding the building of this tower.
 - (3) What steps will the Minister be taking to ensure that the community of Mt Macedon and every other community in Australia are properly consulted before the building of such towers.
- 1813 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware that construction of a CDMA Tower at the Emergency Management Australia (EMA) site at Mt Macedon commenced in March.
 - (2) Does he support the use of the EMA site in Mt Macedon for the construction of a CDMA tower.
- 1815 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) For the last 3 years for which data is available, how many formal complaints were received by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission alleging cases of: (a) racial discrimination, (b) racial vilification and (c) discrimination based on religion or belief.
 - (2) In relation to alleged cases of: (a) racial discrimination and (b) racial vilification, what proportion of complaints were submitted by (i) persons from a non-English speaking background, (ii) Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders and (iii) persons from an English speaking background.
 - (3) In relation of alleged cases of racial vilification, how many complaints were made against the media and, of these, how many involved: (a) commercial radio stations, (b) commercial television stations, (c) public radio and television outlets, (d) community broadcasting stations, (e) mainstream newspapers and (f) ethnic newspapers.
 - (4) Over the same period, how many complaints alleging racial discrimination, racial vilification or religious discrimination: (a) were the subject of attempted conciliation, (b) were successfully resolved and (c) resulted in the payment of damages or another form of compensation to the complainant.
- 1816 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) On how many occasions since November 2001 has the Minister appointed someone other than the local Federal Member of Parliament, a Senator representing the State/Territory concerned or a senior officer of his Department to act as the Minister's representative at a ceremony at which Australian citizenship was conferred.
 - (2) In respect of each occasion, what was: (a) the date and venue of the ceremony, and (b) the name and status of the person appointed.
- 1817 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Since November 2001, how many persons not holding the position of Mayor of the local Council has the Minister appointed to be the presiding officer at a ceremony at which Australian citizenship was conferred.
 - (2) In respect of each occasion, what was: (a) the name and status of the person, (b) the number of ceremonies the person has presided over, (c) the venue of each citizenship ceremony, (d) the federal electorate and local government area in which the ceremony was held, and (e) the number of people on whom citizenship was conferred.
- 1818 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) In each State and Territory, which organisations currently hold contracts under the Accommodation Support element of the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy for: (a) finding, providing and maintaining short-term on-arrival accommodation, and (b) finding longer-term rental accommodation and what are the commencement and conclusion dates for each contract.
 - (2) Did the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) hold industry briefings in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in August 2002 for organisations interested in tendering for future Accommodation Support contracts for NSW, Victoria (Melbourne) and Queensland (Brisbane).
 - (3) Have formal Requests for Tenders since been issued for each location; if not, what is the reason for the delay and the expected timetable for doing so.

- (4) Has the Brisbane tender now been finalised; if so, who were the successful tenderer(s); if not, what is the expected timetable for doing so.
 - (5) Did the Request for Tender for the Brisbane contract indicate, at paragraph 3.7.2, that the Central Referral Unit in DIMIA will endeavour to provide service providers with 2-4 weeks notice of impending client arrivals but may at times provide as little as 24 hours notice; if so, what system failures within DIMIA would lead to such inadequate notice being given.
 - (6) How long after arrival are humanitarian and refugee entrants expected to move to longer-term rental accommodation and what financial challenges usually face them in doing so.
 - (7) Has the Department taken any specific measures under the program to help lessen the financial challenges facing humanitarian and refugee entrants; if so, what are the details; if not, does it leave it to charitable organisations and State Government agencies to take responsibility for so doing.
- 1819 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) If there is to be a restructure to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC): (a) what is the rationale for the restructure, and (b) how will it impact on elections and new enrolments.
 - (2) Are there any proposals to out-source the enrolment of new electors or any other functions of the AEC.
 - (3) Would a restructure have any legal implications.
- 1820 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How much has the current Government spent to date on providing training or assistance to persons wanting to bargain collectively under the Trade Practices Act.
 - (2) How was such training or assistance provided.
 - (3) How much does the Government plan to spend on providing such training or assistance in future.
- 1821 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How much has the current Government spent to date on providing training or assistance to employees wanting to bargain collectively under the Workplace Relations Act.
 - (2) How was such training or assistance provided.
 - (3) How much does the Government plan to spend on providing such training or assistance in future.
- 1822 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For each State and Territory over the last five calendar years, what was the number of: (a) orders issued against the Construction and General Division of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union under s.127 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (as an alternative, if the issuance of orders against the Construction and General Division of the CFMEU cannot be ascertained, the number of orders issued against the CFMEU for activities in the building and construction industry), (b) applications to the Federal Court of Australia for enforcement (penalties and/or injunctive relief) pertaining to such orders, and (c) penalties and injunctions issued by the Federal Court of Australia pertaining to such orders and the nature of each of these penalties and injunctions.
- 1823 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will he provide an update on the current position of Mr David Hicks and Mr Mamdouh Habib and the representations that the Australian Government has made to ensure that they have the opportunity to answer criminal charges brought and prosecuted in accordance with the principles of due process.
 - (2) Is he able to say how long the men will be detained before any such charges are brought.
- 1824 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) As part of the process of establishing a free trade agreement between Australia and the United States of America, will there be any Commonwealth structural adjustment programs established (or already in place) to assist firms and their employees that will be disadvantaged or otherwise affected by such a free trade agreement.
 - (2) Do such programs already exist; if so, what are the details ie. name, budget, staffing, in which department they are located, the measures used to assist affected firms and their employees, parties consulted (businesses, employees, trade unions, industry associations).
 - (3) If such programs do not already exist, will the Commonwealth establish such programs.
 - (4) If there are plans to establish such programs, what are the details.
 - (5) Is the Commonwealth aware of such programs in the US.
 - (6) Have there been discussions about such programs with the US negotiators.

1825 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a recent decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which allowed a telecommunications company to install a mobile phone facility on the roof of a Melbourne apartment building without the owners' permission.
- (2) Has his Department obtained advice in respect of the decision; if so, what effect does the decision have on the right of building owners to object to the construction of such facilities on their premises.
- (3) Does the Government intend to legislate in response to the decision.

1827 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Government investigated claims made on the ABC Television program *Four Corners* in 2002 that the Government of the Solomon Islands has entered into an agreement with the Taiwanese Government in which the Solomon Islands is bound to accept and dispose of 500,000 tonnes of toxic waste from Taiwan.
- (2) What is the likely environmental impact of this agreement on the Great Barrier Reef.

1828 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Bendigo Gospel Music Festival Inc, the organisation that conducted the 2002 Bendigo Gospel Music Festival, has been placed in voluntary liquidation.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the 2002 Bendigo Gospel Music Festival, which was conducted from 26-28 April 2002, resulted in a substantial loss, with creditors owed more than \$90,000.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the 2002 Bendigo Gospel Music Festival received a grant of \$18,180 in the 13th grant round of the Festivals Australia Programme in October 2001.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the people behind this incorporated association had conducted two previous private events in Bendigo that also ran at a loss.
- (5) What accountability processes are in place to protect the misuse of public monies.

1829 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the Government's plans to rationalise the shipbuilding industry in Australia, can the Minister advise of any specific plans for the future of the Williamstown shipbuilding yard or plans for the industry that may affect the Williamstown facility's future.
- (2) What are the options currently being considered by the Minister for the future of the industry or specifically the Williamstown shipbuilding yard.
- (3) Will the Minister be making recommendations to Cabinet on the future of any Australian ship building facility.
- (4) What recommendations will he make regarding the Williamstown facility.
- (5) What is the timeframe for any decision by the Government that will affect the future of the Williamstown shipbuilding yard.
- (6) What factors will be taken into account in determining the future of the Williamstown shipbuilding yard.
- (7) Will the Minister ensure the full economic value of the Williamstown shipbuilding facility is properly taken into account in any decision - in particular the skills of the workforce and the access, space and facilities at the yard.
- (8) Will the Minister rule out the consideration of irrelevant factors such as the housing market in residential areas neighbouring the Williamstown shipbuilding facilities.
- (9) Will the Minister undertake to consider the deleterious economic and employment effect on the community in Williamstown and surrounding suburbs, which would arise from the loss of the shipbuilding industry in the area.
- (10) Will the Minister make a commitment to ensure that any decision-making, tender or contract process is open, accountable and subject to public input and consultation.
- (11) Can the Minister give an undertaking that the Government's ownership of the South Australian defence construction facilities will not prejudice the decision-making regarding the Williamstown shipbuilding facility.

1830 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the Australian High Commissioner in Pakistan received any information from Pakistan as to the reasons for their continued detention in Islamabad of Mr Jack Thomas, an Australian citizen; if so, can he provide this information, or an indication of what is contained in this information.
- (2) What charges, if any, might be laid against Mr Thomas by Pakistani authorities.
- (3) Is it the case that the Australian Federal Police has questioned Mr Thomas while he is in detention in Pakistan without the presence of a lawyer; if so, are any charges contemplated as a result of this interrogation.
- (4) Which other Australian agencies have had access to, or have questioned, Mr Thomas while he has been detained in Pakistan.
- (5) Has there been any contact, or representation from, his office to any Ministerial office in Pakistan regarding Mr Thomas; if so, what is the nature of such contact or representations.
- (6) How long is the Government willing to allow Pakistan to hold an Australian national without charge.
- (7) Is Mr Thomas under investigation by Australian authorities; if so, for what.

1831 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has consideration been given to Australian accession to the Second Protocol (The Hague 1999) to the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague 1954) since the end of hostilities in Iraq; if so, what was the decision.
- (2) Have consultations been held with Australia's allies, the United States of America and the United Kingdom, concerning their accession to the Second Protocol; if so, what was the outcome.

1833 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has the Governor-General initiated any kind of legal proceedings or motions in any Australian court during 2003.
- (2) Has the Governor-General initiated any applications for suppression orders with respect to any legal proceedings in any Australian court during 2003.

1834 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer—Since 1 January 2002, on how many occasions have the heads of the following organisations visited Western Australia in their official capacities: (a) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, (b) the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, (c) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, (d) the Productivity Commission, (e) the Australian Taxation Office, and (f) the Reserve Bank.

1835 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Can he confirm the report in the *Northern Territory News* on 26 March 2003 which states that the former Senator for the Northern Territory, Mr Grant Tambling, has been awarded the position of Chair of a panel reviewing the Commonwealth's renewable energy legislation; if so, (a) what is Mr Tambling's salary, and (b) what monetary or other entitlements are provided to Mr Tambling in the position.

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1836 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) In respect of his recent Tweed Heads to Sydney promotional bus tour, how many people were on the bus trip, who were they and on which days were they present.
- (2) How much did the bus trip cost, what is the breakdown of the expenses and who paid for the trip.
- (3) Which media organisations were represented on the bus trip, which journalists were present and did they meet some of the cost of the trip; if so, what proportion.
- (4) Of the 19 towns visited on the trip, how many public meetings were organised to discuss small business and tourism related issues.

1837 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that Australia's current account deficit has: (a) tripled over the past two years, (b) now stands at \$41 billion, and (c) represents approximately 6% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product.
- (2) Can he confirm that Australia's exports are decreasing and Australia's imports are increasing; if not, why not.
- (3) What does he propose to do to reverse these disturbing trends.

1839 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his answer to part (2) of question No. 1109 (*Hansard*, 4 February 2003, page 150) and part (2) of question No. 1334, is it the case that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) did not monitor the state of health of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, between 9 February 2001 and July 2002.
- (2) Between 9 February 2001 and July 2002, did the DPP communicate with anyone about Dr Colston; if so: (a) what was the form of the communication, (b) to whom was the communication directed, and (c) what was the nature of the communication and feedback to him; if the DPP did not communicate with anyone about Dr Colston, why not.
- (3) Do any records exist that prove that the DPP actively monitored the state of health of Dr Colston between 9 February 2001 and July 2002; if so, what are the details of these records.

1840 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his answer to part (6) of question No. 1334, what was the fee to the taxpayer charged by the Professor of Medicine for his report on the examination of Dr Colston he conducted on 10 October 2002.
- (2) Further to his answer to part (7) of question No. 1334, what is the nature of Dr Colston's medical condition that allowed two eminent expert medical specialists to conclude in May 1999 that Dr Colston had only months to live while another expert medical specialist could now conclude that the prognoses offered by the two specialists four years earlier are quite defensible in 2003.
- (3) Further to his answer to part (10) of question No. 1334, has the Professor of Medicine expressed an opinion on the likely life expectancy of Dr Colston; if so, what is his current medical prognosis and life expectancy.
- (4) Further to his answer to part (11) of question No. 1334, is it the case that Dr Colston is now incapable of undertaking aircraft travel and/or motor vehicle travel.
- (5) Further to his answer to part (12) of question No. 1334, what have been the developments in Dr Colston's medical condition that have required hospitalisation and treatment.
- (6) What periods has Dr Colston spent in hospital and have any of these periods been at the request of the Professor of Medicine asked to report to the DPP on Dr Colston's health.
- (7) Further to part (13) of question No. 1334, does the DPP hold any expectation that, despite his terminal medical condition, Dr Colston may still be capable of standing trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth; if so, on what basis.

1841 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 1335, did any of the doctors who gave an opinion on the likely life expectancy of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, indicate that he had more than months to live; if so, who and what was their opinion on the likely life expectancy of Dr Colston.
- (2) Have any of the doctors who have examined Dr Colston and reported on his state of health indicated that he had less than months to live; if so, who and what was their opinion on the likely life expectancy of Dr Colston.
- (3) Have any of the doctors who have examined Dr Colston and reported on his state of health indicated a specific number of weeks, months or years as the likely life expectancy of Dr Colston; if so, which doctors and what are the specific details.

1842 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his answer to question No. 1338, will the third review of the case of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, be finalised by the Director of Public Prosecutions by the end of: (a) 2003, (b) 2004, (c) 2005, (d) 2006, or (e) some other year.

1843 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his answer to question No. 1132 and part (1) of question No. 1339, what medical tests have been performed on the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, since 1 July 2002.

1844 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his answer to part (7) of question No. 1341, where did the examination of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, take place.
- (2) Further to his answer to part (9) of question No. 1341, in respect of the developments in Dr Colston's medical condition which delayed the medical examination on 19 February 2003, were those developments a result of (a) an improvement, or (b) a deterioration in the state of health of Dr Colston; if neither, what were these developments.

- (3) What was the fee to the taxpayer charged by the Professor of Medicine for his report on the examination of Dr Colston he conducted on 19 February 2003.
- (4) Further to his answer to part (10) of question No. 1341, what further medical tests or other action is to be taken by the Director of Public Prosecutions so that he can complete the review of Dr Colston's case.
- 1845 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his answer to question No. 1343 and to part (2) of question No. 1339, why has the Director of Public Prosecution's third review of the matter of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, not been completed.
- 1846 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his answer to question No. 1344, will he ask the Professor of Medicine to provide a medical opinion on the likely life-expectancy of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston; if not, why not.
- 1847 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to his answer to part (1) of question No. 1360, has anyone in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) spoken with the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, since 5 July 1999; if so, how many times and for what purposes; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the DPP written to Dr Colston since 5 July 1999; if so, how many times and for what purpose; if not, why not.
 - (3) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 1360, on what date did the independent medical specialist inform the DPP of the 27 taxpayer-funded motor vehicle trips and 16 interstate aircraft trips made by Dr Colston between 1 July 1999 and 6 May 2002.
- 1848 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Did he see an article by Scott Emerson on page 3 of *The Australian* dated 9 May 2003 titled "Colston's illness is real: wife" which reported, inter alia, that Mrs Dawn Colston, the wife of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, accused the Director of Public Prosecutions of leaking information to me.
 - (2) Has the DPP responded to this accusation; if so, when and what was the nature of the response; if not, will the DPP immediately refute Mrs Colston's accusation.
- 1849 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware that Mr Clarrie Stevens, Mr John Cummins, Mr Stephen Archer, Mr Timothy Wardell, Mr Robert Simosi, and Mr Roger de Robilliard, who have been the subject of notorious taxation fraud and other breaches, and who were formerly holders of practising certificates and registered as Barristers on the roll of the New South Wales Bar Association, are no longer registered with that Bar Association.
 - (2) Is he also aware that these persons were the subject of persistent adverse media coverage leading up to their ultimate discovery and expulsion as barristers on grounds of repeated abuse of licit legal instruments such as family court property orders, bankruptcy provisions including creditors petitions, family trusts and other instruments, for the sole or substantial purpose of either defrauding the Commonwealth of its revenue by evading taxation or placing assets out of the reach of the Taxation Commissioner who was usually their sole or principal creditor.
 - (3) What preventive and punitive steps is he taking to ensure that it is not necessary for the media and public outcry to force action to be taken in these matters; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 1850 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware of a Compact Disk (CD) by the band *Deicide* titled 'Once Upon The Cross'.
 - (2) Is he aware that this CD is freely available in record shops throughout Australia.
 - (3) Is he aware that the CD's issuance licence is to Roadrunner Records™ and is this trade mark registered in Australia; if not, where is this trade mark registered.
 - (4) Is he aware that the tracks on that CD include the following song titles: Once Upon The Cross, Christ Denied, When Satan Rules The World, Kill The Christian, Trick Or Betrayed, They Are The Children Of The Underworld, Behind The Light Thou Shall Rise, To Be Dead, and Confessional Rape.
 - (5) Is he aware that the following words are included in the track known as Confessional Rape: "Exploit the flesh of Christian descent" and "Molesting innocent children you're trusted with" and is he able to say whether words to this effect constitute an act of paedophilia or incitement to perform acts of paedophilia.

- (6) Is he aware that the following words are included in the track known as Kill The Christian: “Kill the Christian” (repeated seven times in chant) and “Destroy their temples and churches with fire. Where in this world will you hide. Sentenced to death, the anointment of Christ” and is he able to say whether words to this effect constitute an act of violation against Christians, or an incitement towards hatred; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (7) What classification, if any, does this CD currently hold and, if it is not classified, why not.
- (8) What action is he taking to prevent the importation, distribution and dissemination, under Customs or other laws, of music and other media that is clearly an incitement of hatred against Christianity and other religions; if no action is being taken, why not.

1851 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of the following Criminal Proceedings and criminal convictions against Mr William John Walters (a.k.a. ‘Bill the Brickie’): (a) Regina v William John Walters [2001] NSWSC 640, and (b) Regina v William John Walters [2001] NSWSC 786.
- (2) Is he aware that Mr Walters was convicted of a breach of section 29D of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth), for defrauding the Commonwealth Revenue.
- (3) What was the total number of charges laid by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 under section 29D.
- (4) How many of those charges under section 29D did the DPP not proceed with under the DPP’s discretionary powers.
- (5) Is he aware of the rationale of Mr Justice Sully at paragraph 11 of the judgment in R v Walters [2001] NSWSC 640 that “Rather has been prosecuted to conviction, and is now to be sentenced, because he financed that affluent lifestyle in a way that entailed such a use of the funds available to him as intentionally deprived the Commissioner of Taxation of the benefit of amounts of group tax deductions to which the Commissioner was lawfully entitled, and for which the prisoner persistently failed to account as by law required”.

1852 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he able to identify judgments in which the superior Courts of the Commonwealth, States and Territories, have referred to the intentional deprivation of the Commissioner of Taxation of taxes to which the Commissioner was lawfully entitled; if so, what are those reported and unreported judgments.
- (2) Is he able to say how often the Judiciary has indicated to the Legislative and Executive arms of government and, in particular, the Treasury, in judgments and elsewhere, of the gravity of the intentional deprivation of the Commonwealth of revenues lawfully owed to it; if so, what are those indications and when were they made.
- (3) Is he aware of the article titled ‘Now companies bulldoze their money around, and give the taxman the bird’ by Elisabeth Sexton in the *Sydney Morning Herald* dated 28 March 2003, where it was noted that Mr William John Walters (‘Bill the Brickie’), who owned a bricklaying business, faced the NSW Supreme Court for having “presided over 10 company collapses between 1989 and 1998”.
- (4) What action is being proposed to toughen legislation to prevent multiple, deliberate and systematic repeat offenders seeking to use the existing licit legal instruments and relying on the leniency of the Criminal Justice system to delay for the maximum term the payment of tax liabilities; if no action is being taken, why not.
- (5) What action is being taken to prevent the perpetrators of repeat company failures from presiding over new companies or holding business licences of all kinds or otherwise prevent them holding directorships or other responsible positions for life; if no action is being taken, why not.
- (6) Is he able to say whether ten different company collapses presided over by one person over a ten year period constitutes good business management.

1853 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 1413, once his Department becomes aware of an alleged breach of the Sydney Airport curfew, and it writes to the airline operator in question requesting advice on the circumstances relating to the operation of the particular aircraft, what disciplinary or correctional activity normally happens next; if no further action occurs other than this written request for advice, why not.
- (2) Where can the operational regulations, guidelines, etc for this procedure be found.
- (3) How can a copy of such be obtained; if no copy can be obtained, why not.

1857 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the following events: implementation of the Precision Runway Monitoring System; sale of Sydney Airport before Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems have been solved; and failure to adopt and implement any of the eight recommendations of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the Development of the Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan, June 2000, how does the action or inaction of himself, his Ministry, his Department and Air Services Australia benefit (a) QANTAS, (b) the Airport Lessee Companies, and (c) the Tourism Industry.
- (2) How do these decisions adversely impact the environment or otherwise trammel the public interest.

1858 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many motions has the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) tabled in respect of: (a) the implementation of the Precision Runway Monitoring System; and (b) the sale of Sydney Airport before first solving Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems.
- (2) What action has he taken in response to each of these motions.
- (3) How many of these motions has he honoured in spirit and action.
- (4) What is the total number of questions on notice received by him on the same issues
- (5) Is he able to demonstrate how public aspirations and the public interest, as expressed in these motions and questions on notice, have been acted upon in spirit and in deed; if not, why not.

1860 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many matters are now waiting in the Brisbane Family Court for a judge to become available to hear them.
- (2) Do any vacancies exist at the Family Court in Brisbane for judges; if so, how many and when will they be filled.
- (3) Are there any plans to appoint another magistrate to the Federal Magistrate Service in Brisbane; if so, when is the appointment to be made; if not, why not.
- (4) Is it intended to continue funding for two SES2 Registrars in Brisbane when one of the contracts expires in June 2003; if not, why not.

1861 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What arrangements are in place between the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Australian Federal Police to ensure that persons charged with assaulting immigration detainees appear in court.
- (2) Will he examine the allegations made in an article by Mr Russell Skelton published in *The Age* that federal law enforcement agencies are blaming each other for the bungled non-appearance in court of three former Woomera ACM security guards accused of assaulting an unaccompanied Afghan boy aged 13.
- (3) Have these serious allegations been followed up.
- (4) Which agency was responsible for the error and what steps have been, or are being, taken to ensure that the alleged offenders appear in court.
- (5) If the allegations are not correct, what did occur and what was the cause of the breakdown in the proper processing of these matters.

1862 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Will he provide a list of the Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) decisions published for each of the preceding 24 months.
- (2) Has he been advised that since the beginning of this year only one or two decisions of the RRT have been published and that since April none has been published.
- (3) Will he explain why, contrary to legal obligations, the RRT appears to be failing to publish leading decisions of the Tribunal.

MR KERR: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1863 - 1864)—

- (1) What was the rateable valuation of the land at the Brighton Army Camp that was recently sold by the Department of Defence.
- (2) What, if any, other valuations did the Department of Defence or the Department of Finance and Administration obtain before the sale of the land and what were those valuations.

- (3) Was the land advertised to potential buyers with an indication that the expected price was in the range of \$2 million; if not, what were the terms of the advertisements.
- (4) What was the price obtained for the land and are reports that this large area of land was sold for approximately \$150,000 correct.
- (5) If the land was sold for substantially less than \$2 million, why did the responsible Departments proceed with the sale for much less than the land's valuation.
- (6) Is the Government aware of complaints from members of the Tasmanian community that the land has been disposed of for a fraction of its real value and in circumstances in which many other offers would have been made had the offer been put in terms that did not suggest that a price under \$2 million would not have been acceptable to the vendor.
- (7) What is the Minister's response to those who have expressed such concern and to those who believe the sale process was misleading and mishandled.

1863 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1864 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1865 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the reason for AusAID's decision to prematurely terminate TasDEC Global Learning Centre's contract to provide professional development for teachers in global education in Tasmania.
- (2) Was the contract to provide these services for a period of four years until the end of this year.
- (3) Why did AusAID not provide any reasons to TasDEC in its notification of this decision.
- (4) Is he aware that the AusAID contract funds an important program in global education conducted by TasDEC with the Tasmanian Education Department.
- (5) Is he aware that the services delivered by TasDEC are extremely well regarded within the Tasmanian school system.
- (6) Should a four year contractual arrangement to be terminated without the provision of reasons; if so, how does this accord with proper administrative practice.
- (7) Will he take steps to have the contract reinstated so that the valuable work of TasDEC can continue for the balance of this year.
- (8) Will he ensure that AusAID does not exclude TasDEC from applying for a further contract when the current review of all global education projects is due to be implemented.

1866 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why constituents in the electorate of Denison who are concerned about the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak cannot access disposable dust and filter masks at chemists.
- (2) Are these masks extremely difficult to source in Australia; if so, in the current climate of fear over SARS and acts of biological terrorism, why is the Government not working to ease those legitimate fears of citizens by ensuring the emergency masks are freely available.

1867 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in *The Courier-Mail* newspaper of 24 January 2003 headed "Neighbourly teams to welcome migrants".
- (2) Was the newspaper correct in reporting that he proposes to reintroduce Good Neighbour Councils to help break down the barriers between new migrants and established citizens; if so, when will this initiative commence and what is the Budget allocation to support it; if not, has he sought to correct the newspaper's report.
- (3) Can he confirm that both the number of volunteer Community Support for Refugees (CSR) groups and the number of registered CSR volunteers has declined substantially since the introduction of the current Government's Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS); if so, what action, if any, does the Government propose to take to seek to reverse this trend which flies in the face of the Minister's stated intentions.

1869 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) As part of its responsibility for the Living in Harmony program, does his Department systematically collect data on threats to community harmony as a result of racism and religious prejudice; if so, what data are collected and what methodology is utilised in doing so; if not, what performance information does the Department use to assess the success or otherwise of its actions to promote harmony between people of different cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

- (2) Does his Department liaise regularly with: (a) other Commonwealth agencies, such as the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission and ATSIIC, (b) relevant State and Territory ethnic affairs and anti-discrimination agencies, and (c) national non-government organisations, to share information on the incidence of (i) hate-related violence, vandalism and intimidation against organisations and places of worship, and (ii) complaints of racial or religious discrimination or vilification; if so, which organisations exchange such information with his Department and how does the Department use this information; if not, will he initiate action to do so.
- (3) Did his Department implement any specific measures to combat racism and religious vilification in connection with the war against Iraq; if so, what are the details of the measures taken and what funds were devoted to this purpose; if not, why not.

1870 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of financial support provided by agencies of the United States Government to the Sydney-based organisation, The Sydney Institute; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Does the Government approve of donations by foreign governments that seek to influence public policy outcomes in this country, especially with regard to foreign policy.
- (3) Does the Government propose to introduce legislation requiring think-tanks and similar organisations to disclose their sources of financial support.

1871 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is Australia a member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission (HRC).
- (2) Is he aware of the HRC's resolution on Cuba during April 2003.
- (3) Can he provide a copy of the resolution as moved and as passed, along with any amendments that were proposed during the debate.
- (4) How did Australia vote on each of the motions and amendments.
- (5) How did all other member countries vote on the motion and amendments.
- (6) Can he confirm the report in *The New York Times* on 18 April that nearly 100 independent writers and advocates for democracy in Cuba have been arrested; if so, (a) can he provide the names of those arrested, (b) what is the status of these people, (c) have they been charged and what are the charges, (d) have they been tried; if so (e) have they been convicted, and (f) have they been sentenced and to what have they been sentenced.
- (7) Does the Government believe these people are political prisoners; if so, what action has the Government taken to protest their incarceration.
- (8) Will the Government raise this issue of human rights along with other democratic countries at the UN Human Rights Commission at the next opportunity.
- (9) Is the UN Human Rights Commission an effective and appropriate forum for discussing human rights violations; if not, what is the most appropriate and effective forum for discussing human rights violations.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1872 - 1873)—

- (1) Is he aware of the American Iran-Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 and can he inform the House what the President of the United States is authorised to do under this Act.
- (2) Are any Australian companies currently affected by this Act; if so (a) which companies, and (b) what sanctions have been imposed.
- (3) Were any business representatives part of the recent delegation that went to Libya; if so, who were they.
- (4) Was the effect of the American Iran-Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 discussed with: (a) these business representatives, and (b) officials from the Libyan government; if so, what was the content and outcome of the discussions.
- (5) What has been the outcome of the delegation to Libya.
- (6) Have any major trade or investment deals been announced; if so, what are the details.
- (7) Is Austrade, the Minister for Trade, or any other part of the government, now assisting Australian firms establish trade or investment links with Libya; if so, what are the details.
- (8) Are Australian companies being informed about the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and its effects on them if they invest in Libya; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.
- (9) Has the recent delegation to Libya led by the Minister for Trade and the trade and investment ties been discussed in the Australia–America Free Trade negotiations; if so, what are the details.

- (10) Is the Minister concerned that closer ties with Libya could harm Australia's trade and investment interests with America; if so, what has been done to protect Australia's interests; if not, why not.

1872 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1873 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1874 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Since the introduction of the National Service Medal how many people have been entitled to receive it.
- (2) To date, how many applications for a National Service Medal have been: (a) received and (b) issued; (i) nationally, (ii) in each state and territory, and (iii) in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports.
- (3) What is the average time taken to process an application for a National Service Medal.
- (4) What is the longest time taken to process an application for a National Service Medal.
- (5) Have there been any delays experienced in the delivery of National Service Medals; if so, why.
- (6) What is the total number of National Service Medal applications currently outstanding.
- (7) What steps has the Minister taken to address the backlog of National Service Medal applications.
- (8) When will the backlog of applications for National Service Medals be dealt with.

1875 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does he support the lifting of sanctions against Iraq
- (2) Does he support the termination of the oil-for-food program
- (3) Is he able to confirm the report by Ms Claudia Rosett in *The New York Times* on 18 April 2003 to the effect that under the oil-for-food program, Iraq has received: (a) boats and boat accessories from France; (b) sport supplies from Lebanon, (c) TV equipment from Russia, (d) cars from Russia and Syria, (e) powdered milk from Saudi Arabia and Libya, and (f) detergent from Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Algeria and Sudan.
- (4) Are Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Algeria and Sudan significant manufacturers or exporters of detergent.
- (5) Are Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Algeria and Sudan known as high quality manufacturers of detergent
- (6) Are Russia and Syria significant manufacturers or exporters of cars or known for high quality car manufacturing.
- (7) Are Saudi Arabia and Libya significant manufacturers or exporters of powdered milk or known for high quality powdered milk.
- (8) Why were such products purchased from these countries, and not from countries with a better reputation for production of detergent, powdered milk and cars.
- (9) Were any products provided from Australia under the oil-for-food program; if so can he list all material supplied to Iraq under the oil-for-food program, and the companies that supplied them.
- (10) Is he aware of allegations of kickbacks, smuggling and corruption within the oil-for-food program; if so, what investigations are under way to investigate these allegations.
- (11) Is he concerned that the oil-for-food program may have been used for kickbacks, smuggling or corruption, including supported Iraq's alleged Weapons of Mass Destruction or propaganda programs.
- (12) What efforts, if any, is his Ministry making to obtain documents relating to individuals from this country that have benefited from the oil-for-food program by receiving corrupt payments.

1876 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In light of the NRMA's substantial financial losses, the recently announced increases in membership fees and reduction in member services, will the Treasurer be directing the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to investigate the following representations made in the 2000 Information Memorandum issued to the 2 million members of NRMA Ltd:
 - (a) The NRMA will be in a strong financial position after the Proposal is implemented.
 - (b) Road service membership fees will not increase as a consequence of the Proposal.
 - (c) The Proposal is designed to allow membership fees to be maintained without increasing until 30 June 2001 ... Thereafter, it is expected that fees will be increased using the CPI as a guide.
 - (d) Existing road service benefits can be maintained.
 - (e) The proposal is also designed to allow current road and related motoring services and service levels to be maintained, if not improved;

- if not, why not.
- (2) Given the substantial increases in insurance premium rates since the demutualisation of NRMA Insurance Limited, now known as IAG Limited, will ASIC investigate the following representations made in the 2002 Information Memorandum issued to the 2 million members of NRMA Limited:
 - (a) Insurance premium rates will not increase as a consequence of the Proposal.
 - (b) Claims management principles will not increase as a consequence of the Proposal; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will ASIC investigate whether the use of the NRMA logo by Mr Ross Turnbull and his team of candidates on a brochure sent to all NRMA members prior to the 2002 AGM was unauthorised, and if it was unauthorised, will ASIC also investigate the position in the light of the general law and the *Corporations Act 2001*, specifically the matter of directors' duties, as rule 16 of the constitution of the NRMA prohibits the unauthorised use of the company's logo without the approval of the board; if not, why not
 - (4) Will ASIC investigate whether the said use of the NRMA logo by Mr Ross Turnbull and his team of candidates to solicit proxies constituted misleading and deceptive conduct in breach of the General law, the *Corporations Act 2001* and/or the Trade Practices Act; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will ASIC investigate whether the financial resources of the NRMA were used lawfully for private advantage by Mr Ross Turnbull and his team of candidates, to gain appointments to the board of NRMA Ltd, by: (a) using the company's official voting pack mailed to the NRMA's 2 million members to distribute their unofficial proxy, (b) retaining PR consultants Jackson Wells Morris, to advise and conduct their election campaign, and (c) implementing a media campaign of self-promotion; if not, why not.
 - (6) Will ASIC investigate whether the decision to continue paying the legal fees of Mr Nicholas Whitlam for the appeal proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW was unlawful, or inconsistent with prior board resolutions to cease all further such payments.
 - (7) Will ASIC investigate whether Mr Ross Turnbull breached any law, including the Crimes Act and the Corporations Act, by using an NRMA corporate credit card to pay for at least \$50,000 of personal expenses incurred during his first 4 months as a Director; if not, why not.
 - (8) Will the Treasurer investigate the refusal of ASIC's chairman, Mr David Knott, to accept a petition addressed to him as Chairman and signed by nearly 1,000 NRMA members; if not why not.
 - (9) Will the Treasurer accept service of the petition; if not, why not.
 - (10) Can he say whether Mr Ross Turnbull, the current President of the NRMA, is: (a) a current member of the Liberal Party; (b) the same Mr Ross Turnbull who stood for Liberal Party preselection for the federal seat of Wentworth; and (c) the same Mr Ross Turnbull who attended the Liberal Party fund raiser at NSW Parliament House earlier this year; if so, can he say whether the NRMA paid for this attendance by the use of his NRMA corporate credit card or by any other means.

15 May 2003

1878 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When did he or his Department first become aware of the SARS outbreak in the People's Republic of China (China).
- (2) When were the first media reports of the SARS outbreak: (a) anywhere in the world, (b) in China, and (c) in the Chinese press.
- (3) When did the Australian Embassy in Beijing or other posts in China report the outbreak of SARS in China to his Department.
- (4) Could the Minister detail all advice he has received from the Embassy in Beijing.
- (5) Given the underreporting of the HIV/AIDS outbreak decades ago in China, is the department or the Australian Embassy in China concerned about the reporting of epidemics by the Chinese authorities.
- (6) Between the reporting of the first case in early November and the admission of the World Health Organisation delegation to China, (a) what were the nature of Australian travel advisories to China, (b) when did they change and (c) what was the first advice, and the nature of any updated advice, in that period.
- (7) Apart from issuing travel advisories, what efforts did Australia take to warn travellers to China and Hong Kong about the SARS outbreak.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1879 - 1880)—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in letters dated 13 and 21 May 2002 he stated that Australia was favourably disposed to Taiwan being admitted to the World Health Organisation (WHO) with observer status, but would only do so when it was clear a consensus supported such a move.
- (2) Would consensus have to include the agreement of the People's Republic of China; if so, is the Minister able to say whether this is likely to be forthcoming.
- (3) What other organisations or entities, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, or quasi states, already enjoy observer status and did Australia support their accreditation to the WHO as observers; if so, how did Australia explain its support for these organisation or entities.
- (4) Has the speedy spread of the SARS epidemic in Taiwan and the possibility of continued cross-infection between China and Taiwan via the busy cross-Strait trade and travel made the admission of Taiwan as an observer to the WHO even more urgent than before.
- (5) Will the Government, at the commencement of the meeting of the WHO in Geneva on 28 May 2003, move to join the recent statements of the Japanese government, the European Union, and the United States Congress and the bi-partisan private member's resolution moved by the Member for Fairfax and seconded by the Member for Lilley supporting the admission of Taiwan to the WHO as an observer.

1879 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1880 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1881 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) To what extent does the Government support the findings and conclusions of Commissioner the Hon. Justice Owen that are outlined in his Royal Commission Report into the failure of the HIH Insurance group.
- (2) Will the Government implement all of Justice Owen's 61 recommendations; if not, which recommendations does the Government intend not to implement and why

1882 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1764 from the Minister for Small Business and Tourism, do the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission and the Insolvency and Trustee Service of Australia share information with a view to each body fulfilling its objectives laid out in its business plan; if not, why not.

1884 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Commissioner of Taxation received a letter from the President of the New South Wales Bar Association referenced 01/120 and dated 9 February 2001.
- (2) Did that letter express concern regarding the divulging of information by certain officers of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) regarding certain Bar Association members' taxation obligations.
- (3) Was information divulged to the media; if so, under what authority.
- (4) Does the letter say, in part, "I (the then NSW Bar Association President) made it clear... the Association was prepared to work with the ATO to inform barristers of potential tax problems" and later "Regrettably they have never come back to the Association...".
- (5) Is it a fact that (a) in 1997 the NSW Bar Association unsuccessfully petitioned the Legal Services Commissioner about Mr Thomas Harrison, and (b) in 1999 the NSW Bar Association successfully petitioned the Supreme Court to strike out Mr Stirling Hamman; if so, did the ATO notify any breaches of tax laws by either of these two former barristers to the NSW Bar Association.
- (6) Is there an existing protocol or procedure for the ATO to notify the Bar Associations in each jurisdiction upon the discovery of a barrister's breach of taxation laws so that the Bar Association may commence action under the Legal Profession Act (NSW), or its equivalent in the other jurisdictions; if not, why not.
- (7) Is there an existing protocol or procedure for a Bar Association to notify the ATO upon the discovery of a barrister's breach of taxation laws so that the ATO may consider prosecution; if not, why not.
- (8) Is it the case that the ATO gave information on the taxation affairs of Mr Thomas Harrison and Mr Stirling Hamman to the media and that this information was not provided to the Bar Association despite its repeated requests for this information; if so, why did the ATO give this information to the Media (namely Mr Paul Barry of *The Sydney Morning Herald*), rather than to the NSW Bar Association.

- (9) Can he confirm whether the Association's letter to the Commissioner of Taxation dated 9 February 2001 contained the statement "This Association views with grave concern the fact that the ATO is apparently more prepared to deal with the media than this association".

1885 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm whether the Commissioner of Taxation replied to the President of the NSW Bar Association's letter dated 9 February 2001, on 14 February 2001, to the effect that "...the ATO has not disclosed information about individual barristers to Mr Paul Barry".
- (2) Has the ATO disclosed any information to Mr Paul Barry of *The Sydney Morning Herald*; if so, (a) what was that information, and (b) will he make it public; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that the letter from the Commissioner says: "As you would be aware, our understanding of our secrecy and privacy obligations under the law is that we cannot provide you details of individual cases for the purpose of considering whether to bring proceedings against a barrister for professional misconduct".
- (4) Does the Commissioner recommend that the NSW Bar Association "consider being more specific as to what conduct would, under the Bar Rules, constitute professional misconduct"; if so, how would this clarification affect the Commissioner's assertion that information about particular barristers is precluded from release under privacy and secrecy laws.
- (5) If no relationship between clarifying rules of professional conduct under the Bar Rules and privacy and secrecy law exists, then will he call upon the Commissioner of Taxation to explain what his policy on release of information is; if so, when; if not, why not.

1886 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the reported judgment in the NSW Legal Services Tribunal in the matter of Harrison which applied the following legal standard addressing the question of what amounts to professional misconduct: "Evidence that a person has deliberately flouted and avoided his legal and financial obligations, and has been convicted and sentenced for failing to comply with the order of a Court may, no doubt, demonstrate that a person is not of good character, particularly when that person is a legal practitioner and his character is being considered in the context of his fitness to practice as a legal practitioner".
- (2) Has the Commissioner of Taxation had any communication with the NSW Bar Association to clarify the issue of conduct in relation to taxation law that goes to the question of whether a person is of good character and hence liable to an action for professional misconduct or unsatisfactory professional conduct; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.

26 May 2003

MR LATHAM: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1887 - 1889)—Has the Government received estimates of the number of civilian casualties in the war in Iraq; if so, what are the details.

1887 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1888 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1889 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1890 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) During the course of this Parliament, has he or any other Minister sought or obtained any suppression order with respect to his or her involvement in any legal proceedings.
- (2) Are there any suppression orders currently in force relating to the involvement of any Minister in any legal proceedings.

1891 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Mr William Murray on whose behalf I have made a number of representations concerning the safety of conducting circuits from runway 16/34 at Albion Park aerodrome.
- (2) Is he aware of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services' response of 5 April 2002 to my representation of 19 December 2001 and his response of 27 August 2002 to my representation of 17 June 2002, both on behalf of Mr. Murray, that circuits could only be conducted from runway 16/34 "due to high terrain to the west of the aerodrome" and that his response was based on advice from CASA that it was their requirement.

- (3) Is he aware that (a) the primary residential zone in the area surrounding the airport is to the east of the aerodrome, and (b) the land to the west of the aerodrome is not “high terrain” but is swampland, paddocks and small farms and is only lightly populated; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he explain the basis for CASA’s classification of the land to the west of Albion Park aerodrome as “high terrain”.
- (5) Is it preferable for aircraft to operate over areas that are lightly populated on both safety and noise grounds; if so, why is it not preferable for aircraft to operate to the west of the Albion Park aerodrome.
- (6) Will he or the Parliamentary Secretary intervene to ask CASA to review its classification of land to the west of Albion Park aerodrome as “high terrain”; if not, why not.

1892 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many people in the electoral division of Throsby, in total and for each postcode, are recipients of the (a) Aged Pension, (b) Disability Support Pension, (c) Carer Allowance, (d) Newstart Allowance, (e) Youth Allowance, (f) Parenting Payment Single, (g) Parenting Payment Partnered, (h) Family Tax Benefit A, (i) Family Tax Benefit B, (j) Childcare Benefit, and (k) Rent Assistance.
- (2) How many people in the electoral division of Throsby are receiving income assistance as a percentage of the total population of the electoral division of Throsby.
- (3) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Throsby, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
- (4) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Throsby, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
- (5) What was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in the electoral division of Throsby in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.
- (6) How many families or individuals received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
- (7) How many families with a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their tax return withheld to satisfy the debt in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.

1893 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—

- (1) On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) New South Wales, and (b) Australia.
- (2) On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in the electoral division of Throsby.
- (3) On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in the postcodes of (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530.

1894 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the number of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Throsby in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.
- (2) What was the ratio per 1000 of population of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Throsby in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.
- (3) What is the number and percentage of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Throsby that bulk billed in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.

1895 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What is the current waiting list for (a) low care, and (b) high care beds in aged care facilities in the electoral division of Throsby.
- (2) How do these waiting list figures compare with those of (a) 1996, (b) 1998, (c) 2000, and (d) 2002.
- (3) How many (a) low care beds, (b) high care beds, and (c) aged care packages have been allocated to the electoral division of Throsby.
- (4) How many (a) low care, and (b) high care beds are currently operational within the electoral division of Throsby.

1896 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of a letter sent by the NSW Bar Association to the Commissioner of Taxation dated 16 December 2002 titled ‘Tax-delinquent Barristers and Statutory Secrecy’ (Reference 01/120).

- (2) Did paragraph 21 of that letter ask the questions: (a) “how was it possible for such delinquency to continue so long”, and (b) “does our system impose excessive requirements of secrecy in relation to taxation affairs”.
- (3) Has the Taxation Commissioner responded to these questions; if so, what was his response; if not, why not, and when will he respond.
- (4) What action is he taking to address the serious policy failure identified by the two questions posed by the NSW Bar Association to the Taxation Commissioner.

1897 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it a fact that paragraph 24 of a letter sent by Mr Bret Walker, President of the NSW Bar Association, to the Commissioner of Taxation dated 16 December 2002 titled ‘Tax-delinquent Barristers and Statutory Secrecy’ (Reference 01/120) says: ‘the combination of subsecs 16(2) and 16(4) [privacy provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act] is thought to produce the result that a tax officer may divulge information about (former Barrister and Queen’s Counsel Mr Clarrie Stevens’ affairs to everyone necessarily involved in the commencement, prosecution and completion (by judgment or negotiation) of both civil and criminal legal proceedings against him, leading to the public release of that information accomplished by litigation in open court – but must not tell anyone (apart from the official agencies specified in subsec 16(4)) that these public actions have been taken.’.
- (2) Is he able to say what was the legislature’s intent of subsections 16(2) and 16(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.
- (3) Is he taking, or will he take, action to amend section 16 so as to allow the Commissioner of Taxation to make information available to disciplinary bodies such as the Bar Association, the Law Societies and other bodies with statutory disciplinary responsibilities within their professions; if not, why not.

1898 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware of recent development on land known as the Rhodes Peninsula along the foreshore of Homebush Bay.
- (2) Which migratory species of birds on the List of Migratory Species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conversation Act 1999* (EPBCA) are known to make migratory use of Homebush Bay, Rhodes Peninsular and adjoining land and waterways.
- (3) Which migratory species listed in the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and China-Australia Migratory Bird Species Agreement (CAMBA) are known to make migratory use of Homebush Bay, Rhodes Peninsular and adjoining land and waterways.
- (4) In respect of section 20 of the EPBCA, has the City of Canada Bay, the developer of the land along the Rhodes Peninsula or any other person, sought approval for development activities with a significant impact on those listed migratory bird species known to use Homebush Bay and/or the Rhodes Peninsula; if not, will he require that approval be sought under the EPBCA and if not, why not.
- (5) In respect of section 20A of the EPBCA, has any person been found guilty of an offence related to those listed migratory bird species which are known to use Homebush Bay and/or the Rhodes Peninsula as a result of development or other activity; if so, who; if not, why not.
- (6) Is he acting to ensure that the development along the foreshore of Rhodes Peninsula does not breach section 211 of the EPBCA; if not, why not.
- (7) Have representations been made to the City of Canada Bay, the relevant developers and other parties with respect to their obligations under section 214 of the EPBCA which requires a person taking action that may result in the death or injury of a member of a listed migratory species to notify the Secretary; if not, why not.
- (8) Have any permits been issued under sections 215 and 216 of the EPBCA to any person related to the development along the Rhodes Peninsula; if so, (a) how many permits have been issued, (b) for what purpose, (c) to whom, (d) when, and (e) what conditions, if any, were applied to the permits under section 217 of the EPBCA.

1899 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Treasurer reject the Trebeck Inquiry’s recommendation to place an excise on gas transport fuels.
- (2) Did he say in a media release dated 14 May 2002: “The proposal to tax all fuels based on their relative energy content would impose tax on previously unexcised fuels such as ethanol and LPG. This would have implications for the LPG retail fuel industry and LPG conversion businesses, and is

also contrary to the Government's election commitment to maintain excise exemptions for fuel ethanol and biodiesel. For these reasons the Government will not be implementing this recommendation."

- (3) Is this still his view and what mechanisms will he put in place to ensure that the recent Budget decision to tax LPG will not have adverse implications for the LPG retail fuel industry.

1900 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Did his predecessor announce research and development funding on 18 February 2000 for the adaptation of gas-to-liquids technology to Australian conditions.
- (2) Was a grant paid to Syntroleum and was it for the Sweetwater project on the Burrup Peninsula
- (3) Can he provide details of the deal including the size of the grant, whether it involved a non-transferable technology licence, and the obligations of Syntroleum.
- (4) Were expression of interests called for the grant funding; if so, were there other expressions of interest.
- (5) Has construction commenced on the Sweetener project; if not, when does he expect it to commence and can he explain where the \$30 million is now.

1901 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Australian government support United States reported military action against the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) in Northern Iraq; if so, for what reason.
- (2) Did the PMOI declare neutrality in the recent Iraq war; if so, why was it targeted by allied troops.

1902 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs —

- (1) How many Iranian asylum seekers are held (a) in each Australian immigration detention centre, (b) on Manus Island, and (c) on Nauru.
- (2) Did the Charge d'Affairs from Iran, Mr Eshagh Al Habib, recently visit the Baxter detention centre; if so, what was the purpose of this visit.
- (3) Is it possible that Iranian asylum seekers would be intimidated by such a visit.
- (4) Can he detail Amnesty International's assessment of the human rights situation in Iran.
- (5) What monitoring is undertaken by Australia of the safety of Iranian asylum seekers who return to Iran from Australia.

1903 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs —

- (1) Exactly what information has been given by DIMIA to the Government of Iran about Iranian people held in detention in Australia.
- (2) To what extent will this endanger them in the event of their forced removal to Iran.
- (3) What guarantees has Iran given regarding the safety of any of its nationals forcibly returned to Iran.

1904 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) In respect of recovery action taken by Centrelink against recipients of both Dutch and Australian Age Pensions, how long was Centrelink aware that its computer system was inadequate and allowing recipients to incur debts as a result of overpayments.
- (2) Is it the case that a large number of debts exceed \$5,000.
- (3) Is Centrelink acting to recover these overpayments; if so, is legal action contemplated against any of the recipients.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that a number of recipients of Dutch pensions had reported CPI increases in their Dutch pensions to Centrelink but that this was not recorded on the computer system and subsequently Centrelink did not initiate any action.
- (4) With which countries is Centrelink seeking to data match pension payments.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1905 - 1933)—

- (1) Since April 1996, has the Minister, or the Minister's department, appointed a former Member of the Commonwealth Parliament or of a State or Territory Parliament to any government position, board or post as a consultant or to a statutory position.
- (2) In respect of each such appointment: (a) what is/was the person's name and the position or positions to which he or she was appointed, (b) which political party did the person previously represent during his or her period of parliamentary representation, (c) is that person entitled to a parliamentary pension and was that pension to which the person was entitled reduced as a result of the appointment, (d)

what is the itemised nature of the remuneration package including superannuation that is payable as a result of the appointment, (e) is/was the appointment full-time, part-time or casual, (f) what allowances are applicable for travel, vehicles, telephones, use of Internet services and attendance; and (g) what is the total amount paid under each entitlement.

- 1905 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1906 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1907 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 1908 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 1909 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 1910 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1911 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1912 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1913 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1914 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1915 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1916 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1917 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1918 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 1919 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1920 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1921 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1922 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 1923 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 1924 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 1925 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Science.
- 1926 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.
- 1927 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.
- 1928 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services.
- 1929 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 1930 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1931 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 1932 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.
- 1933 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.
- 1934 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Why has Australia established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Iranian government that provides for the involuntary repatriation of Iranian asylum seekers in Australia.
 - (2) Why has he refused to make details of this MOU available to the Parliament and to the public.
 - (3) Has the Australian Government taken any action to ensure the safety of Iranians returning to Iran; if so, what action has been taken; if not, why not.
- 1935 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—Can he indicate the level of federal funding for women's trauma services in 2003-04, and provide comparisons with previous levels of federal funding over the last three financial years.
- 1936 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many students residing in the electorate of Prospect undertook undergraduate university study in 2002-03.
 - (2) What number, or percentage, of these students undertook study in (a) law, (b) medicine, (c) veterinary science, (d) economics, (e) accounting, (f) engineering, (g) teaching, and (h) nursing in 2002-03.

- (3) Of the overall number of students, what percentage undertook study at the University of Western Sydney in 2002-03.
- (4) What percentage of undergraduate students in Prospect paid (a) upfront HECS fees, or (b) full fees in 2002-03.
- (5) How much money has been allocated from the 2003-04 Budget for apprenticeship schemes in the electorate of Prospect.

1937 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) In respect of disability employment, how many business services in the electorate of Prospect provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- (2) How many people with disabilities are employed by these business services.
- (3) Have the number of these business services increased or decreased over the last financial year.

1938 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister outline the Government's policy position on the assessment of compensatory pensions, for the purposes of social security payments, of victims of political persecution.
- (2) Is there a generic position, or are these pensions or payments assessed on a country by country basis.

1939 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Since the implementation of the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* and the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* how many adult male suicides have there been.
- (2) How many of those adult male suicides have been related to family law issues.
- (3) Could he provide a yearly breakdown of figures from 1988 to 2002.

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1940 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Since question No. 1355 was placed on the Notice Paper (5 February 2003), has there been an event in the construction of the new nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights that has the potential to delay the completion date for the project.

1941 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the practice of Medicare providers waiving the payment of an amount above the scheduled fee if an account is paid in less than 30 days.
- (2) Why are cheques made out to providers not issued for at least 16 days after a claim is made.
- (3) Why are cheques posted to claimants posted at off peak rates.
- (4) What assistance does Medicare provide to claimants faced with additional costs for treatment due to delays in issuing and posting cheques.

1942 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Do the guidelines adopted by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications require that at least 7.5% of the budget for all Commonwealth newspaper and radio advertising campaigns must be devoted to non-English newspapers and radio stations.
- (2) How much has the Therapeutic Goods Administration spent to date on newspaper and radio advertising in relation to the recall of medicines produced by Pan Pharmaceuticals Limited and what proportion, if any, of this amount has been devoted to non-English newspapers and radio stations.

1943 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the inquest into the death of the Mohammed Yousef Saleh at Hollywood Private Hospital, Monash Avenue, Nedlands, why was key documentation on the detention of Mohammed Yousef Saleh prior to his death not made available by his department to the Coroner investigating the death.
- (2) Why was it not possible to provide the Coroner with any explanation of how and why documentation was not available to the inquest.
- (3) Has the relevant documentation now been located; if so, has it been forwarded to the Coroner, if not, why not.
- (4) Has there been an investigation into why key documentation was missing and unavailable to the Coroner; if so, (a) who conducted it, and (b) will he table its findings in the Parliament; if not, why not; if there not been an investigation (c) why not, and (d) will he now establish an investigation and report its findings to the Parliament; if not, why not.

- (5) Has any process been undertaken to identify actions to change or improve procedures for record keeping following this case; if so, (a) what is that process, (b) what are the actions identified, and (c) have they already been implemented in full; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he table all documents relating to the disappearance of the documents on the detention of Mohammed Yousef Saleh prior to his death and relating to efforts to locate these documents.

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- 1944 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did he read the editorial titled "What does the ABC think it is doing" that appeared on page 10 of *The Australian* on 22 May 2003.
 - (2) Did he read the reply to that editorial by the Managing-Director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Mr Russell Balding, titled "No evidence for Bizarre ABC claims" published on page 16 of *The Weekend Australian* on 24-25 May 2003.
 - (3) Will he rule out introducing a Bill to amend the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act that would permit the public broadcaster to raise revenue through commercial advertising; if not, why not.
- 1945 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is he aware that staff of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) told a Senate Estimates Committee on 26 May 2003 that the ABC was axing its two digital multi-channels, Fly TV and ABC Kids.
 - (2) Why will the government not provide the extra \$250M for the ABC as requested by its Managing-Director.
- 1946 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did he read an article titled "Aunty Budget Blues" by Errol Simper on pages 4 and 5 of the media section of *The Australian* dated 22 May 2003.
 - (2) Will he rule out offering the ABC increased funding conditional upon the Senate's support for his Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002; if not, why not.
- 1947 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Will he provide a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding that was said to have been signed by himself and a representative of the Iranian Government concerning the repatriation of Iranian asylum seekers; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1948 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the Attorney General's reply to question No. 1417 (*Hansard*, 26 May 2003, page 14643) what is the total number of investigations being undertaken by the Australian Taxation Office in relation to the taxation affairs of barristers and solicitors.
 - (2) What percentage of these investigations relate to the employment of (a) family law and/or bankruptcy, and (b) failure to lodge tax returns.
- 1949 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his reply to question No. 1502 (*Hansard*, 26 May 2003, page 14650) when is he expected to receive advice from the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) and his department in relation to the comments tendered to the issues paper.
- 1950 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the reply by the Attorney-General to question No. 1463 (*Hansard*, 26 May 2003, page 14645) does he intend to amend section 16 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to allow the Taxation Commissioner to notify professional bodies like the Law Society and Bar Associations of the activities of members of the legal professions who are serial bankrupts; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1951 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How often is the number of SBS radio programs for ethnic groups re-evaluated.
 - (2) When was the last change in these schedules and who makes these changes.
 - (3) In respect of these changes, (a) is it relevant that some communities have other foreign language media, such as community radio and newspapers, (b) is protection of the language a relevant factor, (c) is religion as well as language considered; if so, is the Minister aware that (i) sociologists

consistently report that the census significantly underestimates the number of Jews in the population because many Jews consider Judaism a nationality rather than a religion, and (ii) many Jews do not want to be identified as Jewish because of their experiences during World War II, and (d) is this taken into account when making programming decisions.

- (4) How many (a) Hebrew, (b) Yiddish, (c) English language Jewish community programs has SBS radio had for the past 10 years.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that Jewish community programs have been recently cut; if so, why were these cuts made.
- (6) What was the old program schedule, what is the new program schedule and what is now scheduled for Friday at 3 p.m.
- (7) Is the Minister aware that (a) the Jewish Sabbath starts at sun-down on Friday, (b) the Friday 3 p.m. program is the most useful for the community, and (c) the Friday program has a higher number of listeners than the Wednesday 3 p.m. program; if so, why was the Friday 3 p.m. program cut instead of a different program.
- (8) What communities have had increased programming.
- (9) Can the Minister confirm that the most recent census figures indicate that the number of Yiddish speakers decreased by 169 or around 13%; if so, why did Yiddish programs lose 33.3% air time.
- (10) Is it relevant that (a) there are no other Yiddish media outlets; if so, (i) was this considered and (ii) what were the deliberations; if not, why not, and (b) Yiddish is an endangered language and should be protected; if so, (iii) was this considered and (iv) what were the deliberations; if not, why not.
- (11) Is the Minister aware that the processing of answers to question 15 on the 2001 Census about languages other than English (LOTE) presents a problem in relation to Yiddish speakers because (a) only one language listed as “other” is counted and speakers of “stateless” languages, such as Yiddish, have always had to be at least bi-lingual, and (b) it asks about languages spoken at home and Yiddish is predominantly an older person’s language, so while it may not be spoken at “home” with the family, it could well be the individual’s preferred language when speaking to contemporaries; if so, were these factors considered in determining the new SBS Radio scheduling arrangements.
- (12) Can the Minister confirm that the most recent census figures indicate that the number of Hebrew speakers increased slightly; if so, why did Hebrew programs lose 33.3% air time.
- (13) Is it relevant that there are no other Hebrew media outlets; if so, (a) was this considered and (b) what were the deliberations; if not, why not,
- (14) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the sources of revenue received by SBS radio.
- (15) Are there paid advertisements or sponsorships from government agencies, such as Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; if so, (a) which Government agencies have contracts with SBS, (b) what is the sponsorship/advertising arrangement, (c) in which programs do they advertise; and (d) how much do advertisements cost in each language/community program.
- (16) Are different amounts charged to advertise in different language/community programs; if so, (a) why, and (b) is this considered in making programming decisions; if so, is this a breach of SBS’s non-commercial public function.
- (17) From whom do the Jewish community programs receive advertising/sponsorship and is this considered in programming decisions and how much do they receive.
- (18) From whom does the community/language program which is scheduled to replace the program on Friday at 3 p.m. receive advertising/sponsorship and how much does it receive.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1952 - 1954)—

- (1) Can he confirm whether the Government has (a) evaluated and (b) agrees with the US government’s claim that an al-Qaeda cell based in Iran was responsible for the 12 May terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia, in which 34 people were killed, including one Australian.
- (2) Can he further confirm the accuracy of US Secretary of Defense’s condemnation of the authorities in Tehran harboring this al-Qaeda leadership cell responsible for the recent murder of civilians in Saudi Arabia and Morocco.
- (3) What statements, diplomatic approaches or actions has the Government made or will the Government make to inform the regime in control of the Islamic Republic of Iran that harbouring al-Qaeda leadership is inconsistent with the membership of the community of nations.

1952 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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- 1954 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1955 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What was the number of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Hunter in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.
 - (2) What was the ratio per 1000 of population of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Hunter in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.
 - (3) What is the number and percentage of (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists in the electoral division of Hunter that bulk billed in (i) 1996, (ii) 2000, and (iii) currently.
- 1956 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many people in the electoral division of Hunter, in total and for each postcode, are recipients of the (a) Aged Pension, (b) Disability Support Pension, (c) Carer Allowance, (d) Newstart Allowance, (e) Youth Allowance, (f) Parenting Payment Single, (g) Parenting Payment Partnered, (h) Family Tax Benefit A, (i) Family Tax Benefit B, (j) Childcare Benefit, and (k) Rent Assistance.
 - (2) How many people in the electoral division of Hunter are receiving income assistance as a total population of the electoral division of Hunter.
 - (3) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Hunter, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
 - (4) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Hunter, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
 - (5) What was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in the electoral division of Hunter in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.
 - (6) How many families or individuals received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
 - (7) How many families with a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their tax returns withheld to satisfy the debt in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.
- 1957 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Will the Minister provide details of the types of tasks and operations that have been outsourced to the private sector by the Department of Defence since 1996.
 - (2) If any involve highly sensitive activities, what measures has the Department taken to ensure that national security is not compromised.
 - (3) Will the Minister list the companies that have been successful in obtaining contracts since 1996.
- 1958 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What strategies has the Government established to increase the level of recruitment into the Australian Defence Force.
 - (2) Can the Minister detail the numbers employed in (a) the Air Force, (b) the Army, and (c) the Navy, in each financial year since 1996.
 - (3) Is the Government planning to educate employers of the benefits of allowing employees to undertake Army Reserve training.
- 1959 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he seen reports that the United States Central Intelligence Agency has begun a detailed internal investigation to determine whether its intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction was correct.
 - (2) Has the Australian Government been informed of this investigation and its outcome; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) Has he seen criticism of the United States' assessment of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq by senior members of the US Congress.
 - (4) Can he confirm his assessment in the House on 4 February 2003 that Iraq possessed a "massive program" of weapons of mass destruction.
- 1960 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Australian Defence Force taken possession of (a) an Iraqi air force plane or (b) any other item/s of military hardware; if so, (i) what was the basis on which Australia took possession of those items, (ii) who owns those items, (iii) on what basis was that ownership determined, (iv) on whose authority were the items acquired, and (v) on whose authority were the items removed from Iraq.

- 1961 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he advise what action the Government is taking to: (1) make provision for immediate humanitarian relief to those civilians in Aceh who are now without food, shelter and access to medical assistance, (2) urge the Indonesian Government to revoke the imposition of martial law in Aceh, and pull its troops back to a defensive position, (3) call on the Indonesian Government to return to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) process and resume a dialogue in pursuit of a political solution to the problem in Aceh, (4) urge the Indonesian Government to allow the involvement of a third party to mediate, (5) offer a temporary safe haven to those who are displaced and whose lives are under threat by the actions of the Indonesian security forces, and (6) urge the Indonesian Government to guarantee that international norms and conventions are adhered to and to ensure that the Indonesian Government remains accountable for the actions of its security forces deployed in Aceh.
- 1962 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the suicide of the Afghani asylum seeker Dr Habib Vahedi who died in Murray Bridge, SA, on 3 February 2003, was there evidence available to him, the Government or the Port Hedland detention centre management that Dr Vahedi had psychological problems.
 - (2) In respect of his statement reported in *The Advertiser* on 8 February 2003, (a) what did he mean when he said Dr Vahedi's suicide could well be for a whole host of reasons and that people should have got him "appropriate support and counselling", and (b) which people were responsible for providing what counselling.
 - (3) What information does he have to show that he or his Department knew nothing of Dr Vahedi's potential to commit suicide before or since 8 February 2003.
 - (4) What medical or social support services were afforded to Dr Vahedi in South Australia.

29 May 2003

- 1963 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) In respect of the prohibition of Salvinorin A by the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee, under what full name was this substance first prohibited.
 - (2) Was this name later corrected; if so, in what way.
 - (3) What was the original source of the incorrect name given for that substance.
 - (4) Is that source the subject of any prohibition or classification under the guidelines of the Office of Film and Literature Classification.
 - (5) Is the Government now certain that the full corrected name of the substance is correct.
- 1964 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the rate of the pension to be paid to Dr Peter Hollingworth been calculated; if so, what is the amount of annual pension that will eventually be paid.
- 1965 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) has decided not to allocate the Sydney AM 1386 Licence, notwithstanding a lengthy community tendering process.
 - (2) Why has the ABA decided not to allocate this licence.
 - (3) Is he aware that the ABA has also refused to allocate licences following equally lengthy community tendering processes for Wollongong, Lithgow and Cootamundra in New South Wales.
 - (4) What reasons has the ABA given the Minister for publicly calling on community organisations to bid for such licences at considerable expense, only to refuse to allocate the licences on four separate occasions.
 - (5) What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that the applicants for broadcasting licences are not exposed to lengthy bidding processes that result in no decision to award a licence being made.
- 1966 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of the Senate committee report on the Inquiry into the Development of Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan dated June 2000 and the eight recommendations in the majority report at paragraphs 1.23 to 1.30 inclusive.
 - (2) Is he aware that Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) has commenced administrative processes in late December 2002 in order to fulfil its statutory obligations under the *Airports Act 1996* for Sydney Airport to have a master plan.

- (3) With respect to Recommendation 1 of the Senate report, has the *Airports Act 1996* been amended to include an object and purpose statement for airport master plans; if so, when, if not, why not.
- (4) With respect to Recommendation 2 of the Senate report, has the *Airports Act 1996* been amended to specify the relationship a major development plan has to the Master Plan; if not, why not.
- (5) With respect to Recommendation 3 of the Senate report, has the *Airports Act 1996* been amended to include more prescriptive requirements for community consultation by airport owners and airport-lessees; if not, why not.
- (6) With respect to Recommendation 4 of the Senate report, has the Department of Transport and Regional Services developed a set of protocols which outline the requirements for community consultation in relation to airport master plans and major development plans; if so, when and will he table a copy of those protocols in the House; if not, why not.
- (7) What action is the SACL taking to conduct more open consultation with affected groups, including community groups; if no action has or is being taken, why not.
- (8) With respect to Recommendation 6 of the Senate report, has the *Airports Act 1996* been amended to place a responsibility on airports to disclose to the public draft flight path information prepared by AirServices Australia as part of draft master plans; if so when, if not, why not.
- (9) Did he direct the SACL to investigate different community consultation models in order to identify the various ways in which more effective community consultation can be conducted; if so, when did you issue that direction; if not, why not.
- (10) With respect to Recommendation 8 of the Senate report, have the dual roles of AirServices Australia as government adviser and external consultant been critically examined to determine whether there is a potential for conflict of interest; if so, when was that critical examination undertaken and will he table this examination in the House; if no examination has been undertaken, why not.
- (11) Why is the administrative process governing the drafting of the master plan for Sydney Airport essentially the same flawed process criticised in the Senate report as that which governed the drafting of Brisbane Airport's master plan.
- (12) What action is he taking to avoid the same flaws occurring in the drafting of the master plan for Sydney Airport; if no action is being taken, why not.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1967 - 1970)—

- (1) Which organisation is responsible for the classification of computer games.
- (2) Do all computer games need to be submitted for classification before being sold; if so, (a) what is the process for classifying computer games, (b) what is the penalty for selling computer games which have not been classified, and (c) on what basis is the classification made, in particular, are the (i) ideology, (ii) values, and (iii) concept of the game relevant.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of a game called "Special Force" created by Hezbollah in Lebanon; if so, is he also aware that the game, (a) has an introduction including an exploding Israeli tank, (b) shows rows and rows of burning Israeli flags, (c) awards points for executing the Israeli Prime Minister, (d) includes parts based on actual attacks of Israeli positions, and (e) includes parts that, (i) say "You must oppose, confront and destroy the machines of the Zionist enemy", and (ii) show "the defeat of the Israeli enemy and the heroic actions taken by the heroes of the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon".
- (4) Is the Minister able to confirm or deny reports in *The New York Times* of 18 May 2003 that copies of this game have been sold in Australia.
- (5) Has the game been submitted for classification; if so, (a) when, (b) did it receive a classification which permits its sale and distribution in Australia; if so, (i) why, and (ii) will the Minister request a review of its classification, and (c) if it was not classified, (iii) why not, (iv) what action has been taken against people who have imported, manufactured, distributed, sold or bought the game, and (v) if no action has been taken, why not and will the Minister order action to be taken.
- (6) Are there similar games on the market, if so, what are they and what classifications have they received.

1967 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1968 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1969 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1970 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2 June 2003

MS C. F. KING: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1971 - 1972)—

- (1) How many applications for the anniversary of the National Service Medal are currently being processed.
- (2) How many applicants reside in the electoral division of Ballarat.
- (3) What are the delays being experienced in the processing of these applications.
- (4) When will the processing of the applications be finalised.

1971 **MS C. F. KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1972 **MS C. F. KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

MS C. F. KING: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1973 - 1974)—Was “D” Company to be presented with a Vietnamese Unit Citation and/or were Vietnamese bravery awards to be presented to certain individual soldiers on 2 September 1966; if so, was any intervention made by Australian officials in Vietnam that prevented the presentation of these citations.

1973 **MS C. F. KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1974 **MS C. F. KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1975 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Was an asylum seeker, Mr Sayed Hussein, removed from Christmas Island to Nauru on or about 18 March 2003; if so, (a) on which exact date, (b) was he given prior notice; if not, why not.
- (2) Was he removed at around 3 a.m.; if so, (a) why was he removed from Christmas Island at that time of day, (b) who made the decision on the time of removal, (c) to whom does that person report, and (e) what was the process for approving the removal.
- (3) Are the officials who ordered Mr Sayed Hussein’s removal aware of the *Summary Conclusions on the Concept of “Effective Protection” in the Context of Secondary Movements of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers* of the Expert Roundtable held in Lisbon in December 2002 which was organised by the UN High Commission for Refugees and the US based Migration Policy Institute; if not, why not.
- (4) Were steps taken to ensure that the removals of Mr Sayed Hussein and others from Christmas Island to Nauru were consistent with each of the key factors identified in the aforementioned document; if so, in what way were they.
- (5) Was Mr Sayed Hussein (a) prohibited from saying goodbye to friends he had made on Christmas Island; if so, why, and (b) was he allowed to visit his wife’s grave on Christmas Island before his removal; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he provide copies of all documents relating to the removal of Mr Sayed Hussein from Christmas Island to Nauru; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he provide a detailed breakdown of all the costs associated with moving Mr Sayed Hussein from Christmas Island to Nauru, including the staff and air transport costs involved.
- (8) As Nauru is not a party to the Refugee Convention, did the Australian Government seek and obtain specific assurances from Nauru before the transfer from Christmas Island to Nauru, that Mr Sayed Hussein would not be refouled by Nauru to any country in which he would be at risk of persecution, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; if Australia did seek such an assurance, what are the details of that assurance; if not, why not.
- (9) Has it been determined whether Mr Sayed Hussein is to be returned to Afghanistan; if so, what is that determination, and under what conditions will his return be carried out.
- (10) Has any asylum seeker transferred to Nauru from Australia been refouled by Nauru to any country where they would be at risk of persecution, or of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- (11) In what ways do Australian Immigration officials ensure compliance with each of the safeguards and minimum standards outlined in the *Summary Conclusions on the Concept of “Effective Protection” in the Context of Secondary Movements of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers*, particularly with respect to fundamental human rights in the third State in accordance with applicable international standards.
- (12) What are the review mechanisms available to ensure that adequate attention has been given to the safeguards and minimum standards outlined in the aforementioned document and to the health and emotional well-being of asylum seekers moved from Christmas Island to Nauru.

1976 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence —

- (1) How many members of the CMF or Defence Reserve have served more than 6 years but less than 15 years since 1965.
- (2) How many individual members of the Australian Defence Forces who have served in the following wars and conflicts have not claimed campaign medals or bravery awards to which they are entitled, (a) World War 1, (b) World War 2, (c) Korea, (d) Malaya, (e) Borneo, and (f) Vietnam.
- (3) What steps have been taken to contact these individuals or their next of kin to encourage them to do so.

1977 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is it the case that the coalition promised to provide \$6 million for radio blackspots during the 2001 election campaign.
- (2) Is the funding for this program \$5 million.
- (3) Is \$1.4 million of the funding for this program allocated for administration; if so, how will this \$1.4 million be spent.

MR LATHAM: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1978 - 1979)—Has he attended meetings with leaders or representatives of (a) the United States of America, (b) the United Kingdom, or (c) the United Nations at which estimates of the number of civilian casualties in the war on Iraq were discussed; if so, what are the details of the meetings and the estimates of the number of casualties.

1978 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1979 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1980 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is he aware of the significant contribution the University of Wollongong makes to the local community through employment, access to education, private sector partnerships, research and the injection of money into the local economy; if not, why not; if so, how is this contribution different or less onerous than that of the universities listed in his media release of 13 May, *Funding Boost for Regional Universities and Campuses*.
- (2) Will he list the University campuses that are outside capital cities indicating, (a) which of those campuses did not qualify for the regional loading, (b) in which federal electoral division each campus is located, (c) who is the sitting member, (d) which party they represent, and (e) by what two party preferred margin they hold the seat.
- (3) How and why was the requirement that a university must be in a population centre less than 250,000 people determined to be a correct measure of a university's regional status to be eligible for the regional loading.
- (4) Was Wollongong's population of 257,000 considered when the criteria for regional loading were set; if not, why not; if so, what impact did Wollongong's size have on setting the mark at 250,000.
- (5) Is it the case that the cut off points were set in order to prevent the University of Wollongong from qualifying for funding; if not, why not.
- (6) How and why did he determine the criteria that a university must be a certain distance from the closest mainland capital city and size of institution to be a correct measure of a university's regional status and how and why was the figure of 10,000 Equivalent Full-time Student Units determined to be a correct measure of a university's regional status.
- (7) In respect of the University of Wollongong, is he aware that (a) Bega's population is far fewer than 250,000, it is around 465km from Sydney and has far fewer than 10,000 EFTSU; (b) Shoalhaven's population is fewer than 250,000, it is around 165km from Sydney and has far fewer than 10,000 EFTSU; (c) Batemans Bay's population is fewer than 250,000, it is around 280km from Sydney and has far fewer than 10,000 EFTSU, and (d) Moss Vale's population is fewer than 250,000, it is around 122km from Sydney and has far fewer than 10,000 EFTSU.
- (7) Is it the case that eligibility for funding is on a campus-by-campus basis; if so, why have the University of Wollongong campuses been denied the regional loading.
- (8) Do the University of Wollongong campuses of Bega, Shoalhaven, Batemans Bay and Moss Vale satisfy the criteria for regional loading; if not, why not; if so, will he give a commitment to have the above campuses included in the regional loading; if not, why not.

- (9) Is it the case that the University of Wollongong is extremely close to each of the cut off points to be eligible for the regional loading; if so, will he grant the University of Wollongong the regional loading; if not, why not.

3 June 2003

1981 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Have there been any deaths resulting from activities of the Army Alpine Club; if so, (a) how many, (b) where, and (c) when.
- (2) Was a Board of Inquiry (BOI) constituted to inquire into the death of Sapper Andrew John Morrison; if so, (a) when, (b) who constituted the BOI, (c) who was the appointing Authority, (d) what were the Terms of Reference, (e) how many days has the BOI sat, (f) when is the BOI expected to deliver its final report, and (g) will the report be made public.
- (3) Did the National Park authorities conduct their own investigations into the death of Sapper Andrew John Morrison; if so, when was the report made available to the next of kin.
- (4) Did the USA authorities conduct a coronial inquiry; if so, (a) when, (b) when were the next of kin advised, (c) were the next of kin given the opportunity to attend the US coronial inquiry; if not, why not, and (d) did anyone attend the coronial Inquiry on behalf of the ADF; if not, why not.
- (5) Has it taken 2 years for the next of kin to have been informed of the injuries that led to Sapper Morrison's death; if so, why.
- (6) How many submissions have been made to the BOI seeking the evidence of the eight American eyewitnesses to the accident and when were they made.
- (7) Why has that evidence not been produced over two and a half years later.
- (8) What are the matters that the President of the BOI has ruled beyond the scope of its Terms of Reference.
- (9) Have the next of kin been offered legal representation consistent with recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in its report into Military Justice Procedures.
- (10) To date, has this BOI cost \$2 million and what are the individual costs, emoluments and disbursements involved in the BOI.
- (11) What is the anticipated final cost of the BOI.

1982 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the positions and ranks of members of the Board of Inquiry (BOI) constituted for the death of Sapper Andrew John Morrison.
- (2) Is this consistent with the revised guidelines issued as a result of the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in its report into Military Justice Procedures; if not, (a) why were the guidelines departed from, (b) what were the perceived benefits of departing from the guidelines, and (c) what, if any, have been any consequences of departing from the guidelines.

1983 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Was a Board of Inquiry (BOI) constituted to inquire into the 3 deaths of members of the Army Alpine Club that died climbing Mt Everest; if so, (a) when, (b) who constituted the BOI, (c) who was the appointing Authority, (d) what were the Terms of Reference, (e) how many days has the BOI sat, (f) when is the BOI expected to deliver its final report, and (g) will the report be made public.
- (2) Have the next of kin been offered legal representation consistent with recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in its report into Military Justice Procedures.
- (3) To date, what are the individual costs, emoluments and disbursements involved in the BOI.
- (4) What is the anticipated final cost of the BOI.

1984 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the widow of Sapper Andrew John Morrison sought interviews with Senior Officers of the ADF; if so, when and with whom.
- (2) Were these requests acceded to; if not, why not and does this reflect the Minister for Defence's policy in these matters.

1985 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many investigations has the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) conducted relating to possible breaches of Part 5.8A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- (2) How many of these investigations were resolved without court action being commenced and, in each case, why was court action not commenced.
- (3) How many court actions has ASIC commenced for breaches of Part 5.8A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- (4) What is the name, file number, court and current status of each such action and, if the matter is concluded, what orders were made.
- (5) How many matters have been referred to ASIC by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations relating to insolvencies and, in each matter, what concerns were identified.
- (6) What was the outcome of ASIC's consideration of each of these matters.

1986 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that he sought advice from the Hon. Sir Daryl Dawson on the consequences and appropriate responses to the High Court's decision in the Boral case; if so, (a) when did he make that request, and (b) when did he receive the Hon. Sir Daryl Dawson's advice in response.
- (2) Will he make that advice publicly available, as was done with the principal report on the Trade Practices Act by the Hon. Sir Daryl Dawson; if not why not.

1987 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the 2003 allocation of aged care places, is the Minister aware that in the electoral division of Calare, in Bathurst, Orange and Cowra, there are at least 164 people on waiting lists for High Care, Low Care and Community Aged Care Packages.
- (2) Will the Minister explain why there have been no aged care places specifically allocated to the Central West.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that in the Macquarie region the number of people on waiting lists for aged care places in Cobar, Mudgee and Dubbo is at least 184.
- (4) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the numbers of people on waiting lists for (a) High Care, (b) Low Care, and (c) Community Care aged care places, in each of the regions of (i) Illawarra, (ii) Mid North Coast, (iii) Northern Sydney, and (iv) South East Sydney.

1988 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) record kept by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and, in particular, "Dealings Not Involving Intentional Release (DNIR)" licence GMAC 5607 entitled "The use of virus vectors for gene silencing in plants (Virus Induced Gene Silencing)", did the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee (GMAC), in issuing that licence, require the CSIRO to provide the name of the persons or the organisations that were to be the source or sources of the virus substances named in the dealings; if so, who, and/or which organisation or organisations were named as the source or sources of each of the virus substances named as a 'parent organism' in the GMO Record; if not, why not.
- (2) Which of the virus substances listed in the licence were imported into Australia and when.
- (3) Did the 'monitoring and compliance' mechanisms of the OGTR apply to the project; if not, why not.
- (4) Were the conditions under which the licence was granted adhered to, and could the Minister provide copies of the reporting demonstrating such adherence.

1989 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) In respect of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) record kept by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and, in particular, "Dealings Not Involving Intentional Release (DNIR)" licence GMAC 5607 entitled "The use of virus vectors for gene silencing in plants (Virus Induced Gene Silencing)", (a) did the dealings referred to require a permit from the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS); if not why not, (b) were any persons or organisations named in the permit; if so, who, (c) from where were the named viral substances imported, and (d) were the conditions under which the licence was granted adhered to.
- (2) In relation to recent outbreaks of exotic plant diseases at and near agricultural research facilities, (a) are plants at Australian wheat breeding research stations, and in nearby wheat crops, regularly surveyed for their disease status by competent plant pathologists; if not, why not, and (b) were any of the areas at which the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus was recently found last surveyed by a competent

plant pathologist prior to the recent outbreak; if so, (i) when, and (ii) was the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus found during such surveys; if not, why not.

- (3) What systems and protocols are in place to ensure national preparedness for detecting quarantine breakdown or bioterrorism affecting the nation's most important crops.
- (4) Why have these systems and protocols not worked in the case of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus, and more recently, Broom Rust Fungus.

1990 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) In respect of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) record kept by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and, in particular, "Dealings Not Involving Intentional Release (DNIR)" licence GMAC 5607 entitled "The use of virus vectors for gene silencing in plants (Virus Induced Gene Silencing)", which of the virus substances named as parent organisms in the licence have been the subject of research in the laboratories of the CSIRO under the terms of the licence.
- (2) In respect of the review of research biosecurity protocols and processes at Australia's plant breeding research institutions, does the review panel include a competent practising independent plant virologist; if not, why not.
- (3) In respect of the identity of the two strains of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus recently found in Australia (a) where was each strain found, (b) to which publicly reported Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus isolate is each of the Australian strains most closely related, and (c) does such information indicate when and how each strain of the virus may have breached the nation's quarantine barriers; if so, would he provide that information.

1991 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 1760 (*Hansard*, 2 June 2003, page 15164), what material is the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) awaiting in order to finalise the third review of the case of the former Senator, Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, and his capacity to stand trial on 28 charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.
- (2) When is that material expected to be received by the DPP.
- (3) Can he say what the DPP proposes to do with that material.
- (4) Is he able to say whether there has been any recent improvement in Dr Colston's state of health; if so, what is the nature of that improvement; if not, why not.

1992 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to his reply to parts 1(f) and 3 of question No. 1110 (*Hansard*, 4 February 2003, page 151), for how many of the following successful interventions were applications previously considered under s.417 on (a) one, (b) two, and (c) three or more prior occasions: (i) the 79 interventions out of 947 in 1996/97, (ii) the 55 interventions out of 3,122 in 1997/98, (iii) the 154 interventions out of 3,838 in 1998/99, (iv) the 179 interventions out of 4,100 in 1999/00, (v) the 260 interventions out of 2,306 in 2000/01, and (vi) the 199 interventions out of 3,309 in 2001/02.
- (2) In respect of each of those matters, how many of these interventions were successful by satisfying him on the following Ministerial Guideline criteria: (a) 4.2.1 – Significant threat to that person's security, human rights etc, (b) 4.2.2 – Substantial grounds for believing a person may be in danger of being subject to torture etc in contravention of the Convention Against Torture, (c) 4.2.3 – Circumstances that may bring Australia's obligations as a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, (d) 4.2.4 – Circumstances that may bring Australia's obligations as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, (e) 4.2.5 – Circumstances that the legislation could not have anticipated, (f) 4.2.6 – Clearly unintended consequences of legislation, (g) 4.2.7 – Intended, but in the particular circumstances, particularly unfair or unreasonable consequences of legislation, (h) 4.2.8 – Strong compassionate circumstances etc such that failure to recognise them would cause irreparable harm ... to an Australian family unit, (i) 4.2.9 – Exceptional economic, scientific, cultural or other benefit to Australia, (j) 4.2.10 – Length of time that person has been in Australia, (k) 4.2.11 – The age of the person, and (l) 4.2.12 – The health and psychological state of the person.

4 June 2003

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1993 - 1997)—

- (1) Does the Government endorse the view of the United States Government that key elements of the Iranian Government sponsor terrorism.

- (2) Is the Government aware that Noorsoft is listed as a distributor of the computer game “Special Force” and is it aware of any other Noorsoft products or subsidiaries which promote terrorist, extremist ideas; if so, are any of these products sold in Australia.
- (3) Does Noorsoft have any offices, agents, representatives or subsidiaries in Australia.
- (4) Is the Government aware that Noorsoft is a subsidiary of the Computer Research Center for Islamic Sciences (CRCIS) and is it aware of any other CRCIS products or subsidiaries which extol terrorist and/or extremist ideas; if so are any of these products sold in Australia.
- (5) Does CRCIS have any offices, agents, representatives or subsidiaries in Australia.
- (6) Is the Government aware that the CRCIS was established by the Iranian Government and is this is another example of Iranian sponsored extremism and encouragement of terrorism.
- (7) Will (a) Noorsoft, (b) CRCIS, and (c) “Special Force” be proscribed under the legislation to proscribe Hizballah recently introduced into the Parliament, or (d) will the Government refer “Special Force” to the Office of Film and Literature Classification; if not, (i) why not, and (ii) will the Government take other action to proscribe “Special Force”.
- (8) What statements, diplomatic approaches or actions has the Government made or will the Government make to inform the regime in control of the Islamic Republic of Iran that sponsoring terrorism and hatred via computer games which promote terrorism is inconsistent with the membership of the community of nations and contrary to hopes of new peace talks in the Middle East.

1993 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1994 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1995 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1996 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1997 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

1998 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has there been a fundamental shift in the editorial and production standards at SBS that would have lowered the editorial standard of the public broadcaster.
- (2) Is it the case that the current affairs and news programs of SBS no longer have editors and producers, and that single journalists operate and interview on their own; if so, (a) is this a cost cutting or saving device, and (b) has it been discussed or authorised by the SBS Board.
- (3) Is this new process used for *Dateline*, *Insight* and the *SBS News*; if so, (a) has it lead to any decline in the standard of presentation of these programs, and (b) if there has been a decline, has the SBS Board or senior management weighed these cost savings against the drop in editorial standards.
- (4) Was there any editorial or production oversight of the SBS *Dateline* program that accused the Zimbabwean Opposition Leader of wanting to assassinate the Zimbabwean President, Mr Robert Mugabe.
- (5) Was there a single reporter using a digicam to produce the program that aired the allegations and was there wide-spread consultation at the SBS editorial level before the allegations were telecast.
- (5) Is the defamation suit undertaken by Morgan Tsvanangarai still in process; if so, is the Minister able to say what is SBS’s estimate of the damages if the defamation suit were to be successful.

1999 **MR KERR:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he provide a detailed statement of the criteria applied by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to determine which complaints initiated by the public are made the subject of ASIC enforcement action.
- (2) Is he aware that ASIC has declined to take action in a matter involving allegations that a Tasmanian investor had been misled by his investment adviser due to the adviser’s valuing a potential investment using a methodology other than that allowed under the Australian Accounting Standards and failing to disclose that fact; if so, will he investigate; if not, will he explain how such conduct could be described as not of general significance to the market.

2000 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many detainees at the Curtin Detention Centre have had their applications to the Refugee Review Tribunal refused in the last 24 months.

- (2) For each instance, can he say (a) what was the date of the determination, (b) what was the date the determination was conveyed to the detainee, and (c) whether the detainee was able to access legal advice by (i) phone, (ii) post, and (iii) in person.
- (3) Is it the case that when detainees have filled in forms to initiate Federal Court Appeals (without access to legal advice) and posted them in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs box on site within days of being notified of such decisions, that these documents were not forwarded in time to comply with the mandatory 28 day appeal period so that the detainee was denied legitimate access to the appeal process.

2001 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can he inform the House as to the number, duration and value of contracts held with Australian Corrections Management (ACM) for the management of Australian immigration detention centres.
- (2) In respect of each detention centre for which ACM has the management contract, how many people were or are employed by ACM at each facility in each of the years that ACM has held the contract.
- (3) Does the contract with ACM require it to screen all its employees for (a) any previous criminal record, and (b) any charges or history of child sexual abuse.
- (4) Has his department identified any breach of any ACM contract obligation relating to screening, background checks, charges and/or convictions for child sexual abuse; if so, (a) when, (b) what are the details, and (c) what action did the department take in response to each breach.

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2002 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Was the Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans compiled prior to a Determination of Warlike Service in Vietnam that was signed on 23 December 1997 by the then Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop.

2003 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of complaints made to Australia Post regarding the consistent overcharging of letters and parcels, particularly those containing compact discs.
- (2) In the last twelve months, has Australia Post revised the method used to assess postal charges for compact discs leading to a significant increase in their cost of mailing.
- (3) What processes does Australia Post use to ensure that all offices and franchises price correctly.

2004 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—For each year from 1996 to the present in the electoral division of Burke how many (a) people applied for a protection visa, (b) applications were successful, (c) applications are outstanding, (d) applications were heard at the Refugee Review Tribunal, (e) applicants appealed to him under section 417, and (f) applicants who made appeals under Section 417 were granted protection visas.

MR B. P. O'CONNOR: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2005 - 2006)—

- (1) Does he intend to abolish the Ansett Ticket Levy; if so, when does he expect that this will occur.
- (2) Will the proceeds of the levy be distributed to the creditors of Ansett.

2005 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2006 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Treasurer.

2007 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Can he guarantee that local television content rules will not be part of any bilateral trade deal with the United States.

2008 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) the State of New South Wales, and (b) in postcode areas of (i) 2508, (ii) 2515, (iii) 2516, (iv) 2517, (v) 2518, (vi) 2519, (vii) 2500, (viii) 2525, and (ix) 2526.

2009 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Government have statistics on the number of vehicle accidents in Australia caused by drivers engaging in mobile phone conversations with handheld phones; if so, what are the details.
- (2) What action has the Government taken to standardise mobile phone hands-free jacks to ensure that all phone brands are compatible with the jacks, thereby minimising the use of hand-held mobile phones.

2010 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What special levies does the Government impose on the vegetable growing industry, how big are these levies and what are they used for.

- (2) What returns do hydroponic vegetable growers receive on the levies.
 - (3) Has the Government considered exempting hydroponic vegetable growers from these levies; if so, what are the details.
- 2011 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts —
- (1) Is he aware that Internet-based gambling can be accessed by Australians.
 - (2) Do existing laws prevent Australians from accessing on-line gambling services; if so, (a) what measures are in place, and (b) are they successful.
 - (3) If existing laws do not prevent Australians accessing on-line gambling, is he able to say how much money leaves Australia in payment for offshore on-line gambling services.
 - (4) What measures are in place to ensure that the offshore on-line gambling services receiving payments from Australians are not owned by outlawed terrorist organisations.
- 2012 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What measures are in place to prevent Australians from accessing on-line gambling services.
 - (2) Is the Minister due to provide an update on the operation of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*; if so, when.
 - (3) Which Commonwealth agency is responsible for investigating breaches of the Act.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware of any breaches of the Act that have been investigated and prosecuted; if so, what were those breaches and who committed them.
 - (5) Is the Minister aware of a complaint made against the Tasmanian Department of Economic Development; if so, what was the outcome of that complaint and the reasons behind that decision.
- 2013 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 977 (*Hansard*, 3 June 2003, page 15282), why has the target of 17 per cent of all aircraft movements to the North of Sydney Airport in the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) never once been reached since the LTOP Ministerial Direction was made on 30 July 1997.
 - (2) What are the criteria against which he determines whether implementation of the LTOP has been successful.
 - (3) Which of the two LTOP recommendations are not implemented.
 - (4) Will he table details of how the remaining 29 LTOP recommendations have been implemented.
 - (5) Is it the case that, at page 113, the LTOP for Sydney Airport & Associated Airspace (drafted in 1996) states that “Preliminary planning for Stage 2 has been undertaken and a timetable for this stage is currently being finalised”.
 - (6) Has the timetable for Stage 2 been finalised; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was it finalised, and (b) will he table a copy; if so, when; if not, why not.
 - (7) What is the timetabled completion date for Stage 2.
 - (8) At the completion of Stage 2, will the LTOP be operating so that all aircraft movement targets, including the 17 per cent of all aircraft movements to the North of Sydney Airport, will be met; if not, why not.
- 2014 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 1364 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2003, page 14116), is it the case that the amended assessments highlighted were issued incorrectly by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
 - (2) What measures does he intend to take to ensure that taxpayers are protected from incorrect assessments.
 - (3) In these cases is the ATO process in breach of the Taxpayers Charter.
 - (4) In respect of part (3) of question No. 1364, (a) what are the limitations on the ATO’s power to issue assessments, (b) what is the threshold of evidence that the ATO must achieve, and (c) did the ATO compile audit reports in respect of the incorrect assessments.
 - (5) Is the ATO obliged to prepare an Audit report before issuing an assessment.
 - (6) Why has the ATO issued incorrect assessments based on assumptions when it has the power to demand information from taxpayers.

- (7) Is it the case that immediately after the ATO raises a tax assessment, the amount of the assessment including any amount for penalties and interest is automatically counted as revenue; if so, is it also the case that this system does not take into account actual collections or disputes.
- (8) In respect of the 7,000 participants in Employee Benefit Arrangements identified in part (1) of the answer to question No. 1364, have these taxpayers been issued with multiple assessments; if so, can he confirm that some of these taxpayers have received as many as three different tax bills.
- (9) Where taxpayers have received more than one assessment, have penalties been imposed on more than one tax bill.

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*2015 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many temporary protection visa holders are there in (a) Australia, and (b) in each federal electorate.
- (2) Which countries do they come from.
- (3) How many (a) men, and (b) women are from each country.
- (4) How many are aged (a) 0-11, (b) 12-18, (c) 19-25, (d) 26-50, and (e) over 50 years.
- (5) How many temporary protection visas will expire (a) by 30 June 2003, (b) by 31 December 2003, (c) during 2004, and (d) during 2005.

*2016 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the classification of an area as a “district of workforce shortage” determined by the doctor to population ratio; if not, on what basis is it determined.
- (2) Does the Minister endorse the following assessment of her Parliamentary Secretary in response to my representations of 6 March 2003 on behalf of Dr Natalya Peker: “Port Kembla and Berkeley are located in the Wollongong (C) SLA, which lies within a metropolitan area. Current Medicare billing statistics show that the supply of general practitioners in the Wollongong (C) SLA is better than that currently experienced on average in Australia. Therefore, overseas trained doctors would not generally be granted exemptions that would allow them to provide Medicare eligible services at these locations.”; if so, why.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the doctor to population ratio in the electoral division of Throsby is below the national average and is now 1 doctor to every 1,362 people and that Berkeley currently has a doctor to population ratio of 1 doctor to 1,732 people; if so, (a) was this considered when making a determination as to whether or not Dr Peker should be granted an exemption to practice at Berkeley and issued a Medicare Provider Number; if not, why not, and (b) was this considered in regard to Berkeley being granted district of workforce shortage status; if not, why not.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that in the electoral division of Throsby the number of doctors to population in each postcode district is: (a) 1 to 768 in 2502, (b) 1 to 5,150 in 2505, (c) 1 to 1,732 in 2506, (d) 1 to 1,308 in 2526, (e) 1 to 1,677 in 2527, (f) 1 to 1,219 in 2528, (g) 1 to 2,686 in 2529, and (h) 1 to 1,151 in 2530.
- (5) Will the Minister declare Throsby a district of workforce shortage and issue Dr Peker a Medicare Provider Number; if not, why not.

*2017 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is it the case that a student who is in receipt of a scholarship to cover the cost of fees faces a reduction in Youth Allowance payments because the scholarship is regarded as income; if so, why.
- (2) Is it an anomaly that students in this situation are penalised financially by reductions to their Centrelink benefits.
- (3) In the electoral division of Hasluck, how many students, or their families, have had their Centrelink payments reduced because the student receives a scholarship and, for each case, is the Minister able to say (a) the type of scholarship received, and (b) the amount of any reduction in Centrelink payments.
- (4) Will the Minister consider amending the *Social Security Act 1991*, to ensure that scholarships are not classified as a ‘valuable contribution’ under that act; if not, why not.

*2018 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of claims that asylum seekers being held in detention have been forced to (a) give birth with no translator or support person, such as a friend or relative, present, (b) give birth with a male guard present, (c) undergo caesareans without having given their informed consent, (d) wear

handcuffs during transportation from the detention centre to hospital, and (e) wear handcuffs during the birth or caesarean.

(2) Will he undertake to investigate these claims.

*2019 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

(1) Will Telstra provide alternative methods for the receipt of share dividends other than direct credit to a shareholder's bank account after 1 January 2004.

(2) Has any provision been made for shareholders who do not wish to provide bank account details to Telstra for the receipt of share dividends; if not, what will happen to share dividends in the event of a shareholder refusing to provide Telstra with bank account details.

(3) If share dividends are to be retained by Telstra, (a) will the retained dividends be credited with interest, and (b) will any provision be made for the effects of inflation.

*2020 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Further to the answer to question No. 1565 (*Hansard*, 15 May 2003, page 14537) concerning the operation of Airservices Australia during industrial action, what were the contingency arrangements that were confirmed as obligatory in the advice from the Office of Legal Council and can a copy of that legal advice be provided.

(2) What were the findings of each of the four investigations conducted by Airservices Australia into incidents that occurred during the industrial action and can a copy of the reports be provided.

*2021 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) How many (a) ministerial staff, (b) Department of the Environment and Heritage staff, (c) staff of other Departments, and (d) Australian Greenhouse Office staff travelled with him to the United States to promote the “climate action partnership” between Australia and the United States.

(2) How long did the trip take.

(3) What was the total cost to taxpayers of the trip.

(4) Who did he and other members of the delegation meet during the trip.

(5) What was the outcome of the trip.

*2022 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) Has the Government been approached by Energy SA requesting an increase in the funding allocation for the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program in order to meet the growing demand from pastoralists who wish to install a photovoltaic energy system on their properties.

(2) Is he aware that Mr Andrew Pobke of Arcoona Station near Woomera has applied unsuccessfully four times for funding to promote renewable energy as reported in the *Adelaide Advertiser* on 4 June 2003.

(3) Is the Government taking any action to meet these requests.

*2023 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) What are the current management arrangements for Calperum Station.

(2) Is it the case that the current contractual arrangements for the management of Calperum Station expired on 30 April 2003.

(3) What process has the Director of National Parks, as holder of the Deed of Assignment to the station, instituted to ensure ongoing felicitous, transparent, and accountable management of the station.

(4) Will community representation form a part of the ongoing management of the station.

*2024 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) Can he detail the amount of funding contributed by the Commonwealth Government to the McCormick Centre for the Environment.

(2) Can he detail the number of functions and events hosted by the McCormick Centre since its official opening in September 2002.

(3) What has been the level of patronage of the McCormick Centre since its official opening.

(4) Has a tourism plan been established for the McCormick Centre and the adjoining Chaffey Learning Exchange.

- *2025 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What classes of persons are eligible for Commonwealth assistance for the provision, repair and provision of batteries for, hearing aids.
 - (2) Why are persons over the age of 21 years not eligible for assistance.
- *2026 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What are the names of the Australian delegates to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conferences in 2001, 2002 and 2003.
 - (2) How did the (a) Australian Government delegates, (b) Employers' Group delegates, and (c) Workers' Group delegates vote on each convention and recommendation considered by each of the Conferences.
 - (3) To what positions did Australia seek election at each Conference.
 - (4) Which members of the Far East Asia and Pacific sub-region were elected as members and deputy members of the ILO Governing Body at the 2002 conference.
 - (5) When and where will the next regional meeting be held.
 - (6) Which ILO conventions and ratifications have been considered for ratification since the answer to question No. 1709 (*Hansard*, 12 October 2000, page 21548) and what was the outcome of that consideration.
- *2027 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Does Centrelink record any information about how long it takes for initial applications for the benefits it administers to be finalised from the date of application to the decision to grant or refuse a benefit payment; if so, (a) what information is recorded, and (b) how long does it take to process applications for benefits; if not, why not.
 - (2) In respect of each benefit administered by Centrelink, what are Centrelink's average processing times by (a) State, (b) region, and (c) post code.
 - (3) In respect of the time taken to process applications for benefits, does Centrelink have any self-imposed targets; if so, (a) what are they, and (b) how often does Centrelink fail to meet its targets; if not, why not.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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, Mrs Draper, Ms Gillard, 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 Schultz, 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:

Future opportunities for Australia's film, animation, special effects and electronic games industries.

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.

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.

Sustainable cities 2025.

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 inquiries:

Averment provisions in customs legislation

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.

Privatisation of regional infrastructure and government business enterprises.

Select

RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES (*Formed 26 March 2003*): Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr Causley, Ms Ellis, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hawker, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Mr Organ, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Schultz (*To report by 6 November 2003*).

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.

Current inquiry:

Cybercrime.

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.

Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1) 2003, No. 31 and Regulation 7.1.29 in Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 3) No. 85.

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: Ms Gillard, Mrs Hull, 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 Conroy, Senator Humphries, 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.
 Review of Aviation Security in Australia.

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:

Bruce ACT—Redevelopment of the Australian Institute of Sport.
 Colombo, Sri Lanka—Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian High Commission.
 Darwin, NT—Provision of facilities for collocation and re-equipping of the 1st Aviation Regiment at Robertson Barracks.
 HMAS Harman, ACT—ACT Multi user depot
 Katherine, NT—Perimeter security fence, RAAF Base Tindal.
 Randwick, NSW—Site remediation and construction of infrastructure for the Defence site.
 Sydney Airport—Fitout of new Customs building.

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 inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiries:

Pay parking in the Parliamentary zone

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

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

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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