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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 128

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2003

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

*1 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That the resolution of the House of 9 October 1984, as amended, setting out the requirements for the declaration of Members' Interests be amended as follows:

Paragraph (i) (other assets)— omit "\$5000",
substitute "\$7500".

Paragraph (k) (gifts)— omit "\$500",
substitute "\$750",
omit "\$200",
substitute "\$300".

Paragraph (l) (sponsored travel)— omit the paragraph, substitute
“(l) any sponsored travel or hospitality received where the value of the sponsored travel or hospitality exceeds \$300.”

*2 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes. (*Social Security Amendment (Further Simplification) Bill 2003*)

*3 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: RAAF Base Richmond reinvestment project, Richmond, NSW.

*4 **MRS D. M. KELLY:** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for works in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 13 October 2003, namely: Forecourt scoria restoration, Parliament House.

Orders of the day

1 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Further consideration in detail (*from 15 October 2003*).

2 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Mr Griffin*).

3 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's requests (*from 14 October 2003*).

4 **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*).

5 **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*).

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

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

- 6 **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*).
- 7 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Mr Snowdon*).
- 8 **NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Mr Snowdon*).
- 9 **AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY BILL 2003** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2003—Mr Rudd*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2003*).
- 14 **AGE DISCRIMINATION BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Ms Ellis*).
- 15 **AGE DISCRIMINATION (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Ms Ellis*).
- 16 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2003 a.m.—Mr Lindsay, in continuation*).
- 17 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003—Mr Emerson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Cox, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:*
- (1) condemns the Howard Government for its lack of fiscal control, having increased both outlays and tax substantially;
 - (2) notes that the Government has also allowed the budget position to materially deteriorate by failing to deliver its own stated objective of a revenue neutral outcome on the Review of Business Taxation and its failure to confront major threats to the revenue through a growing tax avoidance industry including through the use of offshore tax havens; and
 - (3) notes that, as a result of these failures, the Government lacks the capacity to enhance the international competitiveness of Australia’s taxation system, return the full value of bracket creep either through tax cuts or services, provide the health and education services needed by low and middle income Australians, and support the provision of retirement incomes for all Australians.”
- 18 **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*).

Notices—continued

- 5 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That standing orders 93, 94 and 399 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the applicable standing order by a Minister. (*Notice given 18 June 2003.*)
- 6 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That, for the remainder of this period of sittings, standing order 45 be amended to read as follows:

When want of quorum noticed, House counted – House adjourned

- 45 If any Member takes notice that a quorum of Members is not present, the Speaker shall count the House; and, if a quorum is not present within four minutes, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day: Provided that if the Speaker is satisfied there is likely to be a quorum within a

reasonable time the Speaker shall announce that he or she will take the Chair at a stated time; but if at that time there is not a quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day and provided further that on the second or any subsequent occasion during a sitting day on which any Member takes notice that a quorum is not present the Speaker shall have discretion whether to proceed with business or to count the House. (*Notice given 19 June 2003.*)

- 7 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That standing order 399 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister. (*Notice given 18 June 2003.*)

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 19 **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*).
- 20 **DESIGNS BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2003—Mr Melham*).
- 28 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003—Mr Swan*).
- 29 **CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 30 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Mr Griffin*).
- *31 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 32 **HEALTH AND AGEING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2003*).
- 33 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM) BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 September 2003*).
- *34 **AUSTRALIAN PROTECTIVE SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 October 2003*).
- 35 **COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 9 September 2003*).

- 36 **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”.
- 37 **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).
- 38 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate’s amendments (from 13 December 2002, a.m.).
- 39 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 258 (from 15 May 2003).
- *40 **ALBURY-WODONGA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 2002-03—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 15 October 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **SECTION 57 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 8 October 2003—Mr Lloyd) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **OPERATION OF THE AGED CARE ACT 1997—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 7 October 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **CRIMES ACT 1914 PART 1AB CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 7 October 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT BILL 2003—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 18 September 2003—Mr Abbott) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS FRAMEWORK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 17 September 2003—Mr Swan) on the motion of Mr Tuckey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 11 September 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 10 September 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE—PAPER—APEC: AUSTRALIA’S INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 9 September 2003—Mr Latham) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **AGREEMENT DONE AT TOWNSVILLE ON 24 JULY 2003 BETWEEN SOLOMON ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAMOA AND TONGA—TREATY—**

- MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 September 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **OFFICE OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATOR—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—49TH REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 40(3) ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION ACT 1989—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 August 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR OUTREACH SERVICES LEGISLATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 August 2003—Mr M. J. Ferguson*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 August 2003—Mr M. J. Ferguson*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IN AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES JOINT AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT 48—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT 50—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **AUSTRALIAN RIVER CO. LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2003—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PRICING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT ON PREMIUM INCREASES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.

- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr Slipper*):**
- 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. 3 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Cox).*
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Cox).*
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2003)—*moved 17 September 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).*
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Cox).*
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Cox).*
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Cox).*
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 17 September 2003—Resumption of debate (Mr Sidebottom).*
- 75 **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.



**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
3 NOVEMBER 2003, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO EAST TIMOR:** Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to East Timor, 3 to 5 September 2003. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To present a Bill for an Act concerning Commonwealth owned land at Port Nepean, Victoria. (*Commonwealth Land at Port Nepean, Victoria Bill 2003*) (*Notice given 7 October 2003. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR BALDWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the efforts of the personnel of the RAAF Contingent Ubon who served in Thailand during the Vietnam War;
 - (2) acknowledges that these personnel were assigned to provide support operations in Ubon post-June 1965 by the Joint Planning Committee Report 110/1964;
 - (3) acknowledges this directly affected the Vietnam War in that they provided air and ground defence of the Royal Thai Air Force Base and all assets and installations the United States Air Force (USAF) collocated on the base whilst the USAF 8th Tactical Fighter Wing undertook combat operations into North Vietnam and Laos;
 - (4) acknowledges that the RAAF 79(F) Squadron were on “Alert 5” status and provided CAP operations in Ubon;
 - (5) acknowledges that whilst the RAAF servicemen were assigned to the command and control of the USAF 7th Air Force in Vietnam, they remained under Australian control; and
 - (6) recognises the efforts of those who served in Ubon by the way of the award of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal (VLSM) to be worn by the amendment of the “Area of Operations” for the Vietnam War effort and by the amendment of the regulations governing the issue of the VLSM. (*Notice given 8 October 2003. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) understands that Australians want decisions made on the basis of good policy and what is best for communities, not what suits the electoral pendulum;
 - (2) affirms the need for an integrated approach to transport and urban development policy to tackle issues associated with the growth of our major cities;

- (3) recognises that cities need integrated transport and urban development policies involving all tiers of government and the community in the decision making process;
- (4) accepts that Labor has lead the way on these important issues with the announcement of an integrated transport plan for Sydney; and
- (5) recognises that:
 - (a) Labor will not build an airport at Badgery's Creek, nor will Labor sell the Sydney Basin airports in a cash grab that ignores community and aviation industry views;
 - (b) Labor understands that the growth ambitions of Sydney Airport are not acceptable and that a second Sydney airport is required; and
 - (c) Badgery's Creek remains the Coalition's preferred site choice for a second Sydney airport. (*Notice given 8 October 2003. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SESSIONAL ORDER 344—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE 2003 NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE EXCHANGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Scott—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 3 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE 2001 ELECTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003—Mr Georgiou, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Georgiou—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 4 **SCIENCE AND INNOVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE COMMITMENT OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003—Mr Nairn, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 5 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—52ND REPORT—SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND OTHER TREATIES TABLED IN MARCH 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of

- Ms J. I Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 6 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003—Mr Sercombe, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 7 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE CONDUCT OF DIVISIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 August 2003—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 8 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—53RD REPORT—TREATIES TABLED IN MAY AND JUNE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2003—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 9 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE DRAFT FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2003—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 10 **INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON IMPEDIMENTS TO INCREASING INVESTMENT IN MINERALS AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2003—Mr Prosser, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 11 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE REPORT FOR 2001-2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Scott—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 12 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO PAY PARKING IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—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 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 13 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE ADEQUACY OF PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—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 3 November 2003.*)
- 14 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF AGENCY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—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 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 2 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 3 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.)

5 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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

6 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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

7 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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 14 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)

- 15 **MS C. F. KING:** To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) 18 August is the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and Vietnam Veterans Day;

- (2) following the Battle of Long Tan in 1966, the South Vietnamese Government decided to award gallantry award medals to several members of D Company and also a Unit Citation to the Company;
- (3) at the last minute the then Australian Government requested that they not be awarded and the soldiers were instead given dolls and cigarette cases;
- (4) that approval to have the awards presented was to be sought at a later date; and
- (5) as the Minister for Veterans Affairs has the authority to approve the wearing of these awards, and given that sufficient documented evidence exists to support such a decision, that approval should be granted. (*Notice given 19 June 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

16 **MR RIPOLL:** To move—That this house:

- (1) recognises the contribution of the Royal Australian Air Force to the defence of Australia;
- (2) recognises and acknowledges the importance of the F111 fleet to the security of Australia and the region and the contribution this aircraft has made to Australia's defence;
- (3) congratulates the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program for giving Members of Parliament greater access and a better working knowledge of the daily operations of our defence forces;
- (4) congratulates RAAF Base Amberley for the great work it does as a defence base and recognises the expertise of the RAAF personnel working at the base; and
- (5) recognises the contribution RAAF Base Amberley makes to the city of Ipswich and the community link that has been fostered over many years. (*Notice given 19 August 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

17 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the development and distribution of the tetanus vaccine in developed countries such as Australia has lead to the virtual elimination of the disease;
- (2) notes tetanus continues to be a major cause of fatalities in many developing countries, with some 100 million people still at risk of contracting the disease;
- (3) calls for measures to be implemented that will lead to the elimination of tetanus in developing countries; and
- (4) recognises the efforts of UNICEF and its programs in attempting to reduce tetanus in communities around the world. (*Notice given 19 August 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

18 **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 15 September 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

19 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that feral pigs pose a threat to the nation due to their impact on the welfare of livestock, damage to the environment and natural biodiversity, and potential to harbour exotic animal diseases and zoonoses;
- (2) notes estimates that the population of feral pigs in Australia could be as high as 23 million; and
- (3) calls on the Government to develop a nationally coordinated approach to the feral pig issue. (*Notice given 16 September 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

20 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that smoking tobacco products is the single largest cause of preventable death in Australia;
- (2) is of the opinion that it is inappropriate that public policy be, or be thought to be, influenced by donations made by tobacco companies;

- (3) acknowledges that any political party that unilaterally declines to accept donations from the tobacco industry risks disadvantaging itself;
- (4) expresses its opinion that it is reasonable on health and public policy grounds to effectively discourage political parties from accepting donations from the tobacco industry; and
- (5) accordingly supports the principle that it be a condition of eligibility to receive public funding under the Electoral Act that a political party not accept any donations from the tobacco industry. (*Notice given 7 October 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

21 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Monday, 13 October 2003 is the 160th anniversary of the founding of B'nai B'rith;
- (2) notes that B'nai B'rith is the largest Jewish community service organisation in the world today with branches in 51 countries including Australia and holds NGO consultative status at the United Nations, UNESCO and the UN Commission on Human Rights;
- (3) notes that for 160 years B'nai B'rith has provided continuing support and assistance to both Jewish and non-Jewish people in Australia and throughout the world, particularly those in need or sick, the aged and people suffering persecution;
- (4) notes that B'nai B'rith continues to promote the ideals and principles of peace, philanthropy, support for science and the arts, relief from suffering and the advancement of humankind; and
- (5) congratulates B'nai B'rith on its 160th anniversary. (*Notice given 13 October 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 2 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 3 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 4 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 5 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 6 **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 3 November 2003.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 November 2003.*)
- 11 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (REPRESENTATION OF TERRITORIES) BILL 2003** (*Mr Tollner*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 12 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GOOD FAITH BARGAINING) BILL 2003** (*Mr McClelland*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

- 13 **WESTERN HIGHWAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003*) on the motion of Ms C. F. King—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). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 14 **CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003—Mrs Hull, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 15 **FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE USA:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (1) takes note of recent progress towards a Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America;
 - (2) welcomes the increased opportunities the agreement will bring to Australia and Australian producers;
 - (3) congratulates the Government on the significant achievement of bringing this initiative closer to reality; and
 - (4) continues to place priority on working to negotiate free trade agreements that compliment the work of the WTO and APEC. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 16 **WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN VIETNAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2003—Ms Gambaro, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)

- 17 **IRAQ:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the suffering and hardship experienced by the Iraqi people from years of neglect of essential services and the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein;
 - (2) notes the grave consequences of this neglect to human health, contributing to the second highest infant and child mortality rates in a list of some of the poorest countries in the world;
 - (3) notes the consequent poor state of essential services in Baghdad and other areas of Iraq and commends the efforts of the coalition, the United Nations and non-government organisations to provide emergency services to the people of Iraq;
 - (4) notes the major ongoing challenges facing the people of Iraq including the need for continued rehabilitation of essential services such as sewerage and sanitation and notes that a major effort is underway to improve these services;
 - (5) commends the Australian Government for the substantial contribution to humanitarian aid and reconstruction in Iraq, notably in relation to agriculture, where Australia is taking the lead with the United States;
 - (6) notes that Australia's contribution of \$100 million is the 5th highest of the 15 main contributing countries; and
 - (7) acknowledges the contribution of AusAid and Australian non-government organisations in the delivery of health services, water and sanitation work, co-ordination and logistics, food distribution, refugee preparedness and mine action and agriculture. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 18 **AGED CARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2003—Ms Jackson, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Hall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 19 **MORTGAGE FINANCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2003*) on the motion of Mr P. E. King—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2003*) on the motion of Ms O'Byrne— 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 21 **FILM INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2003—Mr Sawford, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 22 **DENTAL HEALTH:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2003*) on the motion of Ms George—That this House:
- (1) notes that people from poorer socio-economic backgrounds commonly experience barriers to accessing dental health care;
 - (2) recognise the adverse impact of the abolition of the Commonwealth Dental Health Program on people who cannot afford private dental care;
 - (3) recognises that poor dental health has implications for other medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, respiratory disease and cancer; and
 - (4) recognises that dental health is a matter that warrants the intervention of the Federal Government. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 23 **OCEAN OUTFALLS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2003—Mr Lloyd, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 24 **PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN FLAGS (DESECRATION OF THE FLAG) BILL 2003:** (*Mrs Draper*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 25 **ABOLITION OF THE GOLD TRAVEL PASS FOR FORMER POLITICIANS (REFLECTING COMMUNITY STANDARDS) BILL 2003:** (*Mr Organ*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 26 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR ELIGIBLE DE FACTO SPOUSES BILL 2003:** (*Ms Plibersek*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 27 **CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2003:** (*Mr Crean*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 28 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSAL—LOWER COSTS, SIMPLER PROCEDURES) BILL 2003:** (*Mr Crean*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 29 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE) BILL 2003:** (*Mr Griffin*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)
- 30 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (A SIMPLER BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT) BILL 2003:** (*Mr Latham*) Second reading (*from 18 August 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 3 November 2003.*)

- 31 **MIDDLE EAST ROAD MAP TO PEACE:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 August 2003*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 32 **CHILDREN WITH INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETES:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 August 2003*) on the motion of Mr C. P. Thompson—That this House notes:
- (1) the number of children in Australia who have insulin dependent diabetes;
 - (2) the devastating long-term health consequences and medical complications for children with insulin dependent diabetes, including:
 - (a) hypoglycemia;
 - (b) heart disease;
 - (c) microvascular disease;
 - (d) limb amputation;
 - (e) kidney failure; and
 - (f) retinopathy or diabetic eye disease;
 - (3) the outstanding work by Australian researchers to find a cure through pancreatic islet cell transplantation;
 - (4) that research is the key to finding a transplant procedure that is safe and available to children; and
 - (5) the need for support from the Federal Government to establish:
 - (a) a national clinical islet cell transplant centre to advance islet cell transplantation; and
 - (b) a research grant to attract the world's best scientists and ensure Australia's position at the forefront of global research. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 33 **SYDNEY'S SECOND AIRPORT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 August 2003—Mr Farmer, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Murphy— That this House:
- (1) declares that Badgery's Creek is no longer a viable site for the location of a second airport for the people of Sydney; and
 - (2) recommends that a Joint Select Committee be established to identify a site suitable for the location of Sydney's second airport, having regard to (a) aircraft noise; (b) air pollution and (c) other risks associated with aircraft movements. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 34 **PARLIAMENTARY (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2003** (*Mr Andren*): Second reading (*from 8 September 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 35 **ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 September 2003—Ms Hall, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Livermore— That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the 75th anniversary this year of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS);
 - (2) congratulates the RFDS for providing essential emergency and primary health care to the people of remote, rural and regional Australia since its establishment in 1928;
 - (3) thanks the doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, pilots, mechanics, support staff, volunteers and fundraisers for their commitment to continuing the life-saving work of the RFDS; and
 - (4) notes with concern the difficulty in recruiting and retaining health professionals in remote, rural and regional Australia that threatens to impact on the services provided by the RFDS. (*Order of the day*

will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.)

- 36 **AUSTRALIAN KNOWLEDGE OF ASIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 September 2003—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Southcott— 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 37 **AVIATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 September 2003*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson— That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that 2003 marks the celebration of 100 years of piloted flight;
 - (2) notes the Wright Brothers' achievement in successfully undertaking the first flight as the culmination of a centuries' old quest by philosophers, scientists and engineers to turn the dream of flight into a reality that redefined the boundaries of scientific capacity;
 - (3) notes that, in the 100 years since the first piloted flight, the outstanding development in air travel has taken us from the Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk flight to the Moon;
 - (4) recognises that the invention, growth and refinement of piloted flight has allowed us to cross and expand our boundaries, both personal, cultural, economic and national, enriching our experiences and bringing people of the world closer together;
 - (5) notes that the aviation industry has also fostered inter and intra State and Territory trade, commerce and experiences;
 - (6) recognises the importance of the aviation industry to Australian jobs, skills and industry, in particular, to the tourism, aeronautical, technical, engineering, and export industries;
 - (7) acknowledges the aviation industry as an important provider of high skilled jobs to Australians;
 - (8) notes with disappointment the collapse of Ansett Airlines and recognises the valuable role that Ansett played in the development of the aviation industry in Australia;
 - (9) notes proudly that Qantas is an Australian icon, recognised throughout the world and one of Australia's largest private sector employers;
 - (10) welcomes the newer players in Australia like Virginblue and Regional Express and recognises the important contribution of regional airlines and operators to our regional communities;
 - (11) acknowledges the work, enterprise, innovation, ingenuity, commitment, passion and enthusiasm of all those who have worked in aviation over the past one hundred years;
 - (12) pays its respects to all those who have died in the pursuit of work and recreation in aviation;
 - (13) notes the negative effect of the terrorist attacks of September 11 on the global aviation and associated industries and expresses our hope that the industry will recover;
 - (14) notes the vital need for Federal Government efforts to ensure that airline passengers can travel in the safest possible environment, in particular now Australia is a terrorist target, to restore confidence in air travel; and
 - (15) notes the importance of a competitive and sustainable local aviation industry. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 38 **FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH CHINA AND JAPAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2003—Mr Jenkins, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That this House:
- (1) supports the development of bilateral free trade agreements with both China and Japan;
 - (2) acknowledges the close partnership that Australia has developed with both Japan and China;
 - (3) notes the importance of trade with Japan, Australia's principal trading partner;
 - (4) notes the importance of rapidly growing trade with China which has a real annual growth rate of 7 per cent;

- (5) acknowledges the massive economic and social benefits of a genuine free trade agreement with both China and Japan to all parties;
 - (6) realises that the ASEAN Free Trade Area, the proposed China-ASEAN FTA and Japan's proposal for a comprehensive regional economic partnership reflect the fact that China and Japan recognise that free and open trade is the best guarantee of economic prosperity and growth;
 - (7) commits to an international free trade agenda understanding that bilateral free trade agreements can complement and encourage wider free trade objectives in APEC and the WTO;
 - (8) forcefully supports an international free trade agenda as a driver for global economic prosperity, improved living standards and greater opportunities for the developing world; and
 - (9) commends the efforts of Japan and China to enhance global free trade, in particular, China's efforts to reduce average tariff rates from 40 per cent a decade ago to 11.5 per cent today. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 39 **OSTEOPOROSIS:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2003*) on the motion of Ms Burke—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 40 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2003—Ms Hoare, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—That this House:
- (1) recognises the success of the Federal Magistrates Service since its establishment by the Commonwealth Government in 2000;
 - (2) In particular, recognises the contribution of the Federal Magistrates Service to:
 - (a) providing a quick and accessible forum for litigants involved in less complex family law and other general federal law disputes;
 - (b) increasing access to justice for Australian families, particularly those going through relationship breakdown; and
 - (c) providing an alternative and less formal court option for litigants and encouraging the use of conciliation, counselling, arbitration and mediation in appropriate cases; and
 - (3) notes the Government's recent announcement that four new Federal Magistrates are to be appointed in South-east Queensland, Newcastle, Adelaide and Melbourne to further enhance the operation of the Federal Magistrates Service. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 41 **NORTH KOREA:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—Mr Organ, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That this House:
- (1) condemns the abuse of human rights in North Korea and the unconscionable treatment by that government of its citizens;
 - (2) calls on the Government of North Korea to comply with international standards to reform conditions for its citizens;
 - (3) urges the DPRK to engage more fully with the international community to address Australia's and the international community's concerns over border crossers in North Korea and notes Australian support for further scrutiny by the UN Commission on Human Rights of the human rights situation in the DPRK; and

- (4) calls on the North Korean regime to cease and desist from any development of weapons of mass destruction. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 42 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003*) on the motion of Mr Sidebottom—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the importance of 17 October 2003 being the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
 - (2) is deeply concerned about the 1.2 billion people world-wide who are required to live on less than \$1 per day, and the adverse effects on health, education, and income earning ability which result;
 - (3) supports efforts by the United Nations to reduce world poverty through the development of its Millennium Development Goals, which call for:
 - (a) halving the proportion of people living on \$1 per day and halving the number of people who suffer from hunger;
 - (b) ensuring that boys and girls alike complete primary schooling;
 - (c) eliminating gender disparity in all levels of education;
 - (d) reducing by two-thirds the under-five mortality rate;
 - (e) reducing by three-quarters the maternal mortality ratio;
 - (f) reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major infectious diseases;
 - (g) ensuring environmental sustainability through integration of sustainable development into country policies and reversing the loss of environmental resources, halving the proportion of people without access to potable water and significantly improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers; and
 - (h) developing a global partnership for development through raising official development assistance, expanding market access, and encouraging debt sustainability; and
 - (4) calls on all national governments and international institutions to make achievement of the Millennium Development Goals a key purpose of their international and domestic programs. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 2003.*)
- 43 **BALI BOMBING:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2003—Mr B. P. J. O'Connor, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House commends the efforts of the Indonesian Government in bringing justice to those who were responsible for the Bali bombing and, in particular:
- (1) applauds Indonesia in formally charging 24 people in connection with the Bali bombing and the conviction of 5 of those people;
 - (2) congratulates the Indonesian police and Australian Federal Police in the rapid dismantling of the cell that carried out the attack on 12 October 2002;
 - (3) recognises and commends the Australian Federal Police for the significant role it has played in helping the Indonesian police bring these terrorists to trial; and
 - (4) commends the Government on the \$10 million package of assistance for counter-terrorism capability building. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 3 November 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 the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 3 November 2003". 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*Thursday, 16 October 2003**The Main Committee meets at 9:40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **ABORIGINAL LAND GRANT (JERVIS BAY TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 2 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALI TRAGEDY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Bartlett*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 3 **SOLOMON ISLANDS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2003—Mrs Elson*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 4 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003—Mrs May*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 5 **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*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EXPANDING AUSTRALIA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2003—Mrs Hull*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report.
 - 2 **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 18 September 2003—Dr Southcott*) on the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly—That the House take note of the report.
 - 3 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Mr Prosser*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the report.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Questions unanswered

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16 October 2003

*2637 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the recent UN General Assembly resolution condemning Israel for its threat to expel Chairman Arafat from disputed territories.
- (2) Is he able to (a) provide the text of the original motion, (b) say who moved it, and (c) say whether any amendments were (i) moved; if so by whom, and (ii) successful.
- (3) Did Australia speak on the resolution; if so, would he provide the transcript of the speech.
- (4) In respect of the vote on the resolution, (a) how did Australia vote, (b) which countries voted (i) in favour, (ii) against, and (iii) abstained, and (c) what was the final vote on the resolution.

*2638 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of a report of arrests of the leadership of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU); if so, can he confirm this report.
- (2) Is he able to say (a) how many people were arrested, (b) what their names were, (c) which unions they worked for or were members of, (d) what positions they held, (e) when they were arrested, (f) what they were arrested for, and (g) what the circumstances of their arrest were.
- (3) Are they still in custody; if not, when were they released.
- (4) Have any of them been charged; if so, (a) who, (b) what were the charges, and (c) have any of them faced trial; if not, have dates been set for the trial; if so, (i) were they convicted, (ii) what was their sentence, and (iii) can he say whether the trials were free, fair and open.
- (5) Can he confirm reports that a number of the unionists have been hospitalised with injuries sustained while in police custody.
- (6) Were (a) the arrests of these people, or (b) the conditions under which they were held in breach of their human rights.
- (7) Has the Government made any representations to the Zimbabwean government on this matter; if so, (a) to whom, (b) by whom, (c) when, and (d) what was the response; if not, why not.

*2639 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the detention by the French government of Mr Nizar Nayouf in September 2003; if so, has he been charged and what are the charges.
- (2) Can he confirm that Mr Nayouf was imprisoned in Syria for nine years; if so, (a) why, (b) what had he done prior to being arrested by the Syrian authorities, (c) was he considered to be political prisoner by Australia, and (d) when was he released.

- (3) Can he confirm that Mr Nayouf was invited to attend a conference organised by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington DC, USA, to speak on Syria's record of human rights and political reforms.
 - (4) Did the Australian government have any representatives at the conference and is he able to say who spoke at the conference and what the outcomes of the conference were.
 - (5) Is it the case that the French government indicated that Mr Nayouf must not attend the conference in the United States on Human Rights in Syria.
 - (6) Does the Australian government share the view of the government of the United States of America that the Syrian government has not done enough to combat international terrorism.
- *2640 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—For the financial year 2002-2003, what was the total number of (a) humanitarian refugee stream migrants, and (b) former stream migrants born in English Proficiency (EP) group 3 and 4 countries who settled in each area covered by the respective Migrant Resource Centres and Migrant Service Agencies.
- *2641 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) For the last financial year for each Migrant Service Agency (MSA) and Migrant Resource Centre (MRC), (a) what client statistics exist to show how many clients of each service have been assisted by each MSA and MRC, and (b) what funding did each centre receive during the period for which the statistics are available.
 - (2) Have all MRCs and MSAs now introduced the department's Statistical Information System for recording clients established; if not, what is the reason for the failure to meet departmental requirements
- *2642 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—For each of the last two financial years, (a) what was the cost to airlines for unauthorised air arrivals placed in detention centres, (b) what was the cost to each airline to return unauthorised air arrivals back to their countries, (c) what was the average time that the unauthorised arrivals have remained in detention, (d) how many unauthorised air arrivals lodged immigration applications, and (e) how many unauthorised air arrivals had successful migration outcomes and, of these, (i) how many were successful protection visa applications, and (ii) from which countries did they originate.
- *2643 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the last two financial years, (a) how many people have arrived by ship as stowaways and, of these stowaways, (i) how many applied for protection in Australia, (ii) what was the citizenship of each applicant, and (iii) how many were successful.
 - (2) For each of the last two financial years, (a) what was the cost of processing the stowaways in detention, including the cost of processing protection applications, and (b) was any of the cost of handling such unauthorised sea arrivals recovered from the shipping company involved; if not, why not.
- *2644 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the last two financial years, how many prosecutions has his department launched under sections 229 or 230 of the Migration Act and, in each case, (a) against whom were the prosecutions launched, and (b) what was the outcome.
 - (2) For each of the last two financial years, how many infringement notices were imposed under paragraph 504(1)(j) of the Migration Act in lieu of the penalty for breach of the provisions under section 229 or 230 of the Act, and in each case, (a) against which airline carrier were the breaches imposed, and (b) how much was the penalty against each carrier.
- *2645 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For the financial years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, (a) how many people jumped ship, (b) what was the cost of detention and removal of these people, (c) how many of these people lodged immigration applications, (d) what was the average time ship jumpers remained in detention, and (e) what was the (i) nature, (ii) outcome, and (iii) country of origin of each applicant.
 - (2) For the financial years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, how many ship jumpers were granted protection visas each year and, of these, how many have not been finalised.

- (3) What payments under the Migration Act were made by each shipping company for the cost of detention and removal of each ship jumper.
- (4) Is it the case that there is no requirement under the Customs Act to notify the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) of all ship entries and the number of crew on each ship.
- (5) For the financial years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, did the Australian Customs Service (ACS) checks of details of all crew and passengers on each ship entering Australia against ACS and DIMIA alert lists and reports show any persons of concern on any ship; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what were the names of the ships involved, and (c) in which country were the ships registered.

*2646 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many Work for the Dole participants have received a placement with a private sector (commercial) business since the commencement of the program.
- (2) Which industries and sectors do these businesses operate (eg child care, health care, etc.).

*2647 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the report titled “Media laws bill to front Senate again” (*The Australian*, 14 October 2003) which claimed that the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 will be presented to the Senate again before the end of this year, and the report titled “Minister opens clearer line of communications” (*The Sydney Morning Herald*, 15 October 2003) which states that he confirmed that the cross-media laws bill was unlikely to be debated by the Senate until next year, will he clarify the conflicting reports on when the bill will be re-introduced and debated in Parliament; if not, why not.

*2648 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many families in the electoral division of Bowman received less than their full entitlement to Family Tax Benefit in 2000-2001 due to the one-year time limit on claiming lump sum payments.
- (2) What will the Government be doing to ensure these families receive their rightful entitlement to Family Tax Benefit.

*2649 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What monitoring and/or studies have been or are currently being undertaken to ascertain the potential impact live firing at the Lancelin Defence Training Area has on (a) air quality, including impacts from lead carbonate and calcium resinate, (b) ground and surface water, and (c) land and soil.
- (2) What monitoring and/or studies have been or are currently being undertaken to ascertain the potential impact live firing at the Lancelin Defence Training Area has on (a) ecological systems, (b) local communities, and (c) socio-economic conditions in nearby areas; and have any studies previously been undertaken to ascertain the potential impacts of live firing.
- (3) What monitoring and/or studies have been or are currently being undertaken to ascertain the potential impact live firing at the Lancelin Defence Training Area has on the karst system below and around the Lancelin Defence Training Area.

*2650 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for Port Phillip Bay, (a) when will the Government conclude negotiations for the preparation of the Plan, (b) who will be contracted to prepare the Plan, (c) when will the contract conclude, and (d) when will the draft Port Phillip Bay WQIP be accredited.
- (2) Have interim water quality projects have been funded in (a) Douglas Shire, (b) Adelaide’s Port Waterways, (c) the Peel-Harvey.
- (3) In respect of the Coastal Catchments Initiative (CCI) projects for Port Phillip Bay, (a) what funds are committed to interim projects, and (b) what projects have been proposed or are being negotiated.
- (4) What is the relationship between the CCI WQIP and interim projects for Port Phillip Bay and the Regional Catchment Strategy.
- (5) What coastal water quality planning process will be used to protect water quality in Western Port and how does this differ from the CCI approach.
- (6) In respect of the Peel-Harvey System, a coastal Ramsar listed wetland threatened by poor water quality and Western Port, a Ramsar listed wetland threatened by poor water quality, (a) why is Western Port not “an obvious priority for Commonwealth investment” under the Coastal Catchments Initiative, and (b) why are the Gippsland Lakes also not “an obvious priority”.

- (7) In respect of the announcement on 24 July 2003 of \$110,000 funding under the CCI to improve the Yarra River, (a) is this project linked to protection of Port Phillip Bay and the proposed WQIP announced on 18 July 2003, (b) has this project been identified as a cost-effective measure to protect Port Phillip Bay water quality, and (c) on what basis was this project funded under the CCI.

*2651 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the projects in the *Investment Strategy for the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the Mount Lofty Ranges and Greater Adelaide Region*, (a) in which projects will the Commonwealth invest, (b) why will it make these investments, and (c) how will these investments contribute to addressing and protecting Matters of National Environmental Significance or improvements in water quality.
- (2) In respect of the announcement on 3 September 2003 of \$49.3 million for the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) projects in South Australia's Upper South Region, (a) how much of the \$49.3 million is derived from the \$14 billion announced for the NAP, (b) what proportion does this represent of the total NAP monies dedicated to this Region during the life of the NAP, (c) in respect of one of the announced projects which has a biodiversity trading component, (i) what is the service being traded, (ii) who is purchasing this service, (iii) what monetary value is being placed on the biodiversity, and (iv) what risk was the biodiversity facing otherwise, and (d) how much of the \$20 million drain construction project is acquitted against the \$350 million commitment.
- (3) What criteria are used in deciding (a) how much information will be made publicly available when NAP and National Heritage Trust (NHT) projects are announced, and (b) what information is made available on the internet in relation to NAP and NHT funded projects.
- (4) Is the Government intending to make available on the internet a regular update of acquittal of projects against the \$350 million commitment to water quality improvement, on a project by project basis, with an explanation of the assessed contribution; if not, why not.
- (5) In respect of the announcement on 22 May 2003 of the draft Reef Water Quality Protection Plan which noted the "Commonwealth's commitment to the reef over the next four years is \$124.8 million", will the Minister provide a breakdown of this commitment and set out, by program area, by financial year, (a) the envirofund, (b) regional delivery of the NAP and NHT (by region), and (c) national component programs such as the Reef Water Quality Wetlands Program that make up the \$124.8 million commitment.

*2652 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What funds will be available in 2004-2005 to initiate new Water Quality Improvement Plans (WQIP).
- (2) In respect of the media release dated 10 August 2003 which announced a series of "interim water quality projects" for Adelaide's Port Waterways, is the Government intending to fund interim projects for the (a) Derwent Estuary, (b) Peel Harvey, (c) Douglas Shire, (d) Moreton Bay, and (e) Port Phillip Bay; if so, (i) what projects are proposed at this stage, and (ii) how much is planned to be spent on interim projects in each of these coastal areas.
- (3) In respect of interim water quality projects, (a) how are they identified and assessed for suitability, (b) what types of projects are typically being funded and why, and (c) what criteria or guidelines are used for funding interim projects.
- (4) In respect of the statement that "there are no plans to further expand the Coastal Catchments Initiative (CCI) in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) at this stage", how does he reconcile this position with (a) his statement on 30 January 2003, which "encouraged other local governments and catchment groups adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef to consider preparing water quality improvement plans for their area with assistance available under the Commonwealth's Coastal Catchments Initiative", and (b) the May 2003 draft Reef Water Quality Protection Plan.
- (5) In respect of the advice that only \$55,000 is available during 2003-2004 for development of water quality plans in the GBR and that this is allocated to Douglas Shire, (a) has he misled the Queensland community in encouraging their interest in the CCI, (b) has the draft Reef Water Quality Protection Plan also misled the GBR community on the true capacity of the CCI to assist them to improve GBR water quality.
- (6) In respect of the advice that WQIPs and the findings of these Plans will be incorporated into Regional National Resource Management (NRM) Plans, (a) will the Government give priority to investing through regional investment strategies in the implementation of WQIPs, (b) will this be made clear to Regional NRM bodies and local governments that develop these Plans, and (c) will this planning and investment model be used elsewhere.

*2653 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the relationship between advice provided to regional bodies on implementation of national strategies through regional National Resource Management (NRM) Plans and the criteria/key elements used by the department to assess consistency with those national strategies.
- (2) In respect of this advice (a) are the regional bodies finding it useful, (b) have the regional bodies provided feedback on it, and (c) does the department envisage the review of these national strategies in light of experiences in implementing these national strategies through the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) and National Heritage Trust (NHT).
- (2) Are the protection and management of World Heritage Areas, Ramsar wetlands and other relevant matters of National Environmental Significance (NES) priorities for Commonwealth investment in implementation of regional NRM plans; if so, (a) will the Minister provide an example of how or where this is the case, and (b) has the Government formally issued advice to regional NRM plans on the Government's priorities for investment.
- (3) Will the Minister explain how the accredited (a) Glenelg-Hopkins, (b) Mallee, (c) Mount Lofty Ranges, and (d) Greater Adelaide Regional Catchment Strategies implement key elements of the *National Water Quality Management Strategy*, the *National Principles for the Provision of Water for Ecosystems* and the *National Framework for the Management and Monitoring of Australia's Native Vegetation*.
- (4) In respect of the press release dated 23 December 2002, (a) why did the Government continue to promote expenditure on a project that concluded in 1999-2000, and (b) why did the Government persist in promoting a project that degraded the environment and would no longer meet current funding guidelines.
- (5) Are flood mitigation works being funded under any priority NAP or NHT projects; if so, in the Murray Darling Basin, do any of the draft or accredited NRM plans or investment strategies propose construction of flood mitigation works; if so, will NAP or NHT monies be spent on flood mitigation works.
- (6) When will accredited NRM plans be made available on or through the NAP or NHT websites.

*2654 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Will he provide a copy of his department's Natural Resource Management (NRM) Programme Delivery Advice document #1: Acquittal of investments against the commitment to spend at least \$350m of Trust funds "directly on measures to improve water quality".
- (2) Will he provide a copy of other NRM Programme Delivery Advice documents.
- (3) Who are these advice documents prepared for, who uses them and why are they not available on the internet.

*2655 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Coastal Catchments Initiative (CCI) the Government's major program to reduce pollution discharges to coastal water quality "hotspots", such as Port Phillip Bay and the Great Barrier Reef; if not, how does the Government intend to achieve this objective.
- (2) Is it the case that the achievement of ecologically sustainable pollution discharges for these hotspots will require informed and strategic investments over the long term, probably over several Parliaments; if so, how will the CCI or other programs ensure an informed and long term approach.
- (3) What level of investment does the Government consider it necessary to make to achieve sustainable pollution loads at coastal water quality hotspots.
- (4) How much does the Government intend to invest in each urban water quality hotspot during the financial period 2003-2007.
- (5) What is the CCI budget for (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, (c) 2005-2006, and (d) 2006-2007.
- (6) Will the Government be seeking to implement the CCI in other Victorian coastal hotspots; if not, why not.
- (7) The CCI seeks to protect "environmental values" through addressing both water quality and environmental flows, (a) how is this defined, and (b) why is this approach not being used to protect all coastal wetlands of international significance.
- (8) Where the Government does not implement the CCI to protect the Great Barrier Reef, (a) what planning processes will be used to address water quality and environmental flows in these sub-catchments, (b) will the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) and National Heritage Trust (NHT) Regional Planning process be used.

- (9) Will he explain the water quality planning requirements under the NAP/NHT and show how this process is comparable to the process outlined in the “Framework for Marine and Estuarine Water Quality Protection”.
- (10) Has the Government been approached by the local government or Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Bodies with an interest in developing Water Quality Improvement Plans in the Great Barrier Reef catchment; if so, (a) which bodies and local governments have expressed an interest, (b) which sub-catchments would these proposals represent, (c) why has action not been taken to date, (d) when will the CCI be implemented in additional catchments of the Great Barrier Reef, and (e) what will be the likely priority sub-catchments.
- (11) In respect of the draft Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (RWQPP) which identifies possible priority catchments for management action based on an ecological risk assessment, do the high risk catchments represent priorities for implementation of the CCI.

*2656 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the media release dated 19 June 2003 which announced \$12.7 million of Commonwealth investment under the National Heritage Trust (NHT) in Western Australia of which \$5 million will help regional groups develop Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plans, what is the remaining \$7.7 million being spent on.
- (2) What percentage of funds to implement Regional NRM Plans will be spent on ambient environmental monitoring and what does the Government consider to be a responsible benchmark value for investing in monitoring activities.
- (3) In respect of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) website titled “A natural resource management overview” (www.napsqw.gov.au/publications/nrm%20overview.html) which notes that “Governments will invest in regional plans based on clear targets and appropriate monitoring to ensure the best natural resource management outcomes”, (a) does this mean that the Government will only invest in actions directly linked to targets, (b) will the Government only invest in actions for which there are “appropriate” monitoring arrangements, and (c) what is meant by “appropriate” in the context of salinity and water quality monitoring.
- (4) In respect of the importance of water quality, acknowledged in both the NAP and the NHT, what are the Government’s minimum water quality monitoring requirements to be addressed in a regional NRM plan for it to invest in water quality improvements.
- (5) In respect of the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “The extension includes a \$350 million commitment to water quality issues.”, (a) what does “commitment to water quality issues” mean, and (b) is this different to the actual Government commitment to spending “directly on measures to improve our water quality”.
- (6) What are the specialist advisory bodies referred to on the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that for NHT regional NRM plans “there is an iterative process of feedback and advice from all levels of Government and specialist advisory bodies leading up to accreditation...”.
- (7) In respect of the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “plans need to make a commitment within three years of signing the bilateral agreement, to have in place, or significant progress to, the establishment of a minimum set of regional resource condition targets”, is this minimum set the same minimum set of 10 resource condition matters for targets under the Standards and Targets Framework.
- (8) How will property rights and water pricing lead to improved water quality or dryland salinity as stated on the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “clarification of property rights and appropriate pricing of water is fundamental in the management and remediation of water quality and salinity”.
- (9) Are there any NAP or NHT program areas that directly support institutional reform and capacity building, or the establishment of market-based instruments or economic-incentives, as an offset to the non-binding nature of the reform commitments made under the bilateral agreements.

*2657 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many people in Australia were, and what proportion per 100,000 of population was, diagnosed each year for the last ten years with (a) Autism, (b) Asperger’s Syndrome, and (c) Pervasive developmental disorders or autism spectrum disorders and related disorders.
- (2) What are the comparable international rates of diagnosis (either an international average or figures for comparable nations).

- (3) Is the Government aware of (a) the availability of diagnostic services for autism and related disorders in each State and Territory, and (b) any waiting lists for diagnostic services; if so, how long are the waiting lists.
- (4) Does the Government have any evidence indicating that Australian children are being diagnosed incorrectly with autism; if so, (a) to what extent, and (b) by whom.
- (5) Does the Government have any evidence indicating that Australian children are being diagnosed incorrectly with Asperger's syndrome; if so, (a) to what extent, and (b) by whom.
- (6) Is he aware of the value of intensive behavioural programs in reducing the requirements of children with autism for special education and other costly interventions (*Medical Journal of Australia* 2003; 178 (9): 424-425) and does the Government provide any policy, coordinating or monitoring role in relation to these services.
- (7) In respect of these programs in each State and Territory, does the Government collect any information on the (a) availability in each State and Territory, (b) funding, (c) level of intensity, (d) evidence of effectiveness, (e) specialist supervision by State and Territory governments of service delivery, (f) number and proportion of children with autism accessing an intensive behavioural program, and (g) parental involvement; if so, can this information be provided for the most recent year available.
- (8) Does the Government have any information on comparative health outcomes for Australians with developmental disabilities; if so, can this information be provided for the most recent year available.
- (9) Does the Government have any specific plans to further investigate, review or improve the health outcomes of Australians with intellectual and developmental disabilities; if so, what are the details.

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.

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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.

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Report for 2001-02.

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Report for 2002-03 and Payment System Board Report for 2002-03.

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

Current inquiry:

Vocational education and training in schools.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Mrs D. M. Kelly (*Chair*), Mr Bevis, Mr Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Lloyd, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Randall, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wilkie.

Current inquiry:

Employment: Increasing participation in paid work

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, Ms George, Mrs Irwin, Mr Pearce, Mr Price, 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:

Child custody arrangements in the event of family separation.

Children's developmental health and well being.

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 Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr McLeay, 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.)

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mrs B. K. Bishop (*Chair*), Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, 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:

Proposed revised standing orders.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Randall (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Cobb, Mr Evans, 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:

Coordination of the science to combat salinity.

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 inquiries:

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

National road safety.

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:

Intelligence information received by Australia's intelligence services in relation to weapons of mass destruction.

Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003.

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 inquiries:

Cybercrime.

Trafficking in women for sexual servitude.

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: Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, Mr Hunt, Mr McArthur, Senator Brandis, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Murray, Senator Wong.

Current inquiries:

Australia's insolvency laws.

CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill and related matters.

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: Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Mrs Hull, Mrs Ley, Mr McMullan, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator Lees, Senator McLucas, Senator Scullion.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Cobb, Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Griffin, Ms C. F. King, Mr P. E. King, Ms Plibersek, Mr Somlyay, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Lundy, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

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:

Christmas Island—Construction of a respecified immigration reception and processing centre.

Christmas Island—Proposed community recreation centre.

Lucas Heights, NSW—New main entrance at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre.

Lucas Heights, NSW—Redevelopment of Radiopharmaceutical Production Building No. 23.

Queanbeyan, NSW—Development of off-base housing for Defence.

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

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, Senator Bartlett, Senator Brandis, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray.

Current inquiry:

Minimum representation for the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

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.

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.

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:

Governance on Norfolk Island.

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).

Role of the National Capital Authority.

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.

Current inquiries:

Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).

Treaty tabled on 3 December 2002 (V&P, page 598.)

Treaties tabled 9 September 2003 (V&P, page 1142)

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*).