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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2004

The House meets this day at 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

- *1 **TAXATION LAWS (CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT FACILITY SUPPORT) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 2 **SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 3 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2003—Mr Emerson*).
- *4 **MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 2003** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- *5 **MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 6 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (CHOICE IN AWARD COVERAGE) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2003—Mr Hunt, in continuation*).
- 7 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003, a.m.—Ms Gillard*).
- *8 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM (AUDIT REFORM AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE) BILL 2003** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **HEALTH AND AGEING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2003*).
- 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 **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*).

* 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.

Notices

1 **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.*)

2 **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.*)

3 **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*

- 14 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 15 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) BILL 2003** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2003—Mr Emerson*).
- 20 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 21 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 22 **DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 23 **NATIONAL MEASUREMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 24 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Cox*).
- *25 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- *26 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).

- *27 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- *28 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- *29 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMMONWEALTH-STATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- *30 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 9) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- *31 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 32 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003** Consideration of Senate's message No 361 (*from 27 November 2003*).
- 33 **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”.
- 34 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 35 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- *36 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD—2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *37 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *38 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—AUSTRALIA'S WELFARE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *39 **AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2002-2003 ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *40 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY—TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERFORMANCE REPORT 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *41 **ENTERPRISE AND CAREER EDUCATION FOUNDATION—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- *42 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES—CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *43 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES—LOWER DALY LAND CLAIM NO. 68—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *44 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES—LOWER DALY LAND CLAIM NO. 68—REPORT: EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *45 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES—SEVEN EMU REGIONAL LAND CLAIM NO. 186, WOLLOGORANG AREA 11 LAND CLAIM NO. 187 AND PART OF MANANGOORA REGIONAL LAND CLAIM NO. 185—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *46 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES—SEVEN EMU REGIONAL LAND CLAIM NO. 186, WOLLOGORANG AREA 11 LAND CLAIM NO. 187 AND PART OF MANANGOORA REGIONAL LAND CLAIM NO. 185—REPORT: EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *47 **OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TRUST—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *48 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *49 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS: JANUARY TO JUNE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *50 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JANUARY TO JUNE 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *51 **FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JANUARY TO JUNE 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *52 **EXPENDITURE ON TRAVEL BY FORMER GOVERNORS-GENERAL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET: JANUARY TO JUNE 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *53 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT: COORDINATING CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *54 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT BILL 2003—EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME—TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN—TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 57 **PROTOCOL AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS BY LAND, SEA AND AIR (PEOPLE SMUGGLING PROTOCOL)—TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 3 December 2003—*Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **TWELFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 26 November 2003—*Mr Downer*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) ACT 2000—REPORT ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO EACH STATE IN RESPECT OF 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 26 November 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **EMPLOYMENT NATIONAL—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 26 November 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **MILITARY COMMISSIONS FOR GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 25 November 2003—*Mr Truss*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **AUSTRALIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 25 November 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 25 November 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS—REPORT ON INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 16 October 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS—REPORT ON THE 2001 ELECTION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 16 October 2003—*Mr Latham*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2003)—*moved 16 October 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Ms Macklin*).
 - 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*).
- 100 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON 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 16 February 2004.*)
- 2 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 3 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 4 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 5 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 13 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TREATIES TABLED ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2003—Mr Wilkie, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—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 16 February 2004.*)
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO EAST TIMOR—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2003—Mr Adams, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Adams—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 15 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—THE DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE VISIT TO RAAF WILLIAMTOWN, DARWIN ESTABLISHMENTS, EAST TIMOR AND RAAF TINDAL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 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 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 16 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVISED STANDING ORDERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 2003—Mrs Gallus*) 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 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 17 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—TRIAL OF ADDITIONAL TELLERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 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 16 February 2004.*)
- *18 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 57: CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 AND THE SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY CODE (ISPS)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Dr Southcott, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- *19 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Secker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Secker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 2 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 3 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

6 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing orders 142 and 151 be amended as follows:

Questions to Ministers

142 Questions may be put to a Minister relating to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected, to proceedings pending in the House, or to any matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible.

- (a) Questions may be in writing and placed on the Notice Paper for written reply.
- (b) Questions may be asked orally without notice for immediate reply and 10 questions may be asked by non-Government Members and 10 by Government Members.

Questions without notice—Supplementary questions

151 Supplementary questions may be asked to elucidate and answer.

- (a) One or more supplementary questions may be asked for each question except that:
- (b) No more than 4 supplementary questions in total may be asked by Government Members and no more than 4 supplementary questions in total may be asked by non-Government Members at question time. (*Notice given 16 October 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

7 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with grave concern the detention of two Australian citizens, Mr David Hicks and Mr Mamdouh Habib at Guantanamo Bay Cuba by the United States administration;
- (2) notes that even the worst war criminals from Nazi Germany were afforded a full court hearing open to public scrutiny;
- (3) notes that David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib have received only very limited access to legal advice;
- (4) notes that David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib have been denied access to their families;
- (5) notes that David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib have been denied natural justice and are being held at the sole discretion of the President of the United States of America in whatever circumstances he deems fit; and
- (6) calls on the President of the United States of America either to lay charges immediately against these Australians to be heard in an open court of law or release them for return to Australia where any legal proceedings can be pursued in accordance with Australian law. (*Notice given 24 October 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

8 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That:

- (1) the House, noting that all Members and Senators are required to make declarations of relevant interests and those of their spouses and dependent children, and believing that it would be in the public interest for members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery (FPPG) (including broadcast and press journalists and those who write or present news and or current affair items but not camera crew, sound technicians or other support staff) to make similar declarations, resolves that, within 28 days of being issued with a photographic pass enabling a person to have access to Parliament House as a member of the FPPG, the person must provide to the Serjeant-at-Arms or the Usher of the Black Rod a statement of:
 - (i) the person's registrable interests, and
 - (ii) the registrable interests of which the person is aware (a) of the person's spouse and (b) of any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the person for support,
 in accordance with resolutions adopted by the House and the Senate and in a form determined by the Presiding Officers from time to time, and shall also notify any alteration of those interests to the Serjeant-at-Arms or the Usher of the Black Rod within 28 days of that alteration occurring.
- (2) the statement of registrable interests to be provided by a person shall include the registrable interests of which the person is aware (1) of the person's spouse and (2) of any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the person for support, and shall cover the following matters:
 - (a) shareholdings in public and private companies (including holding companies) indicating the name of the company or companies;
 - (b) family and business trusts and nominee companies—
 - (i) in which a beneficial interest is held, indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and beneficial interest, and

- (ii) in which the person, the person's spouse, or a child who is wholly or mainly dependent on the person for support, is a trustee (but not including a trustee of an estate where no beneficial interest is held by the person, the person's spouse or dependent children), indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and the beneficiary of the trust;
 - (c) real estate, including the location (suburb or area only) and the purpose for which it is owned;
 - (d) registered directorships of companies;
 - (e) partnerships indicating the nature of the interests and the activities of the partnership;
 - (f) liabilities indicating the nature of the liability and the creditor concerned;
 - (g) the nature of any bonds, debentures and like investments;
 - (h) saving or investment accounts, indicating their nature and the name of the bank or other institutions concerned;
 - (i) the nature of any other assets (excluding household and personal effects) each valued at over \$7500;
 - (j) the nature of any other substantial sources of income;
 - (k) gifts valued at more than \$750 received from official sources, or at more than \$300 where received from other than official sources provided that a gift received by the person, the person's spouse or dependant children from family members or personal friends in a purely personal capacity need not be registered unless the person judges that an appearance of conflict of interest may be seen to exist;
 - (l) any sponsored travel or hospitality received where the value of the sponsored travel or hospitality exceeds \$300;
 - (m) membership of any organisation where a conflict of interest with the person's duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise; and
 - (n) any other interests where a conflict of interest with the person's duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise.
- (3) the Presiding Officers make arrangements for copies of declarations of interest made under this resolution to be made available for inspection by any interested person.
- (4) the Presiding Officers may order the cancellation of the Parliament House pass of a person to whom this resolution applies if that person has:
- (a) knowingly failed to provide a statement of registrable interests to the Serjeant-at-Arms or the Usher of the Black Rod by the due-date;
 - (b) knowingly failed to notify any alteration of those interests to the Serjeant-at-Arms or the Usher of the Black Rod within 28 days of the change occurring, or
 - (c) knowingly provided false or misleading information to the Serjeant-at-Arms or the Usher of the Black Rod.
- (5) the Presiding Officers must consult with representatives of the FPPG on the implementation and operation of these requirements.
- (6) a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 24 October 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 9 **MR HAWKER:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the respect accorded to all Australian Prime Ministers when they visit other countries, including the United States of America;
 - (2) notes the courteous and dignified manner in which the President of the United States of America, the Honourable George W. Bush, conducted himself during the joint meeting of the House and the Senate on 23 October;
 - (3) acknowledges the courteous and respectful way in which the overwhelming majority of Members and Senators participated in the proceedings;
 - (4) deplors any disorderly and/or offensive behaviour by a Member or Senator towards any guest of the Australian Parliament. (*Notice given 3 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 10 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House calls on the Coalition in Iraq, the international community and the United Nations to ensure that:

- (1) Assyrians will be constitutionally recognised as the indigenous people of Iraq;
 - (2) all Assyrians who have been forced to take refuge outside of Iraq during the last century and who, or whose descendants, are residing outside of Iraq are granted dual citizenship;
 - (3) Assyrians will be entitled to proper representation and participation in all levels of government;
 - (4) Assyrians will be constitutionally guaranteed the right to freely exercise their customs, religion, language and traditions;
 - (5) the homes, lands and property of all Assyrians (not limited to those presently living in Iraq) previously confiscated and forcefully removed from the Assyrians will be returned;
 - (6) all Assyrians previously forced to leave Iraq will have the right to return to their ancestral and ancient homeland;
 - (7) all Assyrian antiquities and museums are placed in the care and ownership of Assyrians with all income generated therefrom used for the protection of Assyrian history; and
 - (8) the current designation of the eighteen provinces that include the provinces of Nineveh (Ninawa) and Dohuk is maintained. (*Notice given 4 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 11 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that the proposed National Highway project linking the northern end of the F3 Freeway and the New England Highway north of Branxton remains unconstructed;
 - (2) notes the importance of the project to the Hunter's economic and social well-being and the economic and social well-being of regions further north and west; and
 - (3) calls upon the Howard Government to immediately commit to both an acceptable construction timetable and to construction funding. (*Notice given 24 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 12 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that on 5 March 1804 the Battle of Vinegar Hill took place at what is today known as Rouse Hill, New South Wales;
 - (2) notes that some 200 mainly Irish convicts, led by Phillip Cunningham, took part in Australia's first known armed rebellion against authorities, largely over the treatment of Irish convicts in both Britain and the colonies;
 - (3) notes that next year marks the 200th anniversary of this battle;
 - (4) notes that a steering committee of 5 Western Sydney Councils has been formed to stage a re-enactment and associated celebrations;
 - (5) recognises that this Battle is a significant chapter in Australia's early convict history;
 - (6) recognises that the Battle and its outcome helped shape the Australian character; and therefore:
 - (7) urges the Government to provide whatever additional assistance is necessary to ensure a successful re-enactment of this historic battle; and
 - (8) calls on the Government to commemorate this significant event by issuing a commemorative coin and stamp. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 13 **MR MOSSFIELD:** 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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

14 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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

15 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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 16 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

- 17 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

- 18 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

- 19 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

20 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

21 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

22 **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 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

23 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 330 be replaced with the following:

(a) A Standing Committee on Modernisation and Procedure of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to inquire into and report on practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.

(b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker or his appointed Deputy Speaker, The Leader of the House or his appointed Deputy, the Manager of Opposition Business or his appointed Deputy and eight Members, four government Members and four non-government Members.

(c) The Secretary of the Committee will be the Clerk or his Deputy. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

24 **MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes with concern that Australia has one of the highest rates of youth suicide and that the eighth biennial health report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that amongst 12-24 year olds self-harm was the second leading cause of death representing 19.2% of all deaths in this age group;

(2) notes that according to Mission Australia 55.8% of young people rate depression and suicide as the most important issue facing young people;

- (3) recognises the tragic impact on families, peers and communities when a young person takes his/her life; and
- (4) commends those organisations working to prevent the incidence of youth suicide. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 25 **MR P. E. KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) takes note of the:
- (a) long history of anti-Semitism and its lethal capacity to influence many people to express hatred and carry out violence against Jewish people;
- (b) alarming rise in the incidence of violent anti-Semitic acts in many countries which have killed Jews and non-Jews alike, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and memorials and targeted assaults on individual members of the Jewish community; and
- (c) disturbing upsurge of anti-Semitic propaganda in print, on the Internet and circulated through emails, often in the form of false accusations that Jews are involved in conspiracies against other people; and
- (2) in recognition of these developments:
- (a) expresses its unequivocal condemnation of anti-Semitism, of violence directed against Jews and Jewish religious and cultural institutions, and all forms of racial and ethnic hatred, persecution and discrimination on ethnic or religious grounds, whenever and wherever it occurs;
- (b) resolves to condemn all manifestations of anti-Semitism in Australia as a threat to the freedoms that all citizens should enjoy equally in a democratic society and commits the Parliament to take all possible concrete actions at a national level to combat this threat to our peaceful and diverse nation; and
- (c) further resolves to encourage Australian ambassadors and other officials engaged in bilateral contacts with other countries to use their influence to oppose and counter anti-Semitic expressions and to promote all possible efforts at fostering tolerance and community harmony. (*Notice given 27 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 26 **MR KERR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to deny election funding to political candidates accepting gifts derived from tobacco smoking, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Preventing Smoking Related Deaths) Bill 2004*) (*Notice given 3 December 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 16 February 2004.*)

- 2 **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 16 February 2004.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 February 2004.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 February 2004.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 February 2004.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 February 2004.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 16 February 2004.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
 - 16 **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) hypoglycaemia;
 - (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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 17 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 21 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

24 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 28 **COMMONWEALTH LAND AT POINT NEPEAN, VICTORIA BILL 2003:** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*) Second reading (*from 3 November 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 16 February 2004.*)
- 29 **RAAF CONTINGENT UBON:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2003*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 30 **HEPATITIS C:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2003*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 31 **TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2003*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 32 **WEST PAPUAN REFUGEES:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2003—Mr Causley, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms C. F. King—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 33 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 2003*) on the motion of Mr Ripoll—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 34 **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 2003*) on the motion of Mr P. E. King—That this House give consideration to a new program of infrastructure development in Australia called

“Build the Nation” in cooperation with state and local governments and private enterprise and having regard to:

- (1) the primary obligation of States for the maintenance of public infrastructure; and
 - (2) a reasonable allocation of available resources between city and country areas. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 35 **TETANUS:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 2003*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the development and distribution of the tetanus vaccine in developed countries such as Australia has led to the virtual elimination of the disease;
 - (2) notes that 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 36 **LOCAL COMMUNITY INPUT INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS BILL 2003** (*Mr Zahra*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 37 **FLAGS AMENDMENT (EUREKA FLAG) BILL 2003** (*Ms C. F. King*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 38 **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED BILL 2003** (*Mr McClelland*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 39 **ROYAL COMMISSION (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS) BILL 2003** (*Mr Organ*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 40 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES) BILL 2003** (*Ms Roxon*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2003*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 41 **PARKINSON’S DISEASE:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2003*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That this House calls on the Government to fund a national study to determine the prevalence of Parkinson’s disease in the Australian community and that:
- (1) the study determine the number of sufferers, the range of symptoms experienced by sufferers, the length of time taken to reach diagnoses of sufferers, and the extent of the load on carers and quantify the real cost of Parkinson’s Disease in Australia;
 - (2) on presentation of the study to the Parliament, sufficient resources be applied to improve the diagnoses, treatment and quality of life for sufferers and their carers, in both the short and long-term; and
 - (3) included in any action subsequent to the presentation of the results of the study, further resources be made available to better educate current and future doctors, nurses and paramedics in the range of symptoms identified as pertaining to Parkinson’s Disease, how to diagnose the disease and how to advise the sufferers and carers involved. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)
- 42 **FRANCHISING:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2003*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro— That this House:
- (1) recognises that franchising in Australia contributes \$80 billion to the Australian economy and represents 12% of GDP;
 - (2) acknowledges the mandatory code of conduct in franchising and its support in the sector;
 - (3) acknowledges that franchising forms an important part of small business and offers new entrants greater security than stand alone businesses;
 - (4) recognises the importance franchising plays in the export earnings of this country; and

- (5) recognises that franchising has over 50,000 workplaces and employs more than 500,000 Australians. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 February 2004.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **RESOLVING DEADLOCKS: A DISCUSSION PAPER ON SECTION 57 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003—Mr Quick*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECOND READING SPEECHES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Danby*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—QUIS COSTODIET IPSOS CUSTODES?: INQUIRY INTO GOVERNANCE ON NORFOLK ISLAND—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Wakelin*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REGIONAL AVIATION AND ISLAND TRANSPORT SERVICES: MAKING ENDS MEET—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr B. P. J. O'Connor*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA REPORT FOR 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Ripoll*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—RATES AND TAXES: A FAIR SHARE FOR RESPONSIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Ripoll*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
- 6 **RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Ms J. S. McFarlane*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—That the House take note of the report.
- 7 **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 25 November 2003—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.

- 10 **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

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

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf.

13 February 2002

- 101 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
 - (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 130 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.

11 March 2002

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

21 March 2002

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

19 August 2002

- 685 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.
- 776 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
 - (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
 - (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
 - (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
 - (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

22 August 2002

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

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

27 August 2002

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

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

28 August 2002

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

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

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

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

9 December 2002

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

- (1) On what date was the Dairy Exit Program (DEP) announced.
- (2) On what date was the first DEP project approved.

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

10 December 2002

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

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

4 February 2003

1285 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

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

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

5 February 2003

1356 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) judges and (d) magistrates failed to lodge an income tax return for each of the financial years ended 30 June (i) 1992, (ii) 1993, (iii) 1994, (iv) 1995, (v) 1996, (vi) 1997, (vii) 1998, (viii) 1999, (ix) 2000, (x) 2001 and (xi) 2002.

1363 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of an article by Tom Baddeley entitled “ATO’s tardiness creates a bother” in *The Australian* on 3 February 2003.
- (2) How many taxpayers have accepted the offer made by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to investors in mass marketed tax effective schemes.
- (3) How many of these taxpayers have not yet received an acknowledgement from the ATO.
- (4) What is the average time the ATO is taking to process reassessments once the taxpayer has accepted the ATO’s offer.

6 February 2003

1422 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he state on 27 August 2001 that when the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) audit into the GST activities of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party is completed it should be made public.
- (2) Is it a fact that the audit report has not been made public, apart from a media statement made by the then Liberal Party Director on the day the he announced his new Ministry.
- (3) Will he release the audit report as promised; if not, why not.
- (4) As a former Treasurer, was he aware when he promised the ATO audit report would be released that the secrecy provisions of the Income Tax Act meant the report could be released only with the concurrence of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party.
- (5) Will he now arrange for the release of the audit report through the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party.
- (6) Has his attention been drawn to the former Liberal Party Director’s media release issued the day he announced his new Ministry which revealed that the ATO had applied a GST bill to the Liberal Party of \$13,000 on transfers of funds within the Party and sponsorships; if so, is he able to say whether the \$13,000 bill means the Liberal Party sought to avoid paying GST on \$130,000 in GST.
- (7) Does he stand by his claim of 28 August 2001 that the under-payment of GST was only \$180 and that it was an honest mistake.

12 February 2003

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

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

13 February 2003

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

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

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

5 March 2003

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

- (1) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 18 if the Perth Terminal Control Unit (TCU) is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 18 Air Traffic Controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Perth TCU will require only 18 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 15 if the Adelaide TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 15 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been completed to show that the Adelaide TCU will only require 15 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (3) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it can reduce the number of Air Traffic Controllers to 66 if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to verify that this reduced number is achievable, (b) has a base roster been produced to demonstrate that adequate console coverage, leave relief and training requirements can be achieved with 66 controllers and if not, why not, and (c) what analysis has been done to show that the Sydney TCU will only require 66 Air Traffic Controllers in Melbourne but more than that number in situ and, if no analysis has been undertaken, why not.
- (4) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that 34 support positions, including management, training and data staff can be made redundant if the Sydney TCU is relocated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility; if so, what documented analysis has been conducted to determine how each job can be made redundant without adding extra resources in Melbourne; if no analysis has been completed, why not.
- (5) Has Airservices Australia developed a detailed resource and training plan for TCU consolidation that identifies: (a) where each replacement terminal controller will be sourced, (b) where additional controllers will be sourced to release others to TCU training, (c) how normal ongoing training,

including ab initio, refresher, cross stream and project and procedure development training requirements will be accommodated, and (d) what training staff and resources will be required to meet this training demand; if not, why not.

- (6) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it will rely on third-party service providers to transfer communication, radar and computer data to the Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCUs if they are consolidated to the Melbourne centre and if so, are the existing reliability levels of these third-party provided systems adequate for a consolidated TCU structure.
- (7) Is it the case that the third-party maintained radio link between the Sydney and Brisbane oceanic sector failed at least 11 times last year and that the satellite links that relay radio and/or radar data to the Melbourne and Brisbane centres failed at least four times since January 2001; if so, how will Airservices Australia ensure these failures will not continue to occur if TCU consolidation goes ahead.
- (8) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*provide the basis for increased standardisation and safety in the future*”; if so, (a) what documented analysis of existing procedures has been completed that identifies those that require increased standardisation, (b) what remedial plans have been developed that will ensure that increased standardisation will be achieved by a consolidated TCU structure, (c) what safety deficiencies have been identified and documented with the present distributed TCU structure, and (d) what documented analysis has been completed that proves that consolidating the TCUs to Melbourne will rectify these deficiencies.
- (9) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*reduce cost of service delivery and thereby the price*” charged to the aviation industry and that the amount of the planned reductions in charges to the aviation industry would be finalised at the end of the consultation period that ended in 2002; if so, (a) what is the amount of the cost reduction calculated by Airservices Australia if TCU consolidation goes ahead, and (b) has Airservices Australia calculated the difference between the charges that would apply if TCU consolidation proceeds compared to those that would apply if it does not, and if not, why not.
- (10) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that TCU consolidation will “*ensure service delivery is appropriately structured*”; if so, (a) what analysis has been conducted to identify deficiencies in Airservices Australia’s present service delivery standards, (b) what plans have been developed to ensure that TCU consolidation will result in appropriately structured service delivery, and (c) what benefits will result for Airservices Australia’s customers when service delivery is appropriately structured.
- (11) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that “*probably one of the greater benefits of integration is the possibility that is offered to integrate sectors*”; if so, (a) what sectors will be integrated, (b) what analysis has been conducted to determine that these sectors can be integrated, (c) why were not the sector reduction targets in the Air Traffic Management Benefits Program achieved, (d) what history “*has proven that it is much more difficult to integrate sectors if those sectors are not all within the one facility*”, and (e) were sectors integrated as a result of the Canberra TCU being consolidated to the Melbourne air traffic services facility and, if no sector integration occurred then, why not.
- (12) Is it the case that Airservices’ Australia’s predecessor, the Civil Aviation Authority, advised in June 1994 that the consolidation of enroute sectors would allow Sydney arrivals south and Melbourne sector 7 to be combined thus saving \$500,000 p.a. in staff costs; if so, (a) did this occur and if not, why not, (b) what comparative analysis has been completed that demonstrates that the consolidation of the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs will facilitate sector integration whereas the integration of the Canberra TCU and Sydney enroute sectors to Melbourne did not, and (c) if no comparative analysis has been completed, how has Airservices Australia established that TCU consolidation will facilitate sector integration.
- (13) Has Airservices Australia advised him that if TCU consolidation goes ahead, contingency and business continuity arrangements would be available to at least the same level of assurance as those currently existing; if so, has Airservices Australia developed a detailed contingency and business recovery plan for a consolidated TCU structure that satisfies this undertaking; if not, why is Airservices continuing to develop TCU consolidation plans.
- (14) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that if a consolidated Melbourne centre was rendered inoperable through facility failure or some other catastrophic event, then airspace over the southern half of Australia including the residential areas of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth would still be controlled, if so, what detailed plan exists to ensure that aircraft in

this airspace would receive an air traffic control separation service even if the Melbourne centre had been rendered inoperable.

- (15) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that “*the integration of air navigation facilities has for some time been world’s best practice as has been evident in Canada, USA and the UK.*”; if so, what analysis has been conducted to assess: (a) what facilities have been integrated in these countries, (b) what benefits were achieved for the service provider and the aviation industry in each country, (c) what technical infrastructure has been put in place to ensure system reliability, and (d) what relevance do these consolidations have to the Airservices Australia proposal.
- (16) Is it the case that a correctly constituted expert safety panel assessed the risk of having a large number of inexperienced terminal staff after consolidation as “Category A unacceptable” and that a Melbourne management review panel changed this initial assessment to “Category D acceptable”; if so, (a) did the management review panel composition comply with the Project Safety Plan and (b) what documented evidence was presented to justify any reassessment of risk.
- (17) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it will address community concerns about the future management of LTOP issues at Sydney by stating that “*to a great extent these concerns can be overcome by a number of initiatives which could be put in place prior to integration and tested for effectiveness*”; if so, (a) what are these initiatives, and (b) how will their effectiveness be assessed.
- (18) Has Airservices Australia advised that it will address community concerns about LTOP management by stating that “*post-integration the Tower supervisor will have the primary say in the runway configuration*”; if so, (a) has this runway mode management procedure been used before; if so, (i) when was it used, (ii) why is it no longer used, and (b) if Airservices Australia plans to use this procedure again, how will it ensure that the same safety concerns that caused it to be abandoned previously will not occur in the future.
- (19) Is TCU consolidation a prerequisite for any of the following: (a) a more efficient air route structure, (b) reduced delays at Sydney, Adelaide or Perth airports, (c) more efficient climb and descent profiles, (d) more effective environmental management (particularly LTOP at Sydney) and (e) safer terminal area procedures at Sydney, Adelaide or Perth; if so, (i) what analysis has been conducted to quantify the benefits in each of these areas that can only be achieved by consolidating the TCUs to Melbourne, (ii) what analysis has been completed to determine why these improvements cannot be implemented with the TCUs in situ, and (iii) if these improvements are not dependent on TCU consolidation, why does Airservices Australia consider that TCU consolidation will deliver operational benefits for its customers.
- (20) If TCU consolidation goes ahead, what measurable criteria will Airservices Australia use to evaluate its success and what guarantees will Airservices Australia give to stakeholders that these measurable criteria or benchmarks will be achieved.
- (21) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that it has identified cost savings that can only be achieved by consolidating Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs to the Melbourne centre; if so, (a) what detailed analysis has been completed to quantify these projected savings, (b) what detailed analysis has been completed to determine the dollars per tonne reduction in charges that will result, (c) what detailed analysis has been done that identifies the difference in charges that will result from consolidating the three TCUs as compared to leaving them in situ, and (d) what detailed analysis has been completed that identifies why the same reduction in charges cannot be achieved with the TCUs remaining in situ and if no detailed analysis has been completed, why not.
- (22) How much did Airservices Australia budget to spend on investigating the consolidation of Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCUs to the Melbourne centre.
- (23) How much has been spent to date on this project and will the amount spent on investigating TCU consolidation be included as cost of TCU consolidation if this project proceeds, if not, why not.
- (24) Has Airservices advised that Sydney, Adelaide and Perth terminal controllers located in Melbourne will retain local knowledge through familiarisation visits and ongoing briefings; if so, (a) why did the Melbourne management review of the safety analysis of TCU consolidation reject the loss of local knowledge as a credible risk associated with consolidating the TCUs, and (b) if local knowledge is considered important and familiarisation visits and ongoing briefing will be provided to ensure controllers retain local knowledge, (i) what detailed analysis has been conducted to determine the number of familiarisation days per annum that will be required to retain adequate levels of local knowledge, (ii) what ongoing briefing content will be provided to retain this knowledge and (iii) what budget allowance has been made for local knowledge issues.

- (25) Has Airservices Australia advised him or any organisation that its legal department has expressed no opinion on the broader issue of TCU consolidation, if so, what was Airservices Australia's General Counsel referring to when she advised in relation to an aircraft crash near Lake George that "... *if controllers had local knowledge of the relevant area, they would then have the necessary intimate terrain knowledge*. Such an allegation, if successful, has serious implications for Airservices' ability to implement TCU consolidation and possibly other ATM strategies. Accordingly, we will be attempting to persuade our insurer to seek a favourable settlement of this claim...".

19 March 2003

1651 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What (a) number and (b) percentage of all taxpayers failed to lodge an income tax return during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

MS HOARE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1691 - 1699)—

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

1694 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

20 March 2003

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

13 May 2003

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

27 May 2003

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

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

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

2 June 2003

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

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

3 June 2003

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

- (1) In respect of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) record kept by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and, in particular, “Dealings Not Involving Intentional Release (DNIR)” licence GMAC 5607 entitled “The use of virus vectors for gene silencing in plants (Virus Induced Gene Silencing)”, (a) did the dealings referred to require a permit from the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS); if not why not, (b) were any persons or organisations named in the permit; if so, who, (c) from where were the named viral substances imported, and (d) were the conditions under which the licence was granted adhered to.
- (2) In relation to recent outbreaks of exotic plant diseases at and near agricultural research facilities, (a) are plants at Australian wheat breeding research stations, and in nearby wheat crops, regularly surveyed for their disease status by competent plant pathologists; if not, why not, and (b) were any of the areas at which the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus was recently found last surveyed by a competent plant pathologist prior to the recent outbreak; if so, (i) when, and (ii) was the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus found during such surveys; if not, why not.
- (3) What systems and protocols are in place to ensure national preparedness for detecting quarantine breakdown or bioterrorism affecting the nation’s most important crops.
- (4) Why have these systems and protocols not worked in the case of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus, and more recently, Broom Rust Fungus.

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

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

4 June 2003

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

- (1) How many detainees at the Curtin Detention Centre have had their applications to the Refugee Review Tribunal refused in the last 24 months.
- (2) For each instance, can he say (a) what was the date of the determination, (b) what was the date the determination was conveyed to the detainee, and (c) whether the detainee was able to access legal advice by (i) phone, (ii) post, and (iii) in person.
- (3) Is it the case that when detainees have filled in forms to initiate Federal Court Appeals (without access to legal advice) and posted them in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs box on site within days of being notified of such decisions, that these documents were not forwarded in time to comply with the mandatory 28 day appeal period so that the detainee was denied legitimate access to the appeal process.

5 June 2003

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

- (1) What special levies does the Government impose on the vegetable growing industry, how big are these levies and what are they used for.
- (2) What returns do hydroponic vegetable growers receive on the levies.
- (3) Has the Government considered exempting hydroponic vegetable growers from these levies; if so, what are the details.

16 June 2003

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many (a) ministerial staff, (b) Department of the Environment and Heritage staff, (c) staff of other Departments, and (d) Australian Greenhouse Office staff travelled with him to the United States to promote the "climate action partnership" between Australia and the United States.
- (2) How long did the trip take.
- (3) What was the total cost to taxpayers of the trip.
- (4) Who did he and other members of the delegation meet during the trip.
- (5) What was the outcome of the trip.

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

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

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

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

- (1) What are the current management arrangements for Calperum Station.
- (2) Is it the case that the current contractual arrangements for the management of Calperum Station expired on 30 April 2003.
- (3) What process has the Director of National Parks, as holder of the Deed of Assignment to the station, instituted to ensure ongoing felicitous, transparent, and accountable management of the station.
- (4) Will community representation form a part of the ongoing management of the station.

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

- (1) Can he detail the amount of funding contributed by the Commonwealth Government to the McCormick Centre for the Environment.
- (2) Can he detail the number of functions and events hosted by the McCormick Centre since its official opening in September 2002.
- (3) What has been the level of patronage of the McCormick Centre since its official opening.
- (4) Has a tourism plan been established for the McCormick Centre and the adjoining Chaffey Learning Exchange.

18 June 2003

MR B. P. O'CONNOR: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2034 - 2035)—

- (1) Will the Government ensure that media, entertainment and arts industries are explicitly excluded from future free trade agreement negotiations including the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).
- (2) Will the Government refuse any claim from negotiating nations that Australia's local content protections or constraints on media ownership constitute an unfair trade advantage in any future free trade agreement.
- (3) What steps will the Government be taking to ensure that diversity in media content will be protected and further nourished in any future free trade agreement.

2035 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

19 June 2003

2047 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many personal intervention requests under section 417 of the Immigration Act has he received in (a) 2001, (b) 2002 and (c) 2003.
- (2) How many of these were granted a visa through his personal intervention after the (a) first, (b) second, and (c) third or any subsequent attempts.
- (3) In those cases, what new information was given that ultimately convinced him to intervene.
- (4) From which federal electoral divisions did the requests for ministerial intervention come and which were successful.
- (5) In how many of these cases did the request for ministerial intervention come from a Federal Government Minister's office and in how many of these cases was a visa granted following ministerial intervention.

25 June 2003

2069 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware that a meeting was held in Parliament House on Thursday, 15 May 2003 between Airservices Australia and Members representing electorates affected by Sydney Airport.
- (2) Can he say whether the meeting was convened by Senator Marise Payne in her capacity as Chair of the Sydney Airport Community Forum.
- (3) Has he been informed that the Members were unanimous in their opposition to the consolidation of the Sydney Terminal Control Unit in Melbourne.

(4) Will he respond to this community opinion by directing Airservices Australia to drop this proposal.

2074 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs —

- (1) How many school-aged children have been detained in each of the detention centres during the past year.
- (2) How many children in each of the detention centres did not receive full-time education.
- (3) How many of the children in each of the detention centres regularly attended public schools outside the centres.
- (4) Where education was provided within the detention centres, (a) were the hours provided comparable to those provided in public schools in that State, (b) what were the qualifications of the teachers, and (c) were the facilities and materials available comparable to those in public schools in that State.
- (5) What evidence can he provide to demonstrate that Australia is meeting its educational obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

11 August 2003

2137 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Telstra exchanges are (a) not presently compatible with ADSL and (b) what proportion of subscribers are affected.
- (2) What is the likely timetable for Telstra to ensure that all exchanges have access to ADSL services.

2142 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does he recall the Prime Minister stating on 8 July 2003 that David Hicks had admitted training with Al Qaeda.
- (2) In respect of this admission (a) to whom, (b) on what date, and (c) where was it made.
- (3) Was this admission made orally or in writing.
- (4) Does the Australian Government possess a written statement containing the admission.
- (5) When and how was this admission communicated to the Australian Government.
- (6) Is the Australian Government satisfied that the admission would be admissible in an Australian court under the *Commonwealth Evidence Act 1995*.
- (7) When and how was David Hicks' family informed of this admission.
- (8) When and how were David Hicks' legal representatives informed of this admission.

2154 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Would the Minister update the information provided in his answer to question No. 864 of 28 August 2002.

MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2155 - 2170)—

- (1) What programs have been introduced, continued or renewed by the Minister's Department in the electoral division of Barton since March 1996.
- (2) What grants and or benefits have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister's Department in the electoral division of Barton since 1996.

2156 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer.

2166 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2169 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2176 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) In respect of the review of research biosecurity protocols and processes at Australia's plant breeding research institutions, does the review panel include a competent practising independent plant virologist; if not, why not.
- (2) In respect of the identity of the two strains of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus recently found in Australia, (a) where was each strain found, (b) to which publicly reported Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus isolate is each of the Australian strains most closely related, and (c) does any information indicate when and how each strain of the virus may have breached the nation's quarantine barriers; if so, would he provide that information.

12 August 2003

- 2194 **MRL D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Is it the case that sanction decisions made by the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) are not published until the finalisation of any appeal by the agent concerned to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and, if so, what is the basis for this arrangement.
 - (2) How many appeals against MARA sanction decisions have been lodged with the AAT to date and, of these, how many (a) proceeded to a hearing with the appeal being dismissed, (b) were withdrawn by the agent prior to a final hearing, (c) proceeded to a hearing with the appeal being upheld in whole or in part, (d) were conceded by MARA without a final hearing, and (e) remain before the AAT at present.
 - (3) What was the average period of time that elapsed before completed appeals were (a) withdrawn by the agent prior to any hearing or (b) determined by the AAT.
- 2206 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) With which countries has Australia entered into agreements to better track financial transactions suspected of involving money laundering or terrorist financing activities.
 - (2) Is the Minister able to say what actions those treaties require the Australian Government to take and what actions have been taken by the Australian Government in accordance with those treaties.
- 2208 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Does the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report identify suspicious international transactions.
 - (2) Has that report reflected the increasing exploitation of electronic money routes and the development of cyber-laundering.
 - (3) What steps are being taken by the Australian Government to combat those phenomena.
- 2212 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the OECD established a body called the Financial Action Task Force to combat fraud and money-laundering; if so, (a) when was that body established, (b) what is its charter, and (c) what role does it play in tracing the terrorist money trail.
- 2213 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the Government undertaken any research in respect of computer software available to combat money-laundering.
 - (2) Has the Government considered obtaining that software; if so, what software is the Government contemplating obtaining and when is it likely that it will be obtained.
 - (3) Is the Government aware of the software package titled *Hot Scan* developed by the United States software company Logica; if so, is the Minister able to say (a) which United States institutions utilise that software, (b) what that software has been utilised for, and (c) how successful its use has been.
 - (4) Is the Government contemplating purchasing *Hot Scan* and/or any other software to undertake a task similar to that performed by *Hot Scan*.
- 2215 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Which bodies in the financial sector have agreed to hold biannual ministerial meetings to discuss ways to combat fraud.
 - (2) When and where will the first such meeting take place.
 - (3) Which Commonwealth Ministers will attend.
 - (4) Which government agencies and which private sector organisations will attend.
 - (5) What items are on the agenda and what outcomes is the Commonwealth seeking from the meeting.
- 2216 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What is the current status of the review of the *Financial Transactions Reports Act 1988*.
 - (2) Who is coordinating the review, when did it commence and when does the Government expect it to be completed.
 - (3) Which government agencies have participated in the review.
 - (4) Which private sector organisations have been consulted in the course of the review.
 - (5) What issues have been raised by the review.

- (6) When will the issues paper referred to at page 45 of the AUSTRAC 2001-2002 Annual Report be released.
- (7) Will the revised 40 recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force be considered as part of the review.

2231 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How is it determined which recipients of a Centrelink benefit receive the Income and Assets Review form.
- (2) How many recipients of a Centrelink benefit in the seat of Hunter were requested to complete the Income and Assets Review form in the financial years (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, and (c) 2002-2003.
- (3) How many recipients of a Centrelink benefit failed to return the Income and Assets Review form within the prescribed 21 day period and as a result had their Centrelink benefits cut off.
- (4) How many recipients of a Centrelink benefit that failed to return the Income and Assets Review form within the prescribed 21 days and had the Centrelink benefit cut off were over the age of 85 years.
- (5) Of the people over the age of 85 years who had their benefit cut off, how many had their payment reinstated to the amount it was prior to receiving the Income and Assets Review.

2234 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many (a) students, (b) mature age students, and (c) mature age students with dependants are expected to be affected by the closure of the Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme in the financial years (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006.
- (2) What is the likely or expected impact on (a) course completions and (b) course completion dates for the affected students.
- (3) What modelling has Centrelink done to determine the likely impact of these changes on (a) course enrolments, (b) failure rates, and (c) non-completion rates.
- (4) If no modelling was undertaken how were the potential impacts evaluated.
- (5) How are the impacts of the changes to be monitored.

13 August 2003

2253 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is the Treasurer aware that (a) AMP released confidential information about Mr Michael Gane's fund to his ex-wife using a revoked power of attorney, (b) AMP refused to release funds to Mr Gane to meet his obligations as approved by the Family Court between 30 October 2001 and 31 January 2002, (c) AMP, contrary to the Family Court orders, diverted funds directly to Mr Gane's ex-wife until stopped by the solicitors acting for him in the Family Court, (d) AMP, without authority, reduced the amounts of withdrawal applications of 5 October 2001 and 30 October 2001 which were in accordance with Family Court orders and subsequently denied to the SCT that they had cut back these withdrawal applications, (e) AMP referred Mr Gane's withdrawal applications to his ex-wife or her solicitors for scrutiny even when these applications were made in accordance with the Court orders, and (f) AMP refuses to supply Mr Gane with copies of missing withdrawal detail forms, which were requested from AMP on 27 June 2002.

14 August 2003

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2258 - 2259)—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1212 (*Hansard*, 4 February 2003, page 184), is the Minister's department still considering the purchase of laser anti-missile defence systems; if so, (a) which systems, (b) from whom would they be purchased, (c) what is the price per unit, (d) how many units is the Government considering purchasing, (e) who would they be for, (f) which airlines would use them, (g) which aircraft would use them, (h) would they be purchased for commercial aircraft, and (i) would they be purchased for RAAF aircraft.
- (2) If the Minister's department is not still considering the purchase of laser anti-missile defence systems (a) why not, and (b) what conclusions did the Minister's department come to when deciding either not to consider the purchase or not to proceed with the purchase of the technology.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether any commercial airlines flying within Australia have considered purchasing such technology.
- (4) Would the Government assist commercial airlines with the purchase price.

- (5) Is the Minister able to say whether any airline proceeded with the purchase; if so, (a) which airline, (b) which systems, (c) from whom were they purchased, (d) what was the price per unit, and (e) how many units were purchased.

2258 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2260 - 2261)—

- (1) What are the eligibility rules for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards.
- (2) How many (a) people, (b) men, and (c) women currently hold Seniors Health Care Cards (i) in total, (ii) in each State and Territory, and (iii) in each Federal electoral division.
- (3) How many (a) people, (b) men, and (c) women does the Government estimate are eligible for Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards (i) in total, (ii) in each State and Territory, and (iii) in each Federal electoral division.
- (4) What is the total cost to the Commonwealth of Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards.
- (5) When the cost of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards was estimated for the budget was an assumption made about the proportion of people eligible to hold the card who would actually apply for and use the card; if so, (a) what was that proportion and (b) what would be the additional cost per annum if everyone who is eligible to hold the card had one.
- (6) What other assumptions were made about the number of card holders when budgeting for the cost of the cards.
- (7) What does the Government do to promote the availability of the card to those eligible to hold one.
- (8) Does the Government automatically inform Centrelink clients of their entitlement to a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card if they are eligible; if not, (a) why not, (b) has it considered doing so, and (c) what would it cost to do so.

2260 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2261 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

21 August 2003

2320 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In respect of the Telstra mobile telephone transmission installation at Suffolk Park, NSW, which is currently under investigation by the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman, can the Minister explain the 3 month delay in construction from its commencement in March 2003 to the resumption of work in late June 2003.
- (2) Was this delay consistent with Telstra's contractual obligations to the Government to erect a large number of these installations by 30 June 2003.
- (3) Was the early commencement and subsequent discontinuance of work an attempt to avoid the provisions of the Deployment of Radio Communications Infrastructure Industry Code which came into effect on 10 April 2003.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the installation has been placed atop a water tower on community land for which plans exist to construct a public viewing platform; if so, is this location, which is close to residences and proposed childcare, school and sporting facilities, an appropriate location for this installation; if not, what action will the Minister take to require Telstra to relocate the installation.

8 September 2003

2327 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Was a tender process conducted before the Government awarded a contract to the Institute of Public Affairs to audit non-government organisations.
- (2) Who made the decision to award the contract to the Institute of Public Affairs.
- (3) Was departmental advice given on whether or not to award this contract; if so, what was this advice.
- (4) What are the terms of reference for the Institute of Public Affairs inquiry.
- (5) Which government department is administering the contract.
- (6) What is the value of the contract.
- (7) When is the Institute of Public Affairs expected to report and will the report be made public.

2336 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) In respect of the budget announcement that Pensioner Education Supplement payments are to be suspended between December and February, (a) between which pay-dates will payments be stopped and (b) what criteria were used to determine these dates.
- (2) How many Centrelink recipients is this measure expected to affect.
- (3) How much money, if any, is this measure expected to save per annum and, if no money is expected to be saved, what is the rationale for the measure.
- (4) Has any modelling been undertaken to assess the impact of this measure or is any modelling or assessment planned to be undertaken; if so, what are the details of the modelling planned or undertaken; if not, why not.
- (5) If modelling was undertaken, what was the outcome of that modelling or assessment and what impacts, if any, is this measure expected to have on prospective and continuing students who are expected to be affected by this measure.

9 September 2003

2349 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has Australia at any stage received a request from Iran for the return of Massoumeh Mastipour to that country; if so, (a) when was that request received, (b) from whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what steps has the Government taken to process the request.
- (2) Can he confirm the statements attributed to him on *ABC On-line* on 27 August 2003 in an article entitled “Ruddock defends Iranian girl’s deportation” relating to the deportation of an Iranian child by the Australian Government to Iran.
- (3) Under which statutory provision was this child transferred from Australia to Iran.
- (4) Which court in Iran ordered that this child be in the custody of her mother, what were the terms of that court order, and on what date was it made.
- (5) What steps did he or his department take to consult with the Attorney-General or the Attorney-General’s Department regarding this child.
- (6) What steps did the Australian Government take in Iran to place this child in the custody of her mother.
- (7) Is this child in the custody of her mother.

2359 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Medicare Processing Centre in Brisbane going to be closed; if so, (a) when was the decision to close it taken and (b) when will it close.
- (2) Does the centre undertake the processing of bulk-billing claims.
- (3) Has there been a decline in bulk-billing claims processed at this centre in the past three years.
- (4) Is the closure of this office related to the Government’s policy of restricting bulk-billing.
- (5) How many full-time and part-time jobs will be lost if this office closes.

10 September 2003

2365 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that Aladdin Sisalem is being detained at the Manus Island detention centre.
- (2) Did Aladdin Sisalem request asylum on Thursday Island; if so, what was the legal basis for sending him to Papua New Guinea.
- (3) What is causing the delay in processing Aladdin Sisalem’s application for asylum.
- (4) Why is Aladdin Sisalem being kept in isolation on Manus Island when he could be detained on the Australian mainland at less expense.
- (5) What does the Government intend to do with Aladdin Sisalem when the Manus Island detention centre is closed in October.

2374 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many attempted suicides have there been in detention centres (a) in total and (b) in each of the last five years.
- (2) What proportion of people (a) in Australia, and (b) in detention centres, has attempted suicide over the last five years.

- (3) In respect of the water supplied to each detention centre, (a) what is its calcium content, and (b) does it meet the Australian Standard for potable water.
- (4) Can he provide examples of the daily menus at the detention centres.
- (5) Are different nutritional needs, such as those of children and pregnant women, catered for.
- (6) Do nutritionists monitor the diets of detainees; if so, are the nutritionists on site or do they review the menus only.
- (7) Are checks carried out to ensure that prescribed meals correspond with the actual food served by Australasian Correctional Management Pty Ltd (A.C.M).

11 September 2003

2388 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that the Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board (CALDB) has reprimanded Mr Gregory Lourey in respect of his conduct of the audit on the financial report of National Textiles Limited for the year ended 30 June 1999.
- (2) Can he confirm that National Textiles is the same company to which the Government provided significant funding to facilitate its liquidation and, at the time, the Prime Minister's brother was board chairman.
- (3) Can he confirm that the reprimand comes after the matter was referred to the CALDB by ASIC.
- (4) Can he confirm that this is the same audit firm that audited Nardell Colliery and gave an unqualified audit opinion for the 2002 financial year despite the fact that the company had recorded a loss of \$14.457 million; if so, will he act to refer the Nardell closure to ASIC for full investigation.

15 September 2003

2392 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What was the cost per aircraft of acquiring and installing ground to air missile counter measure capability on RAAF C130 Hercules aircraft.

16 September 2003

2405 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2027 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18981) in respect of statistical collections by Centrelink, does Centrelink record any information on the period of time it takes to process applications for benefits from the date of application to the decision to grant or refuse a benefit payment; if so, what information is collected.
- (2) Will the Minister table the Business Partnership Agreement with Centrelink.
- (3) Will the Minister provide details on the timeliness standards for payments and services for the 2002-2003 financial year, as set by the Agreement.

17 September 2003

2418 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Could he explain the Government's current strategy for dealing with the issue of feral pigs and the threat they pose to the health of Australia's livestock, our natural biodiversity and environment.
- (2) Can he confirm whether estimates of the feral pig population in Australia as high as 23 million are correct.
- (3) Is the Government taking steps to implement a nationally coordinated approach to the feral pig issue; if not, why not.

18 September 2003

2427 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What steps has the Minister taken since 11 September 2001 to ensure that systems to establish the identity of staff and officials working at Australia's airports and control access to areas within airports are (a) able to accurately identify people attempting to benefit from their use, and (b) actively enforced by the security staff responsible for their implementation.

2428 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What steps has the Minister taken since 11 September 2001 to ensure that (a) people and (b) cargo entering Australia by (i) air, and (ii) sea are not a threat to the national security of Australia.

- 2430 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What measures has the Minister taken since 11 September 2001 to (a) increase the screening of cargo entering Australia through Australian seaports, and (b) to ensure the safety of critical port infrastructure.
- 2432 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What was the actual cost of the Air Security Officer (ASO) program in (a) 2001-2002 and (b) 2002-2003.
 - (2) What is the budgeted cost of the ASO program in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, (c) 2005-2006, and (d) 2006-2007.
 - (3) Will the placement of Air Security Officers on international commercial flights be met from existing or additional resources.
- 2440 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In which court and tribunal matters did he intervene or otherwise appear as a party in 2002-2003.
 - (2) In respect of each matter, what was the (a) name, (b) court or tribunal, (c) matter number, (d) date of his intervention or appearance, and (e) cost of his intervention or participation.
 - (3) In respect of each matter, did he make written or oral submissions or both.
- 2442 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What have been (a) the costs to date (including winding-up costs) and (b) the further budgeted costs of the (i) Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry, and (ii) HIH Royal Commission.
 - (2) In respect of each Royal Commission, what was the total cost of the services of (a) each counsel assisting the Royal Commission, (b) solicitors assisting each Royal Commission, including fees, disbursements, accommodation and travel costs and all other expenses and allowances.
 - (3) In respect of each Royal Commission, what was the total cost of the services of the Royal Commissioner, including salary, superannuation, accommodation and travel costs, and all other expenses and allowances.
 - (4) In respect of each Royal Commission, who provided media liaison services and what was the total cost of those services.
 - (5) In respect of each Royal Commission, (a) how many copies were printed, and (b) what were the total publishing and printing costs of (i) any interim report, and (ii) the final report.
- 2449 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), how many (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors or lawyers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office in each of the financial years ended 1997 to 2003.
 - (2) What action has the Commissioner of Taxation taken since 1 July 1997 to force members of the legal profession to lodge their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office.
 - (3) What are the details of the (i) administrative penalties and (ii) prosecutions taken against members of the legal profession.
 - (4) Can he provide an up-to-date report on the action taken by the Taxation Commissioner since the release by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer on 2 May 2003 of their press release titled “Progress of Government action to strengthen laws to prevent tax abuse”.
 - (5) What is the progress of the Commissioner of Taxation’s investigation to ensure that existing arrangements designed to disadvantage creditors are overturned.
- 2453 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1881 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2003, page 18057), what is the status of the Government’s consideration of the other recommendations in the HIH Royal Commission Report.
- 2458 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answers to questions Nos 2037 and 2038 (*Hansard*, 21 August 2003, page 18865), has the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) and the Attorney-General’s Department (AGD) briefed him on the views of interested stakeholders regarding the proposals set out in the issues paper; if not, why not; if so, what was his response to those views.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2463 - 2480)—Further to the answers to questions Nos 1620 to 1635 and 1637 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18168) what are the Chief Executive Officers of the Minister’s departments and agencies doing to ensure that they do not retain the services of any barrister or solicitor who has previously been made bankrupt.

- 2463 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 2468 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2471 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2473 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 2497 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Did the use of Juliet Block and the treatment of detainees in that block following the riots of January 2001 constitute punishment and humiliation putting Australia in breach of its obligations under its own and international laws.
 - (2) Was he aware of the treatment of detainees in Juliet Block; if not, why was he not properly briefed.
 - (3) Was Mr Saleh denied medical treatment appropriate to his condition and were his medical needs ignored as part of a punishment regime of neglect during his stay at Juliet Block.
 - (4) Are depression and post traumatic stress disorder “illnesses” for the purposes of his department’s policies in respect of the health of detainees.
 - (5) In respect of the apparent loss of Mr Saleh’s treatment records whilst he was in Juliet Block, is the Minister able to say whether (a) the Detention Centre’s claim as noted by the Coroner that they had been destroyed by rioters is correct, or (b) the records were provided to the Coroner.

7 October 2003

- 2500 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many jobseekers are expected to commence Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) for the first time in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
 - (2) How many of these participants are likely to be identified as disadvantaged and fast-tracked into ISCA.
 - (3) What proportion of first-time ISCA participants is expected to drop out within the first three months.
- 2501 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many jobseekers are expected to commence Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) for the second time in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
 - (2) What proportion of second-time ISCA participants is expected to drop out within the first three months.
- 2508 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Who is on the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council and which industry sectors do they represent.
 - (2) In respect of each meeting of the council, (a) when did it meet, (b) what matters did it consider, and (c) what were the outcomes.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2509 - 2510)—
- (1) Was Phillips Fox awarded a tender to conduct a review of the *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000*.
 - (2) What did the Government require of organisations submitting tenders, in relation to (a) disclosure of conflicts of interest, and (b) action to address conflicts of interest.
 - (3) Did Phillips Fox disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest; if so, (a) what conflicts did it disclose, and (b) what action did Phillips Fox and the Government take to address such conflicts.
 - (4) Is the Minister or his department aware that LEF Interactive Pty Ltd has been a client of solicitors at Phillips Fox; if so, when did they become aware.
 - (5) Is the Minister or his department aware of the relationship between LEF Interactive Pty Ltd and Kazaa; if so, when did they become aware.
 - (6) Does LEF Interactive Pty Ltd have an interest in the outcome of the review.
 - (7) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that the review is not discredited by actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- 2509 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2515 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) When did the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) first become aware that Mr Francis James Muller, a US citizen, was operating Foreign Currency International in Bangkok, Thailand.
- (2) When did ASIC first become aware of allegations against Mr Muller, and the Thai companies named Global Option Co. and Foreign Currency International, which are involved in foreign exchange speculation.
- (3) What action did ASIC take to assist the Thai police in their prosecution of Mr Muller.
- (4) What role did ASIC take in the Thai court case of Mr Muller.

2520 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How much does it cost per day to hold someone in the Baxter Detention Centre.
- (2) How much did it cost to transport the Sawari family from Launceston to the Baxter Detention Centre, including the cost of the (a) charter flight, and (b) personnel who accompanied them.
- (3) What was the cost of the Migration Tribunal proceedings in relation the Sawari family after their apprehension and detention in the Baxter detention Centre.

2526 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the ABC news report of 25 September 2003 in which it was stated that 40,000 Youth Allowance recipients who have been overpaid will be targeted in the coming period.
- (2) How many Youth Allowance recipients in the electoral division of Cunningham have been (a) overpaid and (b) overpaid amounts less than \$200.
- (3) How many Youth Allowance recipients in the electoral division of Cunningham who have been overpaid are students who incorrectly reported either their own or their parents' income.
- (4) How many Youth Allowance recipients in the electoral division of Cunningham who have been overpaid are expected to be taken to court to recover the overpayment.
- (5) Is Centrelink prepared to pursue overpayments through the courts for amounts under \$1,000.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2529 - 2530)—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1645 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14595), what was the outcome of the investigation into the IIRO.
- (2) Have any individuals been (a) arrested, and (b) charged.
- (3) Are there persons of interest in Australia.

2529 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2531 **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 Israel.
- (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.
- (5) Is he able to say what Chairman Arafat's legal status within Israel and the occupied territories is, in particular, is he a citizen of Israel and on what basis does he live and travel within Israel.

8 October 2003

2563 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Throsby, what are their names and where are their offices located.
- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with (a) each Job Network provider, and (b) each office of each provider in the electoral division of Throsby.
- (3) For the years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003, in (i) Australia and (ii) the electoral division of Throsby, how many Newstart or Youth Allowance recipients were placed into jobs through assistance from Job Network providers.

- (4) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003, how many long-term unemployed people (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all unemployed people, participated in intensive assistance.
- (5) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003, how many of the people who have participated in intensive assistance have participated on (a) one occasion, (b) two occasions, (c) three occasions, and (d) on more than three occasions.
- (6) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003, (a) how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance found employment, and (b) what proportion found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment.
- (7) How many work for the dole providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Throsby, who are they, where are they located and what programs do they offer.
- (8) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003, (a) how many of people who participated in a work for the dole program found employment, (b) what proportion found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment following their placement, and (c) how many of were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment after 3 months.

9 October 2003

2573 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is it the case that the Lodge has been used by Prime Ministers as an official residence since the election of the Lyons Government in 1931.
- (2) Is it the case that Kirribilli House was refurbished in 1957 as a residence for use by visiting guests of the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister when in Sydney.
- (3) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was referred to in a paper presented to the Cabinet Amenities Committee in 1957 “as an additional residence available to the Prime Minister in Sydney as necessary”.
- (4) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
- (5) How many days has he spent at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, and (vii) 2002-2003.
- (6) What was the cost of maintaining (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in 2002-2003.
- (7) How many staff are currently employed at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House.
- (8) What has been the cost of (a) his, and (b) his staff’s travel between Sydney and Canberra in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, and (vii) 2002-2003.
- (9) Does he recall that his major reason for residing at Kirribilli House was that he had dependent children.
- (10) Does he still have dependent children; if not, why does he maintain Kirribilli House as his primary residence.

2582 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1552 (*Hansard*, 7 October 2003, page 20694), what are the changes to bankruptcy law aimed at preventing people using bankruptcy in an improper way.
- (2) Why has it taken the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia and the Attorney-General’s Department since February 2003 to brief him on options to progress this matter.
- (3) Will he introduce legislation to ensure that the individual who has been bankrupted on twelve occasions cannot ever be declared bankrupt again; if so, when; if not, why not.

13 October 2003

2587 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What is the number of Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) holders in Australia.
- (2) How many TPV holders reside in each federal electoral division.
- (3) How many TPVs will expire at the end of (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005.

- (4) How many TPV holders are under (a) 16, and (b) 25 years of age.

2591 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Would he provide details on the (a) activities, (b) services, and (c) items purchased for jobseekers out of Jobseeker Account funds between 1 July 2003 and 30 September 2003 including (i) the amount of funds spent on each category, and (ii) the number of jobseekers who were assisted.
- (2) What was the monetary value of the (a) activities, (b) services, and (c) items purchased from Job Network providers or their associated companies and businesses (i.e. engaged in reverse marketing).
- (3) How many long-term (i.e. unemployed more than 12 months) jobseekers have had (a) \$0, (b) \$1-\$300, (c) \$301-\$600, and (d) more than \$600 spent from of their Jobseeker Accounts.

2598 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does he support the finding in the "Review of the National Airspace System and Competition for Airport Related Services Report" prepared by Wes Willoughby & Associates and tabled in the House of Representatives, that \$71.61 million per annum can be saved in air traffic control costs through the introduction of the National Airspace System; if not, (a) why not, and (b) what is his estimate of the potential savings.
- (2) Who prepared advice for him on the veracity of the costings in this report.

15 October 2003

2604 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of his column in the *Sunday Age* on 12 October 2003, which education reforms and budgetary improvement measures did the Government promise at the last federal election that are now being blocked by the Senate.

2608 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In which States and Territories have primary dispute resolution (PDR) services been established by Legal Aid Commissions.
- (2) For each State and Territory, (a) what has been the cost of providing these services in each financial year they have been operating, and (b) what is the budgeted cost of providing these services in future years.
- (3) For each State and Territory, how are these PDR services delivered.
- (4) For each State and Territory and for each financial year these services have been operating, how many grants of legal aid have been given for PDR and what was the average size of each grant.

2613 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Will the levy to cover incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims be imposed on all members of the medical profession; if not, (a) which doctors will be liable for the impost, (b) which doctors will be exempt, and (c) can he explain why some doctors will be exempt.
- (2) Has the Medicare rebate ever reflected the rising cost of medical indemnity insurance; if so, when.
- (3) Has the Government ever provided rebates to compensate for the rising costs of medical practice; if so, when.
- (4) What measures has the Government taken to curb the rising costs of negligence claims within the court system; if no action has been taken, why not.
- (5) Is he able to say which types of claims result in the most awards for damages by the courts.
- (6) Is he taking action to prevent an anticipated rise in patient fees to cover an anticipated rise in damages awards; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will action be taken.
- (7) What is the anticipated impact on the number of medical practitioners being compelled for liability and financial reasons to cease practice as a direct consequence of the imposition of the IBNR levy; if no analysis has been done, (a) why not, and (b) when will it done.

2634 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that when persons under the age of 55 apply for the early release of their superannuation on the grounds of financial hardship, they must have been in receipt of Commonwealth income support payments for a continuous period of 26 weeks.
- (2) Is it the case that the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 do not classify Austudy or Youth Allowance as a Commonwealth income support payment for the purpose of determining financial hardship in the assessment of eligibility for the early release of superannuation; if so, why are these benefits not classified as Commonwealth income support for this purpose.

- (3) Can he explain why a family which is under severe financial hardship should be prevented from accessing the early release of its superannuation because the father is receiving Austudy.
- (4) Will he consider amending the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 to include Austudy as a Commonwealth income support payment for the purpose of determining financial hardship for the early release of superannuation.

16 October 2003

- 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.
- 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.napswq.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.

24 October 2003

2667 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the legislation governing child support requires the Child Support Agency (CSA) to reconcile an estimate where a parent has underestimated their annual income but makes no legislative provision for the CSA to amend an assessment where a client overestimates their annual income.
- (2) What should a parent do if he or she finds they have paid more to the CSA than they were required to according to the terms of their assessment.

3 November 2003

2670 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) What Work for the Dole projects were funded during 2003 in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Scullin, and (c) the electoral division of McEwen and which agency was responsible for each project.
- (2) What is the (a) location and (b) activity of each of the Work for the Dole projects in part (1).
- (3) How many (a) males, and (b) females are or were employed on each ‘Work for the Dole’ project in part (1).
- (4) What is the number of participants (a) 16, (b) 17, (c) 18, (d) 19, (e) 20, (f) 21 to 25, and (g) more than 25 years of age that were employed on each ‘Work for the Dole’ project in part (1).

2671 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode areas (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in (i) University, and (ii) Vocational Education and Training.
- (2) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode areas (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in a (i) bachelor degree, and (ii) postgraduate degree.

2673 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) For 2003, in each of the postcode areas (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 what sums were provided to (i) government, and (ii) non-government schools.
- (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2003.
- (3) For 2004, in each of the postcode areas (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 what sums will be allocated to (i) government, and (ii) non-government schools.
- (4) What will be the (a) expenditure on, (b) location, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.

2680 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Melbourne metropolitan area in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, and (c) 2002-2003.
- (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location, and (c) purpose of each grant.

2691 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the capital gains tax rollover relief available in section 126-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* is only available to heterosexual married or de-facto couples because of the definition of 'defacto' in section 995-1 of the same Act.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that when same-sex couples break up they may have to pay capital gains tax in circumstances in which heterosexual couples would not.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the recent ruling by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in the case of *Young v Australia*.
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the statement of the Prime Minister on 24 August 2001 to the effect that he is opposed to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- (5) Is the Minister considering changes to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to ensure that same-sex and opposite-sex couples are treated similarly when relationships break down; if not, why not; if so, when will the Minister introduce legislation to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

2692 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm reports that Saudi Arabia never intended to accept the live sheep on the *Cormo Express*; if so, what evidence is there to support this claim.
- (2) Can he confirm that (a) no transport for the sheep was present, and (b) no stevedores or wharf labourers were present when the ship docked in Saudi Arabia; if so, (i) is this normal practice when live sheep arrive in Saudi Arabia, and (ii) what preparations are usually made in Saudi Arabia at a port receiving live sheep.
- (3) Is he aware of reports that elements of the Saudi government rejected the sheep for either political or commercial reasons.
- (4) Has he seen the report in *The Australian* of 28 October which stated "the sheep stranded at sea were refused by Saudi Arabia not because they were diseased but in retaliation for Australia's role in Iraq. The Government has not admitted it, but a former ambassador to Riyadh does."; if so, (a) what credence does he place on this report, and (b) is he able to name the former Ambassador who made the statement.
- (5) Who (a) is the current Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and (b) were the previous Ambassadors since 1996.
- (6) What reason (a) was given by Saudi Arabia for the rejection of the sheep, and (b) was actually behind the rejection of the sheep.
- (7) Were the sheep inspected on their arrival in Saudi Arabia; if so, by whom.

- (8) To which countries did the Government try to offload the sheep before the agreement was made with Eritrea.
- (9) Is he aware of attempts by Saudi Arabia to induce any third country not to accept the sheep; if so, what were they.
- (10) Is he aware of any representations by the Saudi government to any other government about the sheep; if so, is he able to say (a) to which governments representations were made, and (b) what was the content of the representations.
- (11) Which government departments were involved in negotiations with other countries about the fate of the sheep.
- (12) At what level were the negotiations conducted and did he have any personal involvement in the negotiations.

2695 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of concerns expressed by New South Wales Magistrate, Mr Paul Lyons, about the operation of the Commonwealth Witness Protection Program, reported in *The Australian* on 19 September 2003.
- (2) What action is the Government taking to address these concerns.

2696 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In the electorates of Western Sydney, how many Remote Integrated Multiplexer line splitting services have been connected in each electorate and how many are proposed to be connected in each electorate over what time frame.
- (2) What compensation, if any, is available to subscribers who have been denied the opportunity of connecting broadband services; if no compensation is payable, why not.
- (3) Has the Telecommunications Authority been advised of the situation; if so, what action has it taken or does it propose to take.
- (4) Has the Government conducted any review of line splitting; if so, (a) when, (b) who conducted the review, and (c) what was the outcome.

2697 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware that many of the recommended plants included in the “Flora for Fauna” scheme administered by the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia under the Environment Australia Natural Heritage Trust are privately owned cultivars that do not occur in nature and are protected by Plant Breeders Rights, and that authentic Australian plants are not the sole focus of “Flora for Fauna”.
- (2) Is he aware that the propagation of artificial hybrids and cultivars results in genetically identical clones that contribute nothing to biodiversity.
- (3) Is he aware of CSIRO findings that artificial hybrids hybridise with naturally occurring species, contaminating the local gene pool.
- (4) Is he aware that artificial hybrids with enlarged flowers attract aggressive, territorial, non-endangered birds such as the Noisy Miner to the detriment of the Eastern Spinebill, Regent Honeyeater and other endangered birds.
- (5) Can he explain the basis of the claim that the “Flora for Fauna” program enhances biodiversity and environmental education.

4 November 2003

2708 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What research is the Government currently funding into the possible cures, treatment or prevention of juvenile or type 1 diabetes.
- (2) How much has the Commonwealth invested in research into these matters in each of the last ten years.
- (3) What support does the Commonwealth provide to sufferers in meeting the costs associated with treatment of juvenile (type 1) diabetes, including the provision of automatic insulin pumps.

2714 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the Treasurer’s Committee taken any decisions in respect of national consistency in tort law reform; if so, (a) what are those decisions, and (b) to what extent have those decisions been implemented by the Commonwealth and the States, respectively.

2715 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General taken any decisions in respect of national consistency in tort law reform; if so, (a) what are those decisions,

and (b) to what extent have those decisions been implemented by the Commonwealth and the States, respectively.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2720 - 2721)—In respect of the Government's recent announcement of a \$7.5 billion budget surplus, will the Minister (a) extend the current four year \$1.2 billion Roads to Recovery program for an additional four year term, and (b) increase the monetary value of the program to \$2.4 billion; if so, when; if not, why not.

2720 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2721 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5 November 2003

2724 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Government considering the acquisition of Abrams M1 Main battle tanks (MBT) for the Australian Army; if so, (a) what version or versions of the Abrams tank is or are being considered, and (b) what role is envisaged for the Abrams tanks.
- (2) Does consideration of the acquisition of Abrams MBTs reflect an increased priority for MBTs in the ADF's force structure; if so, what is the strategic basis for that increased priority.
- (3) Does consideration of the Abrams tank reflect a decision to develop new types of capability in the land force not contemplated by the Government's current defence policy as set out in the Defence 2000 White Paper.
- (4) Does consideration of the Abrams tank reflect a decision to develop heavy armoured forces suitable for contributions to coalition operations in high-intensity conflict; if so, what other additional equipment would be required to develop such new types of capabilities; if not, what factors would warrant the acquisition of a tank of this nature.
- (5) Is consideration being given to acquisition of self-propelled artillery, self-propelled air defence, and the logistics capabilities required to constitute an independent armoured capability; if so, what would be the total cost of such new types of capabilities; if not, is it intended that these tanks would only be used as a contribution to allied forces and rely on allies for vital combat support.
- (6) What do the versions being considered weigh and how does this compare with the weight of the Leopard tank.
- (7) What implications would the weight of the Abrams tank have for the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) ability to deploy the tanks within Australia's region and beyond.
- (8) Could the Abrams tank be transported in the ADF's current landing ships and troop lift ships.
- (9) Would the landing ships and troop lift ships need to be modified to transport the Abrams; if so, what would that cost.
- (10) Would the current tank-transport fleet need to be upgraded or replaced to transport the Abrams tanks; if so, what would that cost.
- (11) Would the ADF's current bridging capability need to be upgraded to handle the Abrams tanks; if so, what would that cost.
- (12) Would the ADF's servicing and support facilities need to be upgraded to accommodate the Abrams tanks; if so, what would that cost.
- (13) Would the Abrams tanks be based in Darwin; if not, where would they be based.
- (14) Would Abrams tanks acquired for the ADF be powered by gas turbine; if so, (a) what would be the logistical implications for this form of power for fuel supplies to ADF operations, and (b) would ADF fuel-handling capabilities need to be upgraded; if so, what would be the cost.
- (15) How many tanks is the Government considering acquiring.
- (16) What implications does any cut in tank numbers have for the ADF's capacity for training, deployment and concurrent operations.
- (17) Taking into account all the issues raised in this question and any other costs arising consequent on a decision to acquire Abrams tanks, what would be the total cost of this acquisition.
- (18) What are the deficiencies in the ADF's current tank capabilities which fall short of the Government's strategic requirements.
- (19) What other approaches have been considered to address those deficiencies and what would those other approaches cost.

2726 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many Special Purpose Visas (SPV) have been granted to date in 2003.
- (2) How many people breached the conditions of their SPVs in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, and (h) 2003 to date.
- (3) What action is taken to apprehend a crewmember not holding a SPV who jumps ship.
- (4) What steps are taken to confine a crewmember not holding a SPV to the ship the crewmember arrived on.
- (5) Who is responsible for notifying Australian authorities if a crewmember denied a SPV jumps ship.
- (6) What penalties apply for failing to notify Australian Authorities if a crewmember denied a SPV jumps ship.
- (7) Does legislation require ships to provide information on their crews prior to their departure from Australia; if not, does the Government seek to obtain this information voluntarily and, if it does, how.
- (8) Further to the answer to question No. 274, (*Hansard*, 14 May 2002, page 2139) what action is the Minister taking to secure the passage of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

2727 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the New South Wales Government on the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital, (a) what is the total amount of Commonwealth funding, (b) what payments have been made to date, and (c) when will any outstanding payments be made.
- (2) What are the details of the agreement relating to the tolling of the Orbital, in particular, does the agreement provide for (a) different tolls for non-commercial vehicles, commercial vehicles, buses, motorbikes, trucks, cars and trailers, (b) off-peak tolls, (c) adequate entry and exit points to the freeway, and (d) real-time information systems, incident detection systems, video monitoring and the like.
- (3) Does the agreement make any reference to the potential limit of public transport along the route.
- (4) How will the toll-road operator balance its accountability to its shareholders, the New South Wales Government and its customers.
- (5) Does the agreement require that the e-tags operative on the Orbital are operative on other toll-roads in Sydney and vice versa or will motorists have to cope with multiple tags.

2729 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is he aware that on 14 November 2003 Telstra will dismiss 54 employees who have worked for the company for between 10 and 20 years due to the closure of its Wollongong Call Centre.
- (2) Is he aware that Telstra will spend \$2.4 million expanding its Fault Call Centre in Wollongong and that this will create 60 new jobs.
- (3) Is he aware that the staff who will be dismissed on 14 November have been told they may apply for the new positions in the Fault Call Centre; however Telstra has refused to transfer staff or guarantee them a position if they apply.
- (4) Is he able to say what prevents Telstra from offering the current staff the necessary training needed for the new positions.
- (5) Will he intervene and request that Telstra offer its Wollongong Call Centre staff transfers and, where appropriate, training so that they can be employed in its expanded Fault Call Centre; if not, why not.

2730 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the admission by Telstra that 1.2 million Bigpond customers and 270,000 broadband customers were directly affected by the recent collapse of Telstra email systems, is he able to say (a) how many Bigpond customers in the electoral division of Bass were directly affected, (b) how many broadband customers there are in the electoral division of Bass, and (c) how many of the broadband customers in the electoral division of Bass were directly affected.

2731 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has he seen the report by Tim Rutten titled “Producer tells of the politics of Fox” in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 3 November 2003 in which Mr Charlie Reina alleged that “Editorially, the Fox News Channel newsroom is under the constant control and vigilance of management”.
- (2) Is he able to say how interference in the editorial independence of an Australian newsroom by a media owner could be in the public interest or good for Australia’s democracy; if not, why not.

- (3) Can he explain whether the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 would allow further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he now abandon this bill; if not, why not.

2733 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Which telephone exchanges service the electoral division of Chifley.
- (2) Which telephone exchanges servicing the electoral division of Chifley provide ADSL facilities and which do not.
- (3) How many subscribers are serviced by the exchanges that do not provide ADSL facilities and what proportion of the subscribers in the electoral division of Chifley do they represent.

6 November 2003

2736 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Which employers received subsidies in (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003 under the new apprenticeships program by (i) industry, (ii) size of employer (number of employees), (iii) the proportion of traineeships in the employer's workforce, (iv) the proportion of existing employees on traineeships, and (v) the proportion of new employees on traineeships.

2737 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For 2002-2003, by (a) industry, (b) state, and (c) region what proportion of trainees (i) were employed full-time, (ii) were employed part-time, (iii) were employed on a casual or temporary basis, and (iv) had their employment terminated at the conclusion of their traineeships.

2738 **MRL D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why was the community given only four weeks to respond to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Information Paper *Census of Population and Housing: ABS Views on Content and Procedures 2006* (2007.0) which was released on 2 July 2003.
- (2) How many submissions were received by the ABS (a) by the due date of 30 July 2003, and (b) after that date.
- (3) How many submissions expressed concern about the sections of the paper dealing with (a) main languages other than English spoken at home, (b) ancestry, (c) country of birth of parents, and (d) Australian citizenship.
- (4) Which (a) Commonwealth Departments and agencies, (b) State Government Ministers and agencies, and (c) local government bodies forwarded submissions expressing concern about these aspects of the paper.
- (5) Following the consideration of public submissions, has the Acting Australian Statistician given the Government further advice on the proposed content of the 2006 Census; if so, what are the details of this advice.
- (6) What further consultation, if any, is proposed before the content of the 2006 Census is finalised and when is a final decision due to be made.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2762 - 2764)—In respect of the ruling on 4 November 2003 by Justice Stephen O'Ryan indicating that there was prima facie evidence supporting the Australian Securities and Investment Commission's claim that an agreement to shift assets, including the family home, to the wife of Mr Jodee Rich, Mrs Maxine Rich, was entered into because of a concern about claims on her husband's property by third parties as a result of the collapse of OneTel, when will the Government amend the Family Law Act to allow the Court to examine and overturn agreements made by parties to put assets out of reach of creditors.

2764 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

2765 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What representations did the then Member for Flinders, the Hon. Peter Reith, or his staff make in respect of the application by the Western Port Oberon Association for a Centenary of Federation grant.
- (2) How did the relocation of the decommissioned *Otama* meet the criteria for a Centenary of Federation grant.
- (3) When did the Western Port Oberon Association receive advice that its Centenary of Federation grant application was successful.

- (4) Who were the office bearers of the Western Port Oberon Association, Hastings, in March 2001 and who signed its application for the Centenary of Federation grant.
- (5) Is the Western Port Oberon Association an incorporated body.
- (6) How does the project relate to the Federation of Australia in 1901.

2766 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2391 (*Hansard*, 4 November 2003, page 21928), on what date in October 2001 was the decision made to relocate the decommissioned submarine *Otama* to the land display in the Naval Memorial Park in Hastings, Victoria.
- (2) Why were invitations to bid for the submarine issued only to the City of Geelong and the Western Port Oberon Association and who made that decision.
- (3) Who made the decision not to go to public tender and why.
- (4) What role did the then Minister for Defence have in making that decision.
- (5) On what date was the Western Port Oberon Association advised that its tender to acquire the submarine was successful.
- (6) What consultation did the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, the Hon. Brendan Nelson, have with the Minister for Defence and the Minister's staff about the disposal of the *Otama*.
- (7) What advice or instruction did the Parliamentary Secretary receive from the then Minister or his staff in relation to this matter.
- (8) Who signed the Western Port Oberon Association's tender document.

24 November 2003

2769 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question Nos 2135 (*Hansard*, 7 October 2003, page 20701) and 2496 (*Hansard*, 5 November 2003, page 22074), when declaring the Calder Highway a Road of National Importance (RONI) in 1997, did the Commonwealth initially undertake to upgrade the Calder Highway from Melbourne to Bendigo on a 50:50 basis with the Victorian Government; if so, on what basis has the Government decided that its RONI commitment to the Calder Highway has been fulfilled with the completion of work between Carlsruhe to Kyneton.
- (2) In respect of the decision that the Commonwealth's RONI commitment to the Calder was "fully met" with the completion of work between Carlsruhe and Kyneton, (a) who made the decision, (b) on what date was it formally made, and (c) was it approved by the (i) Federal Cabinet, (ii) Federal Treasurer, or (iii) Prime Minister; if so, (iv) on what date was it approved, and (v) will he provide the full text of the decision and the approval.
- (3) What would be the total cost to the Commonwealth if it shared with the Victorian Government the cost of completing the upgrade of the Calder Highway from Kyneton to Bendigo.
- (4) What amount has the Commonwealth already spent on planning roadworks north of Kyneton to Bendigo and what are the details.

2773 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Now that funding for Networking the Nation programs has ceased, what measures are in place to provide continuing support for those programs which have been unable to achieve a self-sufficient status.

2776 **MR EVANS:** To ask the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can he advise why Mr W. K. L. Chappell of South Australia was recently refused the issue of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) with Clasp SE Asia in respect of his RAAF service with 478 Squadron at Butterworth Air Base in Malaysia from 17 December 1974 to 15 February 1977.
- (2) Is he aware that Mr Chappell has two qualifying periods of service, the other being from December 1965 to December 1968 and that his two periods of service were for different reasons.
- (3) Is he aware that the ASM 1945-1975 and the ASM post 1975 are for two different times.
- (4) Will he review this veteran's application to ensure he receives his appropriate awards.

2778 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the take-up rate of ADSL services in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.
- (2) What resources are in place to meet anticipated demand for ADSL services in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

- (3) Is demand for ADSL service in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area being met.
- 2780 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is he aware that many of the recommended plants included in the “Flora for Fauna” scheme administered by the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia under the Environment Australia Natural Heritage Trust are privately owned cultivars that do not occur in nature and are protected by plant breeders rights, and that authentic Australian plants are not the sole focus of “Flora for Fauna”.
 - (2) Is he aware that the propagation of artificial hybrids and cultivars results in genetically identical clones that contribute nothing to biodiversity.
 - (3) Is he aware of CSIRO findings that artificial hybrids hybridise with naturally occurring species, contaminating the local gene pool.
 - (4) Is he aware that artificial hybrids with extended flowering seasons favour sedentary, territorial honeyeaters like the Noisy Miner, which are strongly implicated in the reduction of bird species diversity in urban areas.
 - (5) Can he explain the basis of the claim that the “Flora for Fauna” program enhances biodiversity and environmental education.
- 2783 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) For each year since the Gold Card was introduced for veterans of World War 2, what was the number of veterans with a Gold Card and what was the total cost.
 - (2) How many WW2 veterans of relevant age but not service are ineligible for the Gold Card.
- 2784 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What action has been taken to reduce or eliminate serial sponsorships of brides or partners.
 - (2) To what extent can the Minister say they have been effective.
 - (3) Is there any scrutiny of Visitors Visas to detect the potential for serial sponsorship.
- 2786 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 2185 (*Hansard*, 7 October 2003, page 20716) and 2560 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2003, page 21842), will he explain the methods used to determine whether or not a particular treaty will be entered into, ratified or otherwise given effect to through domestic legislation.
 - (2) If a decision is not made to commence immediately the process towards signing or ratification, what process does the Government have to review the outstanding lists of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General of the United Nations and open for signature.
 - (3) How often does the review of treaties to which Australia is not a party take place.
 - (4) Is there a list of treaties under active consideration as distinct from those which are not being considered for adoption by Australia.

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- 2788 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) On how many occasions has Australia extradited people to foreign countries to face charges related to people smuggling.
 - (2) To which countries were these people extradited.
 - (3) On what dates did these extraditions take place.
 - (4) What charges were being faced by the people extradited.
- 2790 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister say whether requests under Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation are used routinely as an essential part of migration agency practice in affording migration assistance and making migration representations on behalf of visa applicants.
 - (2) Can the Minister say whether there have been staff cutbacks in the Department's Public Access Unit at any time during the financial years ending (a) 30 June 2002, and (b) 30 June 2003; if so, (i) when did these staff cutbacks occur, and (ii) why.

- (3) What were the staffing levels in the Public Access Unit immediately prior to any cutbacks during the financial years ended 30 June 2002 and 2003 and what is the staffing level of the Public Access Unit now.
- (4) What was the total number of requests to the Department under the FOI Act for the financial year ended 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- (5) What was the average processing time for FOI requests during the financial year ended 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- (6) What is the current average processing time of FOI requests.
- (7) Is the Minister able to say whether a failure to respond to an FOI request within 30 days is a breach of the FOI Act.
- (8) What steps is the Minister taking in respect of staffing levels to ensure that FOI requests are processed within the statutory time period of 30 days.
- (9) In respect of the recent amendments to the Migration Act proposed in the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Integrity Measures) Bill 2003, will a failure of a visa application by conduct of an agent who is unable to obtain information under the FOI legislation within the prescribed 30 day period, nonetheless, count towards a visa refusal; if not, why not.

26 November 2003

2793 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the Government's decision to mandate Euro 4 and 5 engines and ultra-low sulphur diesel (50 ppm sulphur) and sulphur-free diesel (10 ppm sulphur) fuels, is it the case that from 2006 a number of European-sourced trucks will require urea (liquid ammonia) to meet the levels for nitrogen oxides prescribed by ADR 80/01; if so, what action has the Government taken to address storage and dispensing facilities for urea.
- (2) Will trucks need to carry urea tanks and dispensing units and will this impact on current maximum limits on axle capacities and any other associated truck design rules; if so, what is the Government doing in response.

2794 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many claims have been made to Telstra through the Customer Service Guarantee in the Victorian communities of (a) Macedon, (b) Mount Macedon, (c) Woodend, (d) Lancefield, (e) Romsey, (f) Riddells Creek, and (g) Gisborne since the last published assessments by the Australian Communications Authority.
- (2) On how many occasions did Telstra exceed the guaranteed maximum connection period for these regions.

2795 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or any other government agency ever have any involvement in the development or implementation of a campaign to warn Indonesian nationals of the consequences of smuggling people into Australia.
- (2) What role did the Government have in any such campaign.
- (3) How was the campaign undertaken.
- (4) What was the basic message of the campaign and what specific messages/warnings/slogans were communicated to Indonesian nationals.
- (5) Were any groups of Indonesians, in particular fisherman, or other groups, specifically targeted or recognised as an important area of focus for the campaign.
- (6) When did these campaigns take place.
- (7) What was the total cost of these campaigns to the Australian Government.
- (8) Have there been any studies of the impact of these campaigns; if so, what were the conclusions of these studies.
- (9) Are there any plans to continue with these campaigns in the future.

2797 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has she seen the article "Push for new medal" in the *Sun-Herald* on 31 August 2003 which reported that a spokesperson from The New Medal Group said that some people had served in the armed forces for many years, yet had no medals to show for their service.

- (2) Will she re-introduce the Australian Services Medal; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (3) Will she introduce a new Australian Defence Force Recognition Medal; if so, when; if not, why not.

27 November 2003

2798 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware that in Australia the rate of newly diagnosed cases of HIV has increased over the past year, particularly among indigenous Australians.
- (2) What is the Government's current level of support for HIV prevention efforts within Australia.
- (3) Can he confirm that the World Health Organisation and UNAIDS estimated that public sector spending on HIV vaccine research and development amounted to less than 1% of spending on all health and pharmaceutical related research and development in 2001.
- (4) What is the Government's spending commitment to HIV vaccine research and development.
- (5) Can he confirm that the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria recently announced that contributions to the fund are inadequate to meet its objectives.
- (6) Can he confirm that Australia is the only western country that does not contribute to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; if so, can he explain the Government's position.
- (7) Is the Government planning to contribute to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
- (8) Is he planning to attend the XV International AIDS Conference to be held in Bangkok in July 2004.

2799 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1115 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 16905), is it the case that the terms of reference of both the End of War List Review and the SEA Review, despite the general nature of their words, specifically avoided the Long Tan awards issue.
- (2) Is it the case that the Tanzer Enquiry advised that the Long Tan and SVN Awards submissions were outside its Terms of Reference.
- (3) During the battle, did the Battalion Commander send a message to the armoured relief force en route to the battle, to return two vehicles to a Col Joy and Little Patty Task Force Concert to pick up and to halt the relief column and wait for him at the river Suoi da Bang; if so, was that order countermanded by the A Company Commander who forced the Armoured Commander to proceed and relieve the situation at the battle area.
- (4) Did the Battalion Commander finally arrive at the battle site when the battle was over and after the last shot had been fired and was it at this point that he actually took command of the scene.
- (5) Further to the answer to part 10, is it a fact that the awards were not in accordance with the recommendations of the Commander of D Company, Lt Col. Harry Smith.
- (6) Will action now be taken to ensure that the recommendations of Lt Col. Smith are acted upon.
- (7) Who was the commander of the 1st Task Force.

2802 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Did the Australian Tourist Commission register the name of Tourism Australia some years ago.
- (2) Did the Australian Tourist Commission pass the name over to a former employee at no cost; if so, is that former employee now seeking payment for the return of the use of the name to the Australian Tourist Commission.
- (3) How much has the Australian Tourist Commission agreed to pay for the use of the name.

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2804 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Did he launch the Government's Tourism White Paper on 20 November 2003.
- (2) What is the Government's expenditure plan for the \$126.6 million "boost" for international marketing for the calendar years 2004 to 2008.
- (3) What is the breakdown of the specific categories of expenditure for the \$45.5 million allocated under the heading "Supporting Domestic Tourism" for the calendar years 2004 to 2008.
- (4) Does the \$45.5 million include the existing Regional Tourism Program expenditure.
- (5) What funding from the \$45.5 million is being allocated to "new" initiatives "that will better identify high yield niche markets" in regional Australia and what form will such initiatives take.

- (6) Can he provide a detailed breakdown of each category of expenditure of the total \$68.9 million allocated under the “Structural Initiatives” heading, for the calendar years 2004 to 2008.
- (7) What proportion of the \$235 million is funds transferred from the staff and associated costs currently in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources to the new organisation, Tourism Australia.

2805 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the sale of the Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden airports, (a) what was the sale price, (b) what are the terms of payment, and (c) what will the Government receive after settling any potential liabilities relating to the operation of the airports.
- (2) What are the sale guidelines relating to the potential for commercial development of the three airports and how will the guidelines apply in terms of the operation of the Airports Act.
- (3) When will Hoxton Park revert to freehold.
- (4) Will there be any consultation with the NSW Government and Liverpool Council concerning commercial development of the site in the period leading up to the airport becoming freehold.

2810 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has he read the report titled (a) “ASIC raid as spruiker Kaye goes under” in the *Financial Review* on 26 November 2003, (b) “Kaye-linked group closes its doors” in the *Financial Review* on 20 November 2003, and (c) “Property Lenders Charged” in the *Financial Review* on 7 November 2003.
- (2) Is he able to explain the term ‘Natural Capitalism’.
- (3) Is there a prescribed definition of the term ‘speculative investment’ used by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC); if so, (a) what is that definition, and (b) is it the same as the definition on the ASIC website at www.asic.gov.au/fido: “The speculative deal involves taking a big risk, but deliberately so, in the hope of making an extraordinary gain”; if so, does it apply to speculative property deals and, if it does not, why not.
- (4) Does Australian investment law permit speculative investment in property; if so, where is this permission found.
- (5) Is he able to say whether ‘off the plan’ property investment falls within the definition of ‘speculative investment’.
- (6) Following the collapse of the Henry Kaye companies, National Investment Institute and the property company, Empower Group (Vic), will he direct ASIC to review its policies; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he introduce legislation to amend Australian investment law to better reflect the principles of natural capitalism by removing the incidence of usury as it exists within speculative investments, including (a) speculative land dealings, (b) futures trading, and (c) speculative share dealings (e.g. options trading), if so, when; if not, why not.

2812 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2456 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2003, page 22185), is the Radiology Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to which he refers titled “Radiology Quality and Outlays – Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists and the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association – 1 June 2003 to 30 June 2008”.
- (2) Does the MoU state at (a) paragraph 9.23 that “Any final adjustments required to ensure projected expenditure meets the MoU’s final outlays, will be implemented by 1 November 2007”, and (b) paragraph 8.5 inter alia that “The modified MRI Monitoring and Evaluation Group (MEG) will not make decisions regarding the funding of MRI activity...”; if so, who is responsible for making decisions regarding the funding of MRI activity, and if no one is responsible, why is no one responsible and who will be assigned this responsibility.
- (3) Does paragraph 9.1 state that “The Radiology Management Committee will be responsible for the management of this MoU and making policy recommendations to the Minister in relation to Radiology services”; if so, (a) has the Radiology Management Committee made recommendations to the Minister in conformance with paragraph 9.1, (b) what deadline, if any, has been set by him requiring those recommendation to be submitted, and if no deadline has been set, why not, (c) is there a process of project management to ensure the timely completion of the procedure seeking recommendations and action flowing from those recommendations as prescribed in paragraph 9.1; if no project plan and project schedule is in place, will a project plan and project schedule with discrete

completion date for submission of those recommendations be made and if no project plan and project schedule is required, why not.

- (4) For the purposes of MoU subparagraph 5.8(a), will he remove the provision that funding be negotiated based on the Consumer Price Index in favour of the Average Weekly Earnings index; if not, why not.

2816 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2477 (*Hansard*, 24 November 2003, page 22592), in respect of the procedures in place by the (a) Department of Education, Science and Training, (b) CSIRO, (c) Australian Institute of Marine Science, (d) Anglo-Australian Telescope Board, (e) Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, (f) Australian National Training Authority, and (g) Australian National University to prevent the engagement of legal practitioners who use insolvency as a means of avoiding paying tax, are these procedures enforceable at law by (i) him, (ii) the agency, or (iii) any other person; if so, who.
- (2) If the procedures are enforceable at law, what provisions apply; if no powers exist to enforce the policies because they are non-compellable powers, why are the powers contained in these policies non-compellable.
- (3) Is he able to say how many legal practitioners in the financial years ended 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003 were not retained on the grounds of their insolvency by agencies within his portfolio.
- (4) Is he able to say how many legal practitioners in the financial years ended 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003 were retained irrespective of their being found to have been insolvent by those agencies.
- (5) If previously insolvent legal practitioners were retained by the agencies within his portfolio, on what basis was this permitted.

2817 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2299 (*Hansard*, 4 November 2003, page 21918), which of the following corporations have a financial or pecuniary interest in any designated airport now sold: (a) Macquarie Bank or its affiliates; (b) HOCHTIEF AirPort; (c) the Commonwealth Bank; and (d) any other corporation which forms part of the Southern Cross Airports Corporation.
- (2) Does Recommendation 8 at paragraph 1.30 of the *Report on the Inquiry into the Development of the Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan* by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee dated June 2003, state “That the dual roles of AirServices Australia of government advisor and external consultant be critically examined to determine whether there is potential for conflict of interest”.
- (3) Was Ms Burke a member of the Board of Airservices Australia at the time of the privatisation process of (a) Brisbane Airport, and (b) any other designated Airport; if so, for what periods of time was Ms Burke a member of the Board of Airservices Australia and what were the respective dates of the privatisation processes of those designated airports.

2818 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2485 (*Hansard*, 4 November 2003, page 21931), on what advice does his Department rely in forming the view that it is satisfied that adequate consideration has been given to the protection of all matter of national environmental significance in the Rhodes Peninsula including listed migratory species, pursuant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (2) Will he provide a copy of that advice; if so, when; if not, why not.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2819 - 2820)—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2186 (*Hansard*, 13 October 2003, page 21279) in respect of the application of section 5 of the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* (ADJR) to decisions of an administrative character under the *Migration Act 1958* that are not privative clause decisions within the meaning of subsection 474(2) of the Migration Act, is the Minister aware of the judgment of the High Court of Australia in *R v Hickman; Ex parte Fox and Clinton* (1945) 70 CLR 598.
- (2) Notwithstanding the privative clause provision in section 474 of the Migration Act, does section 5 still permit judicial review of decisions in which it can be established that there exists (a) Jurisdictional error, (b) Mala Fides, and (c) Constitutional Grounds.
- (3) Are there any other grounds known to the Minister in which the provisions of section 5 of the ADJR Act apply notwithstanding the provision of section 474 Migration Act; if so, what are they.

2819 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2820 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2824 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What was his department's travel advice for Turkey on (a) 14 November 2003, and (b) 19 November 2003.
- (2) After the terrorist attack on 15 November 2003 what action did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other government authorities take to review Australian travel advice for Turkey.
- (3) Was the travel advice for Turkey changed between 15 and 19 November 2003; if so, to what; if not, why not.
- (4) Did the Government consider that the terrorist threat had increased in the wake of the 15 November 2003 attack; if so, why was the travel advice not changed; if not, on what basis was this decision made.
- (5) After the terrorist attack on 20 November 2003, what action did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, ASIO and other government authorities take to review the travel advice for Turkey.
- (6) Was the travel advice for Turkey changed after 20 November 2003; if so, to what; if not, why not.
- (7) Did the Government consider that the terrorist threat had increased in the wake of the 20 November 2003 attack; if so, why was the travel advice not changed; if not, on what basis was this decision made.

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2826 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Commonwealth and State governments share funding responsibility for the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) in accordance with a recommendation of a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) working party.
- (2) Can he provide a copy of the recommendation of the working party to establish the ABMDR.
- (3) In respect of funding for the ABMDR, (a) what is the funding formula, (b) what proportion of recurrent funds does the Commonwealth provide, (c) how much money did the Commonwealth provide in the financial years ending 30 June (i) 1999, (ii) 2000, (iii) 2001, (iv) 2002, and (v) 2003, and (d) are automatic increases in funding provided for; if so, can he explain how the automatic increases are calculated.
- (4) In respect of the donors on the ABMDR, (a) how many are there, (b) is the number of donors considered to be adequate, and (c) has he, or his department, received any professional advice or recommendation on the number of donors that should be on the register; if so, what was the advice or recommendation.
- (5) In respect of donors of non-Anglo-Celtic ancestry, is he able to say (a) how many donors of non-Anglo-Celtic ancestry are on the ABMDR, (b) what proportion of the total number of donors they represent, and (c) whether they are present on the register in the same proportion as their representation in the community as a whole.
- (6) Are Australians of non-Anglo-Celtic ancestry disadvantaged by the size and composition of the ABMDR.
- (7) Is a patient of non-Anglo-Celtic ancestry as likely to find a donor match as a patient of Anglo-Celtic ancestry; if not, why not.
- (8) Does the ABMDR have a problem with the number and composition of its registered donors; if not, why not; if so, what is he doing to address the problem.
- (9) Is he aware of any overseas registry that has attempted to address a problem with the number and composition of its registered donors.
- (10) How many new donors have been added to the ABMDR in the financial years ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, and (e) 2003.
- (11) What is the cost of adding new donors to the registry and has any additional funding been provided to increase the donor database.
- (12) Is it the case that the ABMDR has been forced to delay donors' registration because it does not have enough money to test and register volunteers.

- (13) For (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Cyprus, (c) the USA, (d) Israel, and (e) Germany, (i) how many bone marrow donors are registered, (ii) what proportion of the population are registered donors, and (iii) what has been the percentage increase in the number of registered donors over the last two years.
- 2827 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many people applied for a Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) visa.
 - (2) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many people were successfully granted a Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) visa.
 - (3) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many applications by the spouse or partner of someone fulfilling the primary criteria for a Subclass 457 visa were rejected on the basis that the secondary criteria were not fulfilled.
 - (4) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many of those who were rejected, were rejected on the basis that they were in a same-sex relationship with the primary applicant and hence excluded specifically under Regulation 1.15A(2)(a)(i).
 - (5) For each year from 1996 to 2003, is the Minister aware of any complaints made by Australian businesses about the difficulties in sponsoring skilled workers from overseas who happen to be in same-sex relationships.
- 2828 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is he aware that from 1 October 2003 SBS began digital transmission from Bendigo on Channel 28.
 - (2) Was he or his department warned of the potential for co-channel interference with the analogue signal from Mt Dandenong which is also on Channel 28.
 - (3) Is he aware that co-channel interference has prevented some constituents in the Romsey area, in the electoral division of Burke, receiving SBS.
 - (4) What steps does he intend to take to rectify this problem and allow SBS coverage to be restored to the area.
- 2830 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many people participated in work-for-the-dole during (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, and (h) 2003 in the postcode area (i) 3020, (ii) 3021, (iii) 3022, (iv) 3023, (v) 3029, (vi) 3030, (vii) 3036, (viii) 3037, (ix) 3038, and (x) 3335.
 - (2) What was the average length of time that participants were in receipt of benefits after participating in work-for-the-dole during (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, and (h) 2003 in the postcode area (i) 3020, (ii) 3021, (iii) 3022, (iv) 3023, (v) 3029, (vi) 3030, (vii) 3036, (viii) 3037, (ix) 3038, and (x) 3335.
- 2831 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2013 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18979), will he confirm that the 31 recommendations of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) can be achieved without reaching the LTOP targets.
 - (2) Is it the case that the LTOP will be successfully implemented without achieving the LTOP targets; if so, how; if not, why not.
 - (3) By what criteria does he assess the successful implementation of the LTOP.
- 2832 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1653 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), for how many (a) barristers, (b) other legal practitioners, (c) directors and shareholders of bodies corporate known to be phoenix companies, and (d) other taxpayers has the Commissioner of Taxation used his powers under paragraph 260-5(b) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to obtain money held for or on account of a debtor by a third party.
 - (2) What proportion of all taxpayers are known by the Taxation Commissioner to be subject to the provision of paragraph 260-5(b).
- 2833 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1886 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, 19412), what action is he taking to make more uniform and certain the taxation law's punitive provisions for failure to lodge tax returns, particularly in respect of defaulting legal practitioners.

- (2) What action is he taking with the NSW Bar Association to coordinate the exercise of the disciplinary provisions available to it under the Legal Profession Act (NSW) with the punitive provisions available to the Commissioner of Taxation under taxation law and, if no action is being taken, why not.

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- 2834 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1641 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19411), what is the (a) average gross income, and (b) average value of deductions for taxpayers in the Business Industry Code (i) 86110 which includes: eye hospitals, hospital operation – except psychiatric, dental or veterinary hospitals, maternity hospital operation, obstetric hospital operation, psychiatric hospital, convalescent homes, hospice operation, and nursing home operation, (ii) 86210 which includes: clinic – medical practice, general practice, flying doctor service, general practitioner – medical, and medical service, (iii) 86221 – anaesthetist, (iv) 86222 – consultant physician, (v) 86223 – dermatologist, (vi) 86224 – gynaecologist, (vii) 86225 – pathologist, (viii) 86226 – psychiatrist, (ix) 86227 which includes: radiologist and radiologist services, (x) 86228 which includes: allergist, medical service – specialist, neurologist, ophthalmologist, otorhinolaryngologist, paediatrician, plastic surgeon, rheumatologist, specialist medical practitioner, surgeon – medical, thoracic specialist and urologist, (xi) 86230 which includes: clinic – dental, dental hospital operation, dental surgeon, endodontist, oral pathologist, orthodontist, paedodontist, periodontist and prosthodontist, (xii) 86320 which includes: contact lenses dispensing, eye testing – optometrist, optical dispensing, optician, orthoptist and spectacles dispensing, (xiii) 78420 which includes: accountant, accounting service, auditing service, bookkeeping service and tax agent, and (xiv) all business activities listed under code 86392.
- 2835 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1587 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19411), can he arrange for, or direct that, the Business Industry Code for (a) 78410 barristers, (b) 78410 solicitors, (c) 78420 accountants, (d) 86392 specific occupations under ‘Health Services’, (e) 86210 general practice medical practitioners, (f) 86230 dental services, and (g) 86320 optometry services be amended to provide for ‘own account’ recognition.
- 2836 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1547 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19410), how many barristers were not up to date with the lodgment of their tax returns as at 1 December 2003.
 - (2) How many barristers were not up to date with the lodgment of their tax returns as at 3 March 2003 or at the time of the last review by the Commissioner of Taxation.
- 2837 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1596 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18281), in relation to the Australian Taxation Office’s (ATO) Seminar Program, which components of the listed seminars specifically promote compliance among barristers and discourage the use of instruments such as bankruptcy and family law for illicit ends.
 - (2) Where in the syllabus of the seminar program does it support compliance with taxation legislation to ensure that instruments within bankruptcy and family law are not used to avoid or evade taxation, or otherwise place a debtor’s assets out of the reach of the Taxation Commissioner.
- 2839 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of a recent article in *New Scientist* which reported that if aircraft line up with the runway as far as 17 kilometres away and descend from an altitude of 4000 feet at a steady 3° angle of descent they can more than halve the acoustic energy that reaches the ground.
 - (2) Would a similar regime be an appropriate noise reduction strategy for Australian airports; if not, why not.
- 2840 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is he aware of the report by the Nutrition Institute of America which shows that medical errors are the number one cause of death and injury in the United States and that each year over 784,000 people die due to medical mistakes, over 2.2 million people are injured by prescription drugs, over 20 million unnecessary prescriptions for antibiotics are issued for viral infections, 7.5 million unnecessary medical and surgical procedures are performed and 8.9 million people are needlessly hospitalised.
 - (2) Is he able to say how closely those statistics reflect the Australian health landscape.
- 2841 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Do the views he expressed on the ABC TV program *Lateline* on 25 November 2003 in which he said “...as we’ve warned all Australians, you put yourself in a situation of risk when you’re outside

Australia that you will be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the countries in which you may be while you're abroad", and on the ABC Radio program *PM* on the same date on which he said "Australians who breach the laws of foreign countries while overseas have no automatic right to be repatriated to Australia for trial. So long as their trial is fair and transparent those who breach foreign laws while overseas are liable for their offences" represent the Government's policy.

- (2) Is he able to say against which country David Hicks has committed an offence.

2842 **MR EVANS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the critique by Ian Castles and David Henderson of the economic and statistical work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and especially the Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES) as published in an ongoing exchange in the journal *Energy and Environment*.
- (2) Will he ensure that the matters raised in the various articles by Castles and Henderson and the responses from the IPCC Team are analysed by Treasury officials and other relevant Government statistical experts to ensure that emission projections are based on a sound economic and statistical footing.
- (3) Will Australia take up this issue at the international level to clarify the complex issues involved.
- (4) Will he (a) require his department, and (b) encourage statistical officers of other OECD countries to be fully engaged in the development of the economic and statistical work of the IPCC to ensure that uncertainties of this nature do not arise in the future.

2844 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the article titled "Extra Funds Offered" published in the *Albany Advertiser* on 25 November 2003 which reported that the notional allocation for the Regional Partnerships Program had been increased, what was the notional allocation for each Area Consultative Committee (ACC) region as at 1 July 2003.
- (2) What was the notional allocation for each ACC region as at 25 November 2003.
- (3) Is the total notional allocation further divided; if so, what are the details for each ACC region.
- (4) What indicators are used to determine the notional allocation for each ACC region.
- (5) What was the notional allocation for each ACC region for the Regional Assistance Program in 2002-2003.
- (6) Has the proportion of the notional allocation for each region altered from the Regional Assistance Program in 2002-2003 to the Regional Partnerships Program in 2003-2004; if so, on what basis was the reallocation made.

2845 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the Media Release of 6 November 2003 in which the Parliamentary Secretary announced that an additional \$5.5 million is available from the Regional Partnerships Program, what is the total allocation for the Regional Partnership Program for 2003-2004.
- (2) Can he explain why the Portfolio Budget Statement 2003-2004 for the Transport and Regional Services Portfolio stated that Estimated Actual Expenditure for 2002-2003 for a range of programs, including the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Regional and Rural Development Grant, Regional and Rural Research Information and Data and the Regional Partnerships Program totalled \$82,823,000 whereas his department's 2002-2003 Annual Report, stated Actual Expenditure for a range of programs including the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Regional and Rural Development Grant, Regional and Rural Research Information and Data, and the programs that make up the Regional Partnerships Program (Dairy Regional Assistance Program, Regional Assistance Program, Regional Solutions Program, Rural Transaction Centres, Structural Adjustment Program for the Wide Bay Burnett Region of Queensland and the Special Structural Adjustment Package for the South West Forests region of Western Australia) totalled \$73,903,000 indicating that under-expenditure totalled \$8,920,000.
- (3) Is the \$5.5 million additional allocation for 2003-2004 part of the \$8,920,000 underspent in 2002-2003; if so, what has happened to the remaining \$3.42 million; if not, from where did the additional \$5.5 million come.

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2846 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does he recall visiting ADF members deployed to the north coast of PNG on operation Shaddock with the then CDF in 1998.
- (2) Does he recall advising members of the ADF that they would receive formal recognition for their outstanding contribution and assistance to the deployment.
- (3) Is he aware that the soldiers have never received this formal recognition and will he now have the matter reviewed and ensure the appropriate level of recognition is granted as promised.

2847 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What level of officer and above are able to use Australia Post computer facilities to access the Internet.
- (2) Has Australia Post Management detected a child and hard core pornography ring in Australia Post using Australia Post Internet facilities; if so, when.
- (3) How many personnel were involved and in which States were they employed.
- (4) How many personnel have been (a) suspended and (b) allowed to resign in each State.
- (4) Who within Australia Post has been conducting the investigations and who is responsible for deciding the management action in relation to those suspected of being part of this network.
- (5) Has the matter been referred to the Australian Federal Police; if so, when; if not, why not.

2848 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has Australia Post management requested Australian Federal Police assistance to investigate a widespread network within Australia Post accessing and downloading hard core and child pornography; if so, when.
- (2) Is he able to say when any investigation may conclude.
- (3) Have any charges been laid against any individuals.

2849 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What are the names of the case categories that make up the case categorisation model of the Australian Federal Police.
- (2) How many hours were attributed to each of these case categories by the Australian Federal Police for each of the years from 1993 through to 2003.
- (3) What changes have been made to the case categorisation model of the Australia Federal Police since 1996.
- (4) What categories of cases have been increased in priority since 1996 and when did this change take place.
- (5) What categories of cases have not experienced any change in priority or have been decreased in priority since 1996 and, where there was a decrease, when did this decrease take place.

2850 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many alleged offences associated with escaping from immigration detention centres has the Australian Federal Police investigated since 1996.
- (2) How many alleged offences associated with aiding or abetting escape from immigration detention centres has the Australian Federal Police investigated since 1996.
- (3) How many (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful prosecutions were associated with escaping from immigration detention centres since 1996.
- (4) How many (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful prosecutions were associated with aiding or abetting escape from an immigration detention centre since 1996.
- (5) What punitive measures have been handed down by the courts in the prosecutions for escape from immigration detention centres and aiding and abetting escape from immigration detention centres.

2851 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police to the investigation of alleged offences in or associated with immigration detention centres for each of the recording periods available from 1996 to the present.

- (2) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police to the investigation of alleged offences at or associated with each of the immigration detention centres located at Woomera and at Port Hedland for each of the recording periods from 1996 through to the present.
 - (3) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police Resident Agent in Port Hedland to the investigation of alleged offences at or associated with immigration detention centres for each of the recording periods from 1996 through to the present.
 - (4) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police to all work undertaken by the Resident Agent in Port Hedland for each of the recording periods from 1996 through to the present.
 - (5) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police Adelaide office to the investigation of alleged offences at or associated with immigration detention centres for each of the recording periods from 1996 through to the present.
 - (6) How many hours were attributed by the Australian Federal Police to all work undertaken by the Adelaide office of the Australian Federal Police for each of the recording periods from 1996 through to the present.
- 2852 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the Minister seen a report that more than one third of Federal offenders who have been sentenced to periodic detention in NSW are not turning up to serve their time and that the NSW Justice Minister has described the situation as scandalous.
 - (2) Is it a fact that under Commonwealth laws a person can indefinitely avoid attending periodic detention if he or she has what is termed a reasonable excuse.
 - (3) How many people have been convicted and sentenced to periodic detention in each of the States and Territories under Commonwealth laws in the last 12 months.
 - (4) How many have been reported to the Commonwealth as not meeting their detention obligations.
 - (5) What action is the Government taking on this matter.
- 2854 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1346 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), is it the case that the secrecy provisions under section 16 of the Income Tax Assessment Act do not preclude the Commissioner of Taxation from disclosing ‘publicly available’ information.
 - (2) Can he explain whether the Commissioner of Taxation’s letter to the NSW Bar Association on 24 January 2003 means that, in future, when requested by the NSW Bar Association, the NSW Law Society or other professional body, the Commissioner of Taxation will respond to requests made by those bodies for information on individual members if that information is already public.
- 2855 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2447 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23141), in respect of the Commissioner of Taxation’s statement in his letter dated 24 January 2003 to the President of the New South Wales Bar Association that “the advice we have received to date acknowledged that there is an argument to the effect that section 16 does not prohibit the disclosure of ‘publicly available’ information”, will he now review his response that “section 16... prevents the Commissioner of Taxation from discussing the affairs of individual taxpayers with others except when expressly empowered to do so under the Act”.
 - (2) Can he explain how it is possible for various media organisations including the *Sydney Morning Herald* to obtain the type of information that would otherwise be covered by section 16, while formal requests for the same information from the NSW Bar Association are denied; if not, why not.
- 2856 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question Nos 1433 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), 1592 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), 1593 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136) is he able to say what powers the Commissioner of Taxation is considering using in the recovery of unpaid tax from (a) Mr Somosi, (b) Mr Wardell, and (c) Mr Baffsky.
- 2857 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1594 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136), how many barristers failed to lodge one or more tax returns in the financial years ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
 - (2) What action is being taken to fortify the statutes to deter barristers and other legal professionals from defaulting on their tax obligations.

- (3) What action is being taken to increase the number of staff and other resources in the Compliance, Investigations and Defaults Section of the Australian Taxation Office to deter barristers and other legal professionals from defaulting on their tax obligations and, if no action is being taken, why not.

2858 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1615 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136), can the Registrar cancel an Australia Business Number (ABN) where it is identified that the sole or substantial purpose of holding that ABN is the commission of taxation fraud.
- (2) If no other statutory grounds exist for the cancellation of an ABN, what action is he taking to ensure that the Registrar's powers are fortified and, if no action is being taken, why not.
- (3) Is a report available on data cleansing to improve the integrity of the Tax File Number and ABN registers and, in particular, the elimination of multiple ABNs; if so, where can that report be found; if no report is available, will he commission one.

2859 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1640 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23137), is a decision flowing from the administrative process of the Australian Taxation Office's investigations a reviewable decision under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*; if so, who has standing to seek a review of a decision.

2860 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2406 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23140), for the years (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003 what are the aggregate party-party and solicitor-client costs of debt recovery by the Commissioner of Taxation for all tax debt recovery actions against defaulting barristers who were found to breach Australian taxation law.
- (2) In what ways is the administrative process being amended to ensure greater compliance as opposed to pursuing expensive debt recovery action after the event of taxation default.

2861 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2387 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23084), can he explain how the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* work with the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act to ensure the early detection and prosecution of tax defaulters so that it does not take up to forty years to convict such a person.
- (2) If the provisions of the two Acts do not complement each other so as to ensure the early detection and prosecution of tax defaulters, what action is he taking to align the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act* to support tax policy to prevent tax defaulters enjoying a tax free life for forty years without apparent detection.

2862 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Commissioner of Taxation implemented a system of routine taxpayer audits; if so, what are the provisions empowering the Commissioner to undertake such an audit.
- (2) For the financial years ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003, how many random audits of self-assessment tax payers did the Commissioner of Taxation perform.
- (3) Can he say what procedures are in force to prevent defaulting tax payers avoiding tax for long periods.
- (4) Will he implement procedures that more vigorously pursue the enforcement of the laws against tax evaders; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (5) Will he work with the Attorney-General to align the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* and the *Family Law Act 1975* to ensure greater legislative support in the early detection and prosecution of persons who use instruments within those Acts to evade or avoid tax or to place their assets out of the reach of the Taxation Commissioner; if so, when will this action occur; if not, why not.

2863 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2459 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23085), will he seek to amend the corporations law to require companies to report on the number of extraordinary general meetings called by shareholders and the number initiated by boards; if so, when; if not, why not.

2864 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2277 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23079), in respect of CLERP 9, within those reform proposals dealing with auditor qualifications, independence and services, what provisions in CLERP 9, if any, require an auditor or a person bearing that title to be a qualified accountant.

- (2) Which recommendations within CLERP 9 will ensure the prevention of auditing failures such as the collapse of the HIH and FAI Insurance group.
- (3) What provisions specifically deal with defective auditing procedures being performed by persons who are not qualified accountants.
- 2865 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Can he confirm that, under the Superannuation Guarantee arrangements, employers must contribute 9% of employee-earnings as (a) defined by law, (b) by the terms of employment, and (c) by the superannuation fund trust deed; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that under the Superannuation Guarantee arrangements employees aged over 70 years of age are not entitled to a 9% superannuation contribution from their employer; if so, why are employees over 70 years of age and working over 30 hours a week not entitled to this superannuation contribution.
- 2867 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2190 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23139), to which previous questions does he specifically refer.
- (2) Is he aware of Section 13 of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) for Sydney Airport 03/04 submitted by Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) in which it states, inter alia, at paragraph 13.1 that (a) “Land use and planning within the airport site is regulated under the *Airports Act 1996* and not under the EP+A Act”, (b) “Particular language is used in the Master Plan to comply with *Airports Act 1996* requirements only, and is not intended to import or apply any state land use planning or zoning requirements or obligations on either SACL or Sydney Airport” and (c) “where the concept of ‘development’ is used in this Master Plan, it describes a ‘building activity’ as set out in the *Airports Act 1996* (rather than the definition of ‘development’ in the EP+A Act)”.
- (3) Is the position taken by SACL on the application of NSW planning and environmental law as described in Chapter 13 of the PDMP different from his previous responses to the earlier questions on notice to which he refers; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 2868 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the ruling on 4 November 2003 by Justice Stephen O’Ryan indicating that there was prima facie evidence supporting the Australian Securities and Investment Commission’s claim that an agreement to shift assets, including the family home, to the wife of Mr Jodee Rich, Mrs Maxine Rich, was entered into because of a concern about claims on her husband’s property by third parties as a result of the collapse of OneTel, when will the Government amend the Family Law Act to allow the Court to examine and overturn agreements made by parties to put assets out of reach of creditors.
- 2869 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is he aware that on 2 December 2003 the Italian Senate gave final approval to a Bill that very significantly reduces the restrictions of media ownership in Italy.
- (2) Is he aware that (a) the Bill groups together print, broadcast, music, Internet, publishing and the film industry; (b) the opposition has described the Bill as tailor-made for the Prime Minister of Italy, Mr Silvio Berlusconi, and (c) grave concerns have been expressed by other critics concerning the media ownership bill and its relevance to Italy’s democracy.
- (3) Will he abandon the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 [No. 2] forthwith; if not, why not.
- 2870 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2339 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23139), for the purposes of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff Act 1995 is (a) cat fur, and (b) dog fur an item on that schedule; if so, (i) what is the dutiable amount of each type of fur under that Schedule, and (ii) why is cat and dog fur so scheduled.
- (2) Does he intend to have cat and dog fur prohibited, either in itself or as part of a product including apparel, under the provisions of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 2871 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the answer to question No. 2357 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23140), when does the Minister expect the report of the Defence Signals Directorate on the theft of the two desktop personal computers and two servers to be made available.

2872 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of an initiative by a group of Vietnam veterans who have established on Kalpower Station a respite area known as Pandanus Park for the use of all returned war veterans.
- (2) Is he aware of reports that, in contrast to many government counselling services, this project is producing beneficial outcomes for the physiological well-being and mental health of veterans.
- (3) Would the Government consider purchasing Kalpower Station from the Queensland Government, which intends to embark on a course that would preclude such a handover, and arranging for it to be held in trust for Vietnam veterans and returned servicemen from other wars.

2874 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the compensation scheme in place for Prisoners of War (POW) of the Japanese during World War II, their widows and families, (a) when was it announced, (b) what are the details of the scheme, (c) who is entitled to its benefits, and (d) why did the Government decide to provide compensation for POWs of the Japanese.
- (2) Is there a compensation scheme in place for POWs of the North Koreans in the Korean War; if so, (a) when was it announced, (b) what are the details of the scheme, (c) who is entitled to its benefits, and (d) why did the Government decide to provide compensation for POWs of the North Koreans; if there is not a compensation scheme, why not.
- (3) Is there a compensation scheme in place for POWs held in Europe in World War II; if so, (a) when was it announced, (b) what are the details of the scheme, (c) who is entitled to its benefits, and (d) why did the Government decide to provide compensation for POWs held in Europe in World War II; if there is not a compensation scheme, why not.
- (4) Can she confirm that the Prime Minister's office stated on 19 August 2003 that "the Government is aware of the considerable privations suffered by Prisoners of War in Europe".
- (5) Did POWs in Europe and POWs in Korea suffer similar privations as those suffered by POWs of the Japanese; if so, why are POWs in Europe not entitled to the same compensation as POWs of the Japanese; if not, which POWs were in a better situation and why.
- (6) Is the Government considering providing compensation to POWs in Europe and POWs in Korea; if so, (a) who is reviewing the situation, and (b) when will a decision be made; if not, why not.

2875 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What has been the total cost of the preparation, publication and distribution of "Resolving Deadlocks: a discussion paper on section 57 of the Australian Constitution".
- (2) What was the total cost, including travel costs and advertising, of the work of the consultative group, chaired by the Hon. Neil Brown QC, which convened public meetings to discuss the "Resolving Deadlocks" discussion paper.
- (3) How many people attended each of the public meetings held to discuss the "Resolving Deadlocks" discussion paper.

2876 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What was the total cost to the Australian Government of security arrangements and measures put in place for the visit to Australia of the US President, Mr George W. Bush, in October 2003.
- (2) What was the cost to the Australian Government of operations by the Royal Australian Air Force to provide security during the US President's visit.

2877 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister's visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.

2878 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the total value of gifts, sponsored travel and hospitality received by the (a) Prime Minister, (b) Deputy Prime Minister, (c) Treasurer, and (d) Minister for Foreign Affairs and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts and hospitality.

2879 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been presented to visiting Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers of foreign governments.
- (2) Who presented these gifts and what was the value of each gift.
- (3) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been purchased for presentation by Australian Parliamentary delegations travelling overseas and what was the value of those gifts.

2880 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the value of the current three-year contract for the provision of official gifts by Jaymac Promotional Advertising Proprietary Limited in association with Beaver Galleries.
- (2) What services are provided to the Australian Government under this contract.
- (3) What company or organisation previously provided these services and at what cost.

2881 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Over the duration of ESC2 what proportion of (a) jobseekers, and (b) disadvantaged jobseekers undertook Intensive Assistance (i) once, (ii) twice, and (iii) three or more times.
- (2) What proportion of (a) jobseekers, and (b) disadvantaged jobseekers who undertook Intensive Assistance (i) once, (ii) twice, and (iii) three or more times obtained an employment outcome.
- (3) Can he provide this information for different sub-groups which experience disadvantage in the labour market.

2883 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) For the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, and (c) 2002-2003 and for each employment assistance program, what proportion of jobseekers exited employment assistance programs before the cessation of the prescribed period.
- (2) Of the premature exits, what proportion went into (a) employment, and (b) further education and training, or (c) are no longer in the labour force.

2884 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) For the period 1 July 2003 to 1 December 2003 what was the total value of the activities, services and items purchased by Job Network providers using Jobseeker Account funds.
- (2) How many jobseekers were assisted.
- (3) What proportion of long-term jobseekers have had funds from their Jobseeker Account spent on them and what was the average amount spent on each long-term jobseeker.

2885 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Can he provide details of the outcomes (i.e. employed full-time, employed part-time, total employed, not in the labour force, receiving further assistance, in education and training, number of exits) achieved by each labour market assistance program (i.e. Job Matching, Job Search Training, Intensive Assistance, Work for the Dole, NEIS, Transition to Work) over the duration of ESC2.

2886 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What fees have been charged each year since 1996 for courses offered by La Trobe University Bendigo.
- (2) How many students have undertaken each course in each year.
- (3) How many newly enrolled students in each course have deferred fee payments under the HECS scheme in each year since 1996 and what proportion of all students enrolling in each course do they represent.
- (4) What was the total number of students in each year since 1996 who deferred fee payment.
- (5) What was the average HECS debt incurred in each year since 1996 by (a) students in each course, and (b) all students at La Trobe University, Bendigo.
- (6) What was the total of new HECS debt incurred by La Trobe University, Bendigo, students in each year since the introduction of the HECS scheme and what is the total HECS debt incurred by students to date.
- (7) What have been the recurrent costs of La Trobe University, Bendigo, in each year since the commencement of HECS and what are the amounts and proportions of the costs that have been met from fee income.

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*2887 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) When was his department's logo which featured on the cover of the Higher Education Report for the 2003 to 2005 Triennium launched.
- (2) What was the cost of all stationery and other material carrying the superseded logo.
- (3) What were the total (a) design, (b) launch, (c) printing, and (d) other costs involved in developing, launching and producing the new logo.

- (4) When was the new logo replaced by the Australian Government Coat of Arms.
- (5) What were the total (a) design, (b) launch, (c) printing, and (d) other costs involved in developing, launching and producing material bearing the Australian Government Coat of Arms.

*2888 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is he aware of the government of Argentina's decision in October 2003 to stop the export of honey because of the presence of nitrofurans residues; if not why not.
- (2) Is he aware of the World Food Regulation Review alert of 16 October 2003 declaring that nitrofurans residues had been found by UK authorities in a shipment of honey from Argentina; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he able to say whether any honey imported from Argentina entered Australia during 2003; if not, why not.
- (4) Will imported honey for sale in Australia be tested in light of international concerns about honey from Argentina and the fact that certain brands of honey available to Australian consumers are labelled as a blend of Australian and Argentine honey; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) been directed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to begin testing of imported honey shipments for nitrofurans residues; if not, why not.
- (6) Have AQIS's testing capabilities been upgraded to enable it to detect low levels of nitrofurans residues that might be present in imported honey; if not why not.

*2889 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware of a media release from the Australian Toothfish Industry in which industry representatives claim that despite a recent meeting by the Commission for Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), "nothing has been achieved to secure the future of toothfish stocks to prevent or deter illegal operators from stealing Australian stocks".
- (2) What action is he taking to address these concerns.

*2890 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of his recent decision to approve the construction of the Henley Golf Course within the Yarra River floodplain at Kangaroo Crossing, did he grant this application to Yarra Valley Golf Pty Ltd before requesting baseline studies be carried out on existing sediment and pesticide levels in the Yarra River; if so, why.
- (2) Could the failure to establish this preliminary baseline information and undertake continual monitoring during construction render any future audit useless due to the fact that no reference to the river's pre-existing condition can be made.
- (3) Can he explain the potential impact of sediment deposition in the Yarra River on the availability of appropriate spawning sites for species such as the Macquarie Perch, the Australian Grayling and the Murray Cod, particularly in the event of a flood event occurring during the construction of the golf course.
- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure the ongoing viability of these species.

*2891 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of clause 1 of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) bilateral agreement signed with Victoria, (a) why are the three overarching objectives of the second phase of the Trust inconsistent with the Purposes of the Reserve, (b) does the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council have the prerogative or mandate to set objectives that are inconsistent with the Purposes of the Reserve in order to implement the second phase of the Trust and (c) why are the Purposes of the Reserve not explicit in this Bilateral Agreement, in accordance with subsection 19(4) of the *Natural Heritage Trust Of Australia Act 1997* (NHT Act).
- (2) In respect of clause 9 of the agreement, (a) what is the budget estimate for each year of the Trust extension for the "Australia wide competitive regional component", (b) what is the purpose of this component, (c) how is this component administered, what are its objectives and what unique role does this component have in comparison to non-competitive regional and national component funding, (d) are projects funded under this stream required to have as contributing partners multiple regions from different States/Territories, and (e) why is this national level funding opportunity not administered as a national component project.
- (3) In respect of clauses 9 and 13 of the agreement, (a) how much of the \$50.77 million commitment over 2002-2005 has been (i) spent or (ii) committed, (b) how much of the amount at (i) and (ii) is also

counted in the \$350 million for water quality, and (c) has advice been provided to Victoria on 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 budget allocations; if so, what are these amounts.

- (4) In respect of clause 10 of the agreement, (a) what is the allocation for Statewide and within State investments for the financial years 2003-2004 to 2006-2007, (b) how do projects funded under this stream differ, in terms of jurisdictional delivery, from projects funded under the competitive regional component, and (c) is there competitive bidding for project funding by regions within the same State or Territory; if so, why are these projects not administered as priority or foundation projects.
- (5) Does clause 11(ii) of the agreement include supporting the implementation of nationally agreed strategies, for example the *National Principles for the Provision of Water for Ecosystems*, the *National Framework for the Management and Monitoring of Native Vegetation* and the *National Water Quality Management Strategy*.
- (6) In respect of clause 19(viii) of the agreement, on what basis are the proportional budget allocations made to the four programs of the Trust, as designated in Attachment A.
- (7) In respect of clause 22(ii) of the agreement, what criteria are provided to the Victorian members of the Steering Committee for the purpose of assisting in identifying Trust expenditure accountable against the \$350 million commitment to “directly improving water quality”.
- (8) In respect of clause 24 of the agreement, (a) what type of national/state investment activity does a ‘regional competitive component’ project relate to, and (b) which clause(s) of the NHT Bilateral Agreement with Victoria describe the purpose, process or outcome of regional competitive component projects.
- (9) Why is clause 43 inconsistent with clause 11(ii) and which clause prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.
- (10) In respect of clause 47 of the agreement, (a) what are the implications of the Commonwealth recognising “existing mechanisms and frameworks in place for the sustainable management of Victoria’s coast and marine waters”, (b) does the Commonwealth accredit those mechanisms and frameworks for the Purposes of the Reserve to meet the non-statutory objectives of the Trust, and (c) has the Commonwealth assessed these mechanisms and frameworks against sustainability or other criteria in forming an opinion on whether to “recognise” these mechanisms and frameworks; if so, (i) how and (ii) against what criteria.
- (11) In respect of clauses 49(xi) and 67 of the agreement, (a) has the Commonwealth told the Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) about the protocols it will employ should there be a failure by a CMA to “deliver agreed activities under regional investment proposals” and failure to meet “agreed expenditure and the achievement of targets” and (b) will he provide a copy of any protocol or similar document, including the criteria and timeliness of any action the Commonwealth or Victoria will take should a CMA fail to meet its contractual arrangements.
- (12) In respect of clause 55 of the agreement, (a) why is implementation of the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS), in particular, the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality, limited to coastal and marine areas within a CMA region, (b) is the NWQMS an agreed national strategy; if so, for plan accreditation purposes why would the NWQMS not be implemented in non-coastal regions, (c) how have the requirements of Clause 55 been met in respect of the accredited Glenelg-Hopkins Regional Catchment Strategy, and (d) for which coastal or marine areas will the NWQMS be implemented for the purposes of accrediting the Coorangamite, West Gippsland and East Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategies.
- (13) In respect of clause 63 of the agreement, (a) how do the “agreed principles and criteria for making investment decisions” give priority to investments in the protection and management of Ramsar wetlands within a CMA region, (b) how do these principles give effect to this objective through the allocation of investment activities within regions and across Victoria, and (c) how are these principles and criteria applied to implementation of the Glenelg-Hopkins Regional Investment Strategy.
- (14) In respect of clauses 72 and 74 of the agreement, (a) who are the members of the Independent Advisory Panel, and (b) what organisations do they represent.
- (15) In respect of clause 83 of the agreement, (a) does this clause suggest natural resource condition targets must be set for all of the minimum set of matters for targets, (b) is this inconsistent with the Standards and Targets Framework which suggests that, where there is good reason not to do so, resource condition targets need not be set, and (c) does this mean a less flexible approach to the range of resource condition targets set in Victorian regions compared to other States.
- (16) In respect of clause 90 of the agreement, (a) has the specification of bulk water entitlements for the non-NAP (National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality) supply systems (Melbourne, Tarago,

Ovens) been completed; if not, when will this be completed, (b) have streamflow management plans on high priority un-regulated waterways in non-NAP regions been developed; if not, when will this be completed, and (c) which aquifers are currently stressed and for which of these have groundwater management plans been established.

- (17) In respect of clause 93(a) of the agreement, (a) has the proposed native vegetation clearing permit tracking system been established, and (b) are the 'regions' able to monitor the cumulative impacts of planning permits issued in Trust regions; if not, when will they be able to.
- (18) In respect of clause 93(d) of the agreement, has a 'working model' been developed to pilot the proposed "program based on land stewardship principles, which supports the protection of native vegetation with broader farming systems"; if not, when will this be established.
- (19) In respect of clause 108(i) of the agreement, (a) is it the case that if the State of Victoria fails to meet its commitments under this Agreement (for example commitments in clauses 97, 95 and 90) the Commonwealth will withdraw all or part of its funding commitments through the NHT, (b) what would be the implications of funding to CMAs, and (c) can he explain the inconsistencies between clauses 108(ii) and 108(iii).
- (20) In respect of clause 110(vi) of the agreement, will the "source, quantum and expenditure of all resource contributions under the NHT including on an agreed project by project basis" be made publicly available; if not, what is the interpretation of 'transparent' for the purpose of this clause.
- (21) In respect of clause 123 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the 'monitoring and reporting strategy' or indicate where this is publicly available.
- (22) In respect of clause 125 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the 'evaluation strategy' or indicate where this is publicly available.
- (23) In respect of clause 128 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the 'cost sharing and allocation framework' or indicate where this is publicly available.

*2892 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the acquittal guidelines provided with the answer to question No. 2654 (*Hansard*, 25 November 2003, page 22727), (a) why are the acquittal guidelines, in particular aspects of the Assessment Advice, not publicly available, (b) would this information be useful to community groups and regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) groups in devising suitable projects, and (c) are there any reasons why the Government should not disclose how it will account for almost one-third of all investments under the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) Extension.
- (2) Will he (a) explain the basis on which the environmental values of protected waterbodies are agreed under the guidelines, in particular, (i) whether those values or beneficial uses have been identified through State or Local Government water quality/resource planning activities, and (ii) whether the values have been identified under the draft or accredited regional NRM plan, or by another process; if it is by another process, what are the details, (b) provide a breakdown by State and NRM region of the investments to date acquitted against the \$350m commitment, (c) provide a list of the waterbodies protected through investments in water quality improvement (other than for planning and monitoring purposes) for each NRM region, (d) indicate the proportion of funds acquitted to date against the \$350m for (i) planning, (ii) management and (iii) monitoring activities, (e) provide for each relevant waterbody the agreed 'beneficial uses' or environmental values, identify the public documentation that states these environmental values, and the relevant water quality objectives for those environmental values against which the acquittals against the \$350m are being made; and (f) provide the title of each project against which acquittals have been made, for each waterbody and for each NRM region.
- (3) Can he indicate the total investments to date against the following environmental values: (a) aquatic ecosystems, (b) recreational water quality and aesthetics, (c) raw water for drinking water supplies, (d) agricultural water use, and (e) industrial water use.
- (4) In respect of paragraph 9 of the acquittal guidelines which states "While salinity targets may be established as primary water quality targets (eg instream salinity concentrations) where the primary process driving deterioration in this aspect of water quality is dryland (ie non-agricultural induced) salinity, a distinction has been made between the issues by the Prime Minister", is the Government proposing that agricultural development, especially that associated with broadacre clearance of deep-rooted vegetation, is not associated with dryland salinity; if so, on what scientific advice has it formed this view.

*2893 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the paragraph E(b) in the preamble to the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) bilateral agreement signed with South Australia, are the environmental values referred to the same as the environmental values referred to in the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS).
- (2) In respect of paragraph F(h) in the preamble to the agreement, what are the 'land and water policy reforms' which result from this agreement coming into force.
- (3) In respect of clause 5.8 of the agreement, (a) can he provide a copy of the guidelines relating to the Accreditation Criteria, (b) when were the guidelines finalised, and (c) where are they publicly available.
- (4) In respect of clause 6.4 of the agreement, (a) can he provide a copy of the guidelines to assist the development of Investment Strategies by Interim Natural Resource Management (INRM) Groups, (b) when were these guidelines finalised, and (c) where are they publicly available.
- (5) In respect of clause 7.1 of the agreement, (a) has the Government entered into a Partnership Agreement with an INRM Group in South Australia; if so, when, (b) can he provide a copy of the relevant Investment Strategy, (c) can he ensure that Items 7(b) to 7(i) are included in the copy of the Investment Strategy, and (d) can he indicate where the Partnership Agreement has been amended (Clause 7.2).
- (6) In respect of clause 9.1(h) of the agreement, (a) do 'best practice environmental management systems' differ from agreed national strategies, such as the NWQMS and the Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (ANZECC) National Framework for the Management and Monitoring of Australia's Native Vegetation (Schedule 3); if so, how, and (b) as consistency with agreed national strategies is a requirement of an accredited INRM Plan, why should there be duplication or inconsistency in environmental management systems/processes.
- (7) In respect of clause 11.4(a) of the agreement, (a) what was the ecologically sustainable basis on which caps were determined for the extractive use of water from all surface and groundwater systems in the Lower Murray and South East Regions, and (b) what were the ecological bases for determining whether these systems were over-allocated or approaching full allocation.
- (8) Has the strategy referred to in subclause 11.4(b) of the agreement been developed; if so, when was it agreed by the Parties and included as a Schedule to this agreement.
- (9) In respect of clause 11.6 of the agreement, (a) at the date of the agreement, what criteria were used by the Government to agree that South Australia had an effective legislative framework for the allocation and trade of water rights, (b) has the project to upgrade the existing water information and licensing management system been completed; if so, when, and (c) has the commitment to investigate and implement ways of improving the dissemination of information to water users and water brokers by December 2002 been met.
- (10) In respect of clause 11.8 of the agreement, what was the trend in the extent and condition of native vegetation in the agricultural regions of South Australia during the five years prior to the signing of the agreement.
- (11) In respect of clause 12.1 of the agreement, (a) how much of the \$93 million commitment made by the Government has been spent to date, and (b) how much has been spent on (i) Foundation Funding, (ii) Priority Actions, (iii) Investment Strategies, and (iv) Capacity Building.
- (12) In respect of clause 12.12 of the agreement, (a) how much money has been allocated as block funding, over which financial years and for which INRM regions, and (b) can he explain how the Government will manage project investments and outcomes through an "annual assessment of satisfactory progress".
- (13) In respect of schedule 3, clause 13 of the agreement, (a) have the specified national guidelines been promoted to INRM Groups for the development of regional targets, and (b) for currently accredited INRM Plans in South Australia, what regional targets have been prepared in accordance with these national guidelines.

*2894 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Barmah-Millewa Forest, why has the Government decided that up to 45% (or 30,000 hectares) of this forest may be degraded and its ecological values prejudiced.
- (2) What percentage of the forest is dominated by (a) Giant Rush, (b) Moira Grass, (c) River Red Gum forest, (d) River Red Gum woodland, and (e) Black Box woodland communities.

- (3) How is 'healthy vegetation' defined and have reference sites for healthy vegetation been identified; if so, what are the coordinates of the sites.
- (4) Does "healthy vegetation in at least 55% of the area" mean that 55% of each vegetation community will be healthy; if not, (a) what proportion of each community type is intended to be in healthy condition, and (b) how much will remain in healthy condition as a result of the First Step.
- (5) How, and to what extent, will the First Step contribute to the replacement of rush communities with mudgrass communities.
- (6) How is a 'successful breeding event' defined.
- (7) What is the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events for Egrets and Nankeen Night Heron in the Barmah-Millewa Forest.
- (8) What was the population of Egrets and Nankeen Night Heron at the time of these breeding events.
- (9) What is the trend in colonial waterbird species population(s) during this period.
- (10) What measures specifically applied to Region C is the Government taking to (a) exclude stock from these wetland areas and (b) reduce recreational fishing pressure.
- (11) Can primary producers legally stock these waterways.
- (12) Is this a priority in project funding under the Regional delivery component of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT); if so, what are the project titles and NHT funding contributions for the identified projects.
- (13) Which species of colonial waterbirds are included in the interim ecological objectives and expected outcomes which refer to "successful breeding of thousands of colonial waterbirds in at least three years in ten".
- (14) How many is 'thousands' for each identified species.
- (15) Do all species require a successful breeding event three years in ten.
- (16) Are the requirements of this outcome achieved if the three years are consecutive years followed by seven non-breeding years and is this the case for all identified species.
- (17) Would there be a significant decline in any of the species of colonial nest waterbirds if there were no successful breeding events for 4-7 years.
- (18) What period between successful breeding events would represent a significant risk to the population of these waterbirds.
- (19) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Barmah-Millewa Forest and those events in other icon wetlands (eg. Hattah Lakes).
- (20) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would the success of the First Step and this ecological objective and associated management measures be reviewed.
- (21) What are 'fish values' and how do the interim ecological objectives/outcomes enhance fish values.
- (22) Which native fish species are important for this purpose, what parameters will be measured and what will be the monitoring/measurement regime for determining whether fish values have been enhanced.
- (23) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- (24) What environmental monitoring activities will be implemented to monitor achievement and maintenance of the interim ecological outcomes for the Barmah-Millewa Forest.

*2895 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forests, (a) which vegetation communities are represented in this area of forest (eg Moira Grass, River Red Gum woodland), (b) what proportion of that area do these vegetation communities cover, and (c) what is the areal extent of (i) permanent wetlands and (ii) semi-permanent wetlands.
- (2) On what basis has the Government decided to sacrifice 20% of the permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
- (3) What is the distribution of the sacrificed wetlands between the permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
- (4) What does 'healthy condition' mean for the purpose of wetland conservation.
- (5) What parameters are monitored for the purpose of determining whether a wetland is healthy.

- (6) Have reference sites for a healthy permanent or semi-permanent wetland been identified; if so, what are the coordinates of the reference sites.
 - (7) How is a 'successful breeding event' defined.
 - (8) What has been the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events for the Intermediate Egret and Nankeen Night Heron in the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forest.
 - (9) What has been the estimated population of the Intermediate Egret and Nankeen Night Heron at the time of these breeding events.
 - (10) What is the trend in the population(s) during this period of these waterbird species.
 - (11) What is the trend in population of the White-bellied Sea Eagle.
 - (12) Which species of colonial waterbirds are included in the interim ecological objectives and expected outcomes which refer to "successful breeding of thousands of colonial waterbirds in at least three years in ten".
 - (13) How many is 'thousands' for each identified species.
 - (14) Do all species require a successful breeding event three years in ten.
 - (15) Are the requirements of this outcome achieved if the three years are consecutive years followed by seven non-breeding years and is this the case for all identified species.
 - (16) Would there be a significant decline in any of the species of colonial nest waterbirds if, for example, there were no successful breeding events for 4-7 years.
 - (17) What period between successful breeding events would represent a significant risk to the population of these waterbirds.
 - (18) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forests and those events in other icon wetlands.
 - (19) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would the success of the First Step and this ecological objective and associated management measures be reviewed.
 - (20) In respect of interim ecological objectives and outcomes for resident native fish in wetlands, what is the definition of 'healthy population'.
 - (21) Which resident native fish species are relevant to this ecological objective/outcome.
 - (22) Does this include fish populations in permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
 - (23) On what basis has the Government decided to sacrifice the health of 70% of the extant River red gum forest.
 - (24) What area of the River Red Gum forest is currently in a 'healthy condition' and what proportion of the estimated River Red Gum forest along the length of the River Murray before European settlement does it represent.
 - (25) What environmental monitoring activities will be implemented to monitor achievement and maintenance of the interim ecological outcomes for the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forest.
 - (26) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- *2896 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Hattah Lakes, (a) what are the original wetland and floodplain communities, and (b) are there currently healthy examples of original wetland and floodplain communities; if so, (i) for which wetland and floodplain communities are there healthy examples, and (ii) what proportion of the total area of these communities do the healthy example(s) represent.
 - (2) What proportion of the original wetland and floodplain communities will be restored to a healthy condition, and what parameters will be measured to determine the condition of these areas.
 - (3) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
 - (4) What range of river discharges will be implemented through the First Step to protect this wetland complex.
 - (5) How many of the 17 freshwater lakes in the wetland complex will not be inundated as a result of measures taken in the First Step.
 - (6) What river discharges would be required to inundate the aquatic vegetation zone in and around at least 50% of the lakes to increase fish and bird breeding and survival.
 - (7) What proportion of the total area of the 17 wetlands would be represented by the 8.5 wetlands.

- (8) In respect of (a) Spoonbills, (b) Little Egrets, (c) Intermediate Egrets, (d) Great Egrets, (e) Night Herons, and (f) Bitterns (i) how is a 'successful breeding event' defined, (ii) is a successful breeding event required two years in ten, (iii) are the requirements achieved if the two years are consecutive years, (iv) would there be a significant decline there were no successful breeding events for up to 8 years, (v) what period between successful breeding events represents a significant risk to the population, (vi) what was the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events, (vii) what was the estimated population at the time of the successful breeding events, and (viii) what is the trend in the population during this period.
- (9) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Hattah Lakes and such events in other icon wetlands.
- (10) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would success of the First Step, and this ecological objective and associated management measures, be reviewed.
- (11) What is the population of the (a) Murray Hardyhead, (b) Australian smelt, (c) Gudgeons and (d) other wetland fish (specifying species) in the Hattah Lakes or in specific lakes and wetlands.
- (12) What are the optimal conditions in terms of season, flood frequency, duration and intensity for measuring fish populations.
- (13) How does the fish population monitoring program account for climatic variability in statistically demonstrating an increase in fish population.
- (14) How will the monitoring program be designed to ensure that upon review of this ecological objective/outcome that fish populations have increased, or not increased.

*2897 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Chowilla Floodplain (including the Lindsay-Wallpolla system), what are the 'high biodiversity values' of the Chowilla Floodplain and how are they measured.
- (2) How will the Government know by the end of the First Step whether or not those values have been maintained.
- (3) Have the 'high value wetlands' of the Chowilla Floodplain been identified and what area of the Chowilla Floodplain do they cover.
- (4) What parameters are used to measure the 'health' of these wetlands.
- (5) How does the parameter monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- (6) What is the current area of River Red Gum vegetation in the Chowilla Floodplain.
- (7) What was the original area of River Red Gum vegetation in the Chowilla Floodplain.
- (8) What other vegetation communities exist on the Chowilla Floodplain and what is the estimated original and current area.
- (9) Why has the Government not provided objectives/outcomes for the Lindsay-Wallpolla system.
- (10) What are the interim ecological objectives, and expected outcomes, for the Lindsay-Wallpolla system.
- (11) How much of the original Black Box vegetation community still exists on the Chowilla Floodplain and why is the Government prepared to sacrifice 80% of the Black box vegetation community.
- (12) Why are objectives/outcomes for water bird breeding events not included.

*2898 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Murray Mouth, Coorong and Lower Lakes, what indicators or parameters will be used to assess a 'healthier lower lakes and Coorong estuarine environment' and how are they measured.
- (2) How will the Government know by the end of the First Step whether or not these objectives/outcomes have been achieved.
- (3) How is the ecological outcome of an 'open Murray mouth' defined in terms of duration, frequency and intensity and how will the First Step ensure this objective.
- (4) After the First Step is implemented, (a) how much less likely is the Murray Mouth to close than under natural conditions and (b) how much more likely is the Murray Mouth to be open than under current conditions.
- (5) What parameters are measured or monitored to determine whether the ecological objective of 'more frequent estuarine fish spawning' is attained.

- (6) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- (7) How will the monitoring program be designed to statistically demonstrate whether or not this objective has been achieved.
- (8) What parameters are employed to determine whether migratory water bird habitat in the Lower Lakes has been enhanced and how will these parameters be measured.
- (9) How will the Government know by the end of the First Step whether or not this objective/outcome has been achieved.

*2899 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the River Murray Channel, what is an ecologically significant spring flow, in terms of timing, duration, frequency, intensity, and ecological effect.
- (2) Over what length of the River Murray must a flow have a positive ecological effect to be significant for the purpose of enhancing the ecological condition of the River Murray channel.
- (3) How will an increase in the frequency of ecologically significant higher flows in spring be measured.
- (4) What statistical treatments will be employed to determine whether during the life of the First Step this ecological objective has been achieved.
- (5) What measures will be taken during the First Step to overcome barriers to migration of native fish species between the sea and the Hume Weir and what are the timing, roles and responsibilities, costs and relative effectiveness of proposed measures.
- (6) What are the current levels of channel erosion.
- (7) In respect of channel erosion along the Murray River Channel, (a) do levels of erosion vary; if so, (i) how are these areas zoned according to comparable erosion rates, and (ii) what are the erosion rates for these zones, (b) what is the trend for channel erosion, (c) what are the key measures for limiting channel erosion to current levels, (d) are current erosion rates ecologically sustainable, and (e) how do they compare with estimates of channel erosion before European settlement.

*2900 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the article in the *Courier Mail* on 6 December 2003 which reported that the Government was planning to “pour \$300 million over the next four years into cleaning up rivers which drain into Reef waters”, is the priority for this expenditure to improve water quality in the Reef.
- (2) For each of the financial years covered by the announcement, can he provide a breakdown of the proposed expenditure indicating (a) the relevant Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (RWQPP) strategy and actions, and (b) whether the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) Board has approved the forward expenditure and showing the amounts under the (c) National Action Plan (NAP) including (i) priority projects, (ii) NRM Plan implementation (iii) foundation funding, (iv) state level investments, (v) national level investments, (vi) other (provide details), (d) NHT including (i) Envirofund, (ii) regional delivery, (iii) priority projects, (iv) Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan implementation, (v) foundation funding, (vi) state level investments, (vii) regional competitive component, (viii) other (provide details) and (e) non-NAP/non NHT including (i) Great Barrier Reef Coastal Wetlands and (ii) other (provide details).
- (3) What is the balance of Commonwealth investments available through the NAP, the NHT extension and Non-NAP / Non-NHT ‘over the next four years’ to address all non-Reef water quality issues such as native vegetation clearance, protection of Queensland’s World Heritage Areas, Ramsar wetlands and the Murray-Darling basin catchment initiatives.

*2901 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services’ decision to approve land clearing and drainage of high conservation value banksia vegetation and seasonal wetlands at Perth Airport.
- (2) Is he aware that (a) the wetlands and vegetation are recognised for protection under the Western Australian Environmental Protection Act’s Conservation Through Reserves Committee System 6 Recommendation, the Bush Forever protection strategy and the Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Lakes) Policy, and (b) there was a memorandum of understanding between the Commonwealth and the State Government that any development affecting this area would be referred for joint environmental assessment.
- (3) Did he consult with the Minister for Transport and Regional Services about approving this drainage and clearing activity
- (4) What were the processes he followed in assessing this proposal.

- (5) Has he been advised that the Western Australian Government could take legal action against the Commonwealth.
- (6) What steps has he taken to (a) prevent further clearing and drainage after the initial advice that this was occurring, and (b) control this action under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (7) Is he aware that this high conservation value habitat is one of the few remaining habitats suitable for reintroduction of the critically endangered Western Swamp Tortoise.
- (8) Can he advise on the quality of this lost habitat that was potentially available for the reintroduction of the tortoise.
- (9) What measures are available under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to control or penalise an unauthorised activity, such as has occurred at Perth Airport, and to require habitat rehabilitation or restoration.
- (10) Is this remnant habitat inscribed on the Register of the National Estate.
- (11) Can he provide an estimate of the cost of restoring this remnant wetland and vegetation, and in particular the pre-disturbance values of this area; if so, (a) what is the source of this cost estimate (b) how reliable is this cost estimate, and (c) how much time might it take to rehabilitate the site and restore its natural values.
- (12) Will he provide an estimate of the total Natural Heritage Trust extension case investment in the Swan Region.
- (13) How much will the Government be seeking to invest in wetland rehabilitation, creation and restoration in the Swan Natural Resource Management Region, and will there be any relationship between these investments and investments in protecting ephemeral winter-wet swamps with clay or sand over clay soils.
- (14) Can he explain why the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* failed to protect the banksia vegetation and seasonal wetlands at Perth Airport.

*2902 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park zoning plan and designated shipping areas under the draft zoning plan, may any shipping vessel pass through any zone in the Great Barrier Reef.
- (2) What restrictions are there on the types of ships which may pass through.
- (3) How is the Great Barrier Reef being protected from the risk of shipping accidents.

*2903 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the scale of fees under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations for photographers taking photographs and video footage of National Parks and reserves.
- (2) What is the sum of money raised by these charges annually and what is it used for.
- (3) Has he considered the United States National Parks Service system under which photographers may freely market images from anywhere that is accessible to the general public; if so, is there any reason why this system should not be used in Australia.

*2904 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Will he provide a breakdown of the 765 Round One Envirofund projects by (a) type (i.e. water quality, protection of native vegetation, salinity, coastal erosion), (b) Federal electoral division, and (c) funding allocation.

*2905 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did Telstra cancel its car fleet orders for LPG fuelled vehicles following the Government Budget announcement to impose fuel excise on LPG; if so, has Telstra reviewed the decision following the Government's subsequent decision regarding the level of excise it will impose.
- (2) As the majority shareholder in Telstra, what is the Government doing to ensure that Telstra's car fleet is as environmentally friendly as possible.

*2906 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the operation of the aircraft noise insulation program for communities affected by aircraft noise in Sydney and Adelaide, can he (a) confirm that only residences within the 30 ANEF contour are eligible for insulation, (b) provide the (i) number, (ii) location, and (iii) ANEF contour for any residences outside the 30 ANEF which have been insulated under both the Sydney and Adelaide programs, (c) provide a list of any other suburbs and streets that have had applications for insulation refused, and (d) advise what residences or public buildings if any, by street suburb and ANEF level, are currently being considered for insulation and the cost of providing insulation for each.

- (2) In respect of those residences or public buildings which are currently being considered for insulation, can he indicate (a) which residences or public buildings have previously been refused insulation, (b) why they were refused before, and (c) the cost of insulating that residence or public building.
 - (3) When will revised ANEF contours be prepared and released, how long will it take the Government to determine if the revised ANEF will create new entitlements to insulation and when will that insulation be provided.
 - (4) How much money has been collected by the Government's levy on airlines for the (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide noise insulation programs in each year since the program commenced and what are the projected revenues for (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006, and (iv) 2006-2007.
 - (5) How much has been spent by the Government on the provision of insulation in (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide in each year since the commencement of the program and, for each year and city, how much was spent on the department's administration of the program.
 - (6) How much is projected to be spent in (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide during (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006, and (iv) 2006-2007 on the provision of insulation and, of each annual amount, how much will be for the Department's administration of the program.
- *2907 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) In respect of the Commonwealth funding for the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP), (a) what was the total FISAP funding commitment under the original program, and (b) what was the FISAP allocation for each state under the original program.
 - (2) At the expiration of the initial FISAP in June 2003, what was the unspent FISAP allocation in each State.
 - (3) For each of the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs), what payments were made between 1996 and 2003.
 - (4) Since Budgetary approval was given in 2003 to extend the FISAP over the following two financial years, has any additional funding been made available for the program.
 - (5) Since the decision to extend the program, what FISAP payments have been made, to which states and under which RFAs.
- *2908 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the Government's decision to phase out the F111 aircraft by 2010, (a) what program changes have been made and (b) what are the cost savings for the projects outlined in the answer to parts 5 and 6 of question No. 1444 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2003, page 14262).
 - (2) Are any further changes to F111 projects being considered.
- *2909 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is she aware that many veterans consider it unfair that people who volunteered to serve their country in the ADF have not been recognised to the same degree as those who have completed National Service.
 - (2) Will she consider introducing a Volunteer Defence Service Medal and officially recognise the service these men and women have given their country.
- *2910 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of a company named Elan Bio that has developed a mobile anthrax detection device using light spectroscopy; if so, when did his department first become aware of the device.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that representatives of his department and representatives of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) met with representatives of Elan Bio earlier this year; if so, (a) when did this meeting take place, (b) who attended from his department and which section of the Department did they represent, (c) who else attended the meeting, and (d) what was the outcome.
 - (3) Did his Department or the DSTO decide to purchase, use or test the technology; if not, why not; if a decision was made to test the technology, what was the result of the tests.
 - (4) Is his Department, the DSTO, or any part of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) (a) equipped with, (b) working on, or (c) researching any mobile anthrax detection technology; if not, why did the Department, the DSTO or the ADF decide not to pursue the technology presented by Elan Bio.
 - (5) Is the Minister aware that representatives of the United States Department of Defense have now expressed an interest in Elan Bio's technology.

- (6) Has the Department, the DSTO or the ADF had discussions with representatives of the US Department of Defense about this technology.
- (7) Will the Department, the DSTO and the ADF re-consider their decisions not to pursue this technology.

*2911 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many conclusive certificates has he issued under each of sections 33, 33A, and 36 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) in each of the last six financial years.
- (2) How many conclusive certificates have been issued by the Secretary of the Cabinet under s34 of the FOI Act in each of the last six financial years.
- (3) How many conclusive certificates have been issued by the Secretary of the Executive Council under s35 of the FOI Act in each of the last six financial years.
- (4) In each of the last six financial years, how many appeals against those certificates were (a) lodged with the AAT, (b) successful, and (c) unsuccessful.
- (5) What are the case names of all the appeals lodged with the AAT in each of the last six financial years.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2912 - *2939)—

- (1) How many conclusive certificates has the Minister issued under each of sections 33, 33A, and 36 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* in each of the last six financial years.
- (2) In each of the last six financial years, how many appeals against those certificates were (a) lodged with the AAT, (b) successful, and (c) unsuccessful.
- (3) What are the case names of all the appeals lodged with the AAT in each of the last six financial years.

*2912 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

*2913 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

*2914 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer.

*2915 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

*2916 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

*2917 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2918 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

*2919 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2920 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

*2921 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

*2922 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

*2923 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*2924 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

*2925 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

*2926 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*2927 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

*2928 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

*2929 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

*2930 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

*2931 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

*2932 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Science.

*2933 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*2934 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services.

*2935 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

*2936 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

*2937 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

*2938 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

*2939 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.

*2940 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of Australia's obligation to report to the United Nations (UN) about its actions to freeze the assets of, and ban from international travel, people and organisations involved with terrorism, has Australia submitted these reports.
- (2) Is he able to provide a list of countries which (a) have and (b) have not submitted these reports.
- (3) Is he able to provide (a) details or (b) copies of any reports to the UN by (i) Indonesia and (ii) Saudi Arabia.
- (4) Has the Government made representations to those countries which have not submitted reports to the UN; if not, why not.

*2941 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the report in the *Washington Post* on 14 December 2003, which stated that only about 20 countries have given the UN list of suspected terrorists to border guards.
- (2) Can he provide a list of those countries which (a) have and (b) have not provided the UN list of suspected terrorists to their border/immigration officials.
- (3) Has the Government expressed concern to those countries which have not provided the list of suspected terrorist to their border/immigration officials; if not, why not.

*2942 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has the Government provided details of the people the United Nations (UN) has identified as suspected terrorists to immigration officials at Australian air and sea ports; if so, when.
- (2) Has anybody identified as a suspected terrorist by the UN attempted to enter Australia; if so, (a) who, (b) when, and (c) was the attempt successful.

*2943 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that the al-Haramain Charitable Foundation has recently opened a new Islamic school in Jakarta.
- (2) Is he able to say (a) when the school opened, (b) how large the school is, and (c) how many students attend the school.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the school teaches an extremist, Wahabi-ist curriculum.
- (4) Is he aware of any other schools in Indonesia funded by al-Haramain; if so, is he able to say (a) which schools, (b) where they are located, (c) how large they are, (d) how many students attend, and (e) whether they teach an extremist, Wahabi-ist curriculum.
- (5) Is the Australian Government concerned about the opening of a school funded by al-Haramain.
- (6) Has the Government made any representations to the Indonesian Government about the opening of the school; if so, (a) when, (b) who made the representations and to whom were they made, and (c) what was the response; if not, why not.
- (7) Does the establishment of the school breach any United Nations (UN) requirement to freeze the assets of the al-Haramain Charitable Foundation; if so, (a) has the Government made representations to the UN about this; if so, (i) when, (ii) who made the representations and to whom were they made, and (iii) what was the response; if not, why not.
- (8) Is he able to say whether the Indonesian Government has taken any action to comply with any obligations to the UN in respect of the school; if so, what action has the Indonesian Government taken.

*2944 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Has (a) Mr Yousef Nada and (b) Mr Idris Nasreddin visited or attempted to enter Australia; if so, what action, if any, did the Government take.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2945 - *2947)—

- (1) Is Mr Yousef Nada on (a) the United Nations (UN) list of suspected terrorists, and (b) the Australian list of people whose funds are required to be frozen and who is prohibited from entering Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister able to provide details of Mr Yousef Nada's business interests.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether Mr Yousef Nada has received any money from (a) individuals, (b) corporations, or (c) charities in Australia; if so, (i) what are the details, and (ii) what action has the Government taken.

- (4) Does Mr Yousef Nada, either directly or through his businesses, have any interests in Australia; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) what action has the Government taken.
- (5) Does Mr Yousef Nada, either directly or through his businesses, have any agents, contacts, connections or links to people or organisations in Australia; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) what action has the Government taken.

*2945 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2946 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2947 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

MR DANBY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2948 - *2950)—

- (1) Is Mr Idris Nasreddin on (a) the United Nations (UN) list of suspected terrorists, and (b) the Australian list of people whose funds are required to be frozen and who is prohibited from entering Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister able to provide details of Mr Idris Nasreddin's business interests.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether Mr Idris Nasreddin has received any money from (a) individuals, (b) corporations, or (c) charities in Australia; if so, (i) what are the details and (ii) what action has the Government taken.
- (4) Does Mr Idris Nasreddin, either directly or through his businesses, have any interests in Australia; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) what action has the Government taken.
- (5) Does Mr Idris Nasreddin, either directly or through his businesses, have any agents, contacts, connections or links to people or organisations in Australia; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) what action has the Government taken.

*2948 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2949 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2950 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

*2951 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of the concern expressed by the United States Treasury's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Finance about the many countries that have not legislated to be able to seize property and freeze bank accounts of suspected terrorists and terrorist organisations.
- (2) Is the Australian Government able to seize property and freeze bank accounts of suspected terrorists and terrorist organisations.

*2952 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2272, how many of the 1700 former government employees, defence personnel and employees of licensees have deductions for superannuation made at a rate of 5% of their former salary under the provisions of sections 20, 21 and 21A of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act).
- (2) Are any monies deducted for superannuation purposes remitted to private superannuation funds on behalf of ex-officers under these provisions.
- (3) How many of the 1700 former government employees, defence personnel and employees of licensees are deemed to earn 10% on the government funded proportion of their voluntary redundancy package under sections 21 and 21A of the SRC Act.
- (4) Does the 5% superannuation deduction based on former salary accrue a benefit; if so, when is the benefit payable to the contributor.
- (5) How many applications for act of grace payments made by former public servants for monies deducted under the superannuation formula have been refused and on what grounds.
- (6) Is he willing to consider individual act of grace payments to former officers.
- (7) In respect of the Department's review of the benefit entitlement provisions under the SRC Act, (a) when did the review commence, and (b) has it been finalised; if not, when will it be completed.
- (8) Does the operation of the provisions of the SRC Act currently result in outcomes or consequences which were unintended when the legislation was originally enacted.
- (9) Why were the changes currently being considered not included in legislative changes to section 21 in 2001.
- (10) Is he aware that under the provisions of the SRC Act some ex-officers have been further penalised by a reduction of up to 66% of their spouse's Centrelink parenting allowance payment.

*2953 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the closure in early 2000 of the aged care facility known as Riverside in Patterson Lakes, Victoria, what date did Riverside close.
- (2) How many residents were transferred out of Riverside at that time.
- (3) What are the names of the places the residents of Riverside were transferred to and how many were transferred to each place.
- (4) Who was responsible for the transfer of residents to their new homes.
- (5) Who was responsible for the administration of the closure of Riverside.
- (6) Does the Department of Health and Ageing have a protocol for the management of the resident/patient records of residents who transfer out of an Aged Care facility either on death or a change of accommodation.
- (7) What was the procedure followed at Riverside for the management of resident/patient records as Riverside closed down.
- (8) Does the Department of Health and Ageing have a protocol for the management of drugs and medications no longer required in an Aged Care facility.
- (9) What was the procedure followed at Riverside for the management of the drugs no longer required when that facility was closed down.

*2954 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How long has he had the Australian Communications Authority's draft determination on premium rate services and when is the Government going to implement it.
- (2) Is he able to say why the ACA's draft determination deals with domestic 190 premium rate services only and not 0011 overseas services.
- (3) Can he confirm that under the draft ACA premium rate determination carriers will not be required to provide information to consumers relating to premium rate services until after they become customers; if so, why does not the draft determination require carriers to provide information to consumers on these services prior to them becoming customers.
- (4) Will he consider the provision of optional credit limits for all consumer telecommunications accounts; if not, why not.
- (5) What is the Government doing to solve the associated and growing problem of Internet dumping and will he consider regulations against Internet dialler technologies.
- (6) What is the Government doing to solve the problem of massive unexpected telephone bills from people exceeding their data limits on Internet broadband accounts.
- (7) Can he confirm that the Telephone Information Services Standards Council (TISCC) is reported to have 8,000 outstanding complaints; if so, does he propose to reform complaints handling processes in the premium rate services area and if he does not, why not.
- (8) Is he aware that local companies Mediatel Services and Sound Advertising consistently figure prominently in complaints from consumers to the TISCC regarding premium rate services; if so, will he consider developing stronger regulations against Australian premium rate service companies that are preying on and profiting from vulnerable consumers without adequate disclosure of the cost of their services and if he will not, why not.

*2955 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say how much revenue Telstra derives annually from 190 numbers; if not, (a) can he explain why Telstra considers that the amount of revenue derived from 190 numbers should be commercial in confidence information, and (b) does he support Telstra in withholding this information from the public.
- (2) Further to the answer to question No. 1319 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14521), (a) on what basis does Telstra claim that it does not receive revenue from International 0011 premium rate services and (b) is it the case that Telstra automatically charges its consumers for all 0011 calls made on their accounts regardless of whether they are standard calls or calls for premium type services.
- (3) Is he able to say whether Telstra currently has access arrangements or contractual agreements with (a) Mediatel Services, and (b) Sound Advertising for the supply of premium rate services; if this information is commercial in confidence, can he explain on what basis it is commercial in confidence.

- (4) Can he confirm reports that Telstra recently withdrew from the 190 Internet dialler or similar market; if so, (a) what are the details of the services which Telstra ceased to provide, (b) on what date did Telstra cease to provide these services, and (c) why did Telstra cease providing these services.

*2956 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware of the article in the *Herald-Sun* on 5 December 2003 regarding the Defend and Extend Medicare Group.
- (2) Has he, or his predecessor, or any other Minister taken action to obtain information on the identities and backgrounds of members of the Defend and Extend Medicare Group; if so, what action was taken.
- (3) Have any Government agencies outside his department been asked to assist in obtaining this information; if so, which agencies.

*2957 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Why did the Government offer only \$2 million aid to the people of Iran after the earthquake.
- (2) Will the Government vastly increase Australia's \$2 million offer of aid; if not, why not.

*2958 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—When does the Government propose to put the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 to another vote in the Senate.

*2959 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to confirm reports that the medical condition of Anwar Ibrahim, the former Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Malaysia, has deteriorated.
- (2) Can he say what medical treatment if any has been afforded Anwar Ibrahim.
- (3) Can he confirm that treatment has been proposed in Germany, if so, can he advise whether or not the Government of Malaysia has agreed.

*2960 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Is the Government proposing to fund an awareness campaign about a tax-free bonus scheme for older workers who delay drawing a pension.
- (2) Has such a campaign been considered by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communication; if so, (a) how much has his department budgeted for (i) creative production, (ii) placement, and (iii) research, (b) will the campaign be undertaken through (i) television, (ii) newspapers, (iii) radio, (iv) a mail-out, and (v) a website, (c) what is the total budget set aside for this campaign, and (d) what are the budgeted costs for (i) television, (ii) newspapers, (iii) radio, (iv) a mail-out, and (v) a website for this campaign.
- (4) Which (a) advertising company or companies, (b) market research company or companies, and (c) public relations company or companies have been selected to carry out part or all of this campaign.
- (5) Between which dates does he expect this campaign to take place.

*2961 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the community awareness campaign for the (a) Fairer Medicare package and (b) Medicare Plus package of measures, has the campaign been considered by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communication.
- (2) How much has his Department budgeted for the (a) Fairer Medicare package and (b) Medicare Plus package campaign (i) in total, (ii) for creative production, (ii) for placement, (iii) for research.
- (3) Has or will the campaign for the (a) Fairer Medicare package and (b) Medicare Plus package be undertaken through (i) television, (ii) newspapers, (iii) radio, (iv) a mail-out, and (v) a website.
- (4) What are the budgeted costs for the (a) Fairer Medicare package and (b) Medicare Plus package for (i) television, (ii) newspapers, (iii) radio, (iv) a mail-out, and (v) a website for this campaign.
- (5) In respect of each campaign, which (a) advertising company or companies, (b) market research company or companies, and (c) public relations company or companies have been selected to carry out part or all of this campaign.
- (6) Between which dates does he expect each campaign to take place.

- *2962 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has Australia implemented all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the International Maritime Organisation's International Ship and Port Facility Security Code; if not, which measures remain to be implemented.
 - (2) What is the estimated date at which all outstanding measures will be implemented.
 - (3) Are there any required measures that will not be fully implemented by 1 July 2004.
- *2963 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will (a) the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, (b) the Australian Customs Service, and (c) the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre provide staff to the National Threat Assessment Centre (NTAC); if not, why not.
 - (2) Which other agencies will provide staff to the NTAC.
 - (3) To which agency or agencies will the \$51.4 million allocated to the NTAC be provided.
 - (4) Will the running costs of the NTAC be shared by other agencies; if so, which agencies and what sum will be apportioned to each agency.
- *2964 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did Australia participate in the drafting of the model counter-terrorism provisions by the Nasonini Implementation Expert Working Group; if so, who represented Australia on the Working Group.
 - (2) Were the model provisions (a) considered and (b) approved by the Australian Government at a ministerial level; if so, (i) when and (ii) by which Minister(s).
 - (3) If the model provisions were not approved at ministerial level, were they approved at any level of the Australian Government; if so, (a) when and (b) at what level.
 - (4) Have any countries requested in-country drafting assistance; if so, (a) when and (b) to which countries has Australia provided in-country drafting assistance.
 - (5) Does the Government expect to be asked to provide such assistance in future.
- *2965 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he update the answer he provided to question Nos 2443 and 2444 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2003, page 22447).
- *2966 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many Australian Federal Police officers were deployed outside Australia on 12 December 2003.
 - (2) In which countries were these officers deployed, and how many were deployed in each country.
 - (3) For what periods of time were these officers deployed in each country.
- *2967 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—How many hours were attributed to Australian Federal Police handling of Family Law Order matters in each financial year since 1995-96.
- *2968 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Will the Minister update the answer provided to question No. 2351 (*Hansard*, 5 November 2003, page 22276).
 - (2) How has the unspent buyback funding returned to the Commonwealth by the States and Territories been used by the Commonwealth.
- *2969 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Will the Minister update the answer provided to question No. 2353 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2003, page 21890).
- *2970 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2350 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2003, page 21886), have any reports been provided to the Government by the Reference Group on Identity Fraud or any of its Steering Committees; if so, (a) what was the subject of each report, (b) to which Minister was it provided, and (c) on what date was it provided.
 - (2) When was the feasibility study for an on-line identity verification service completed and when was a report provided to Government.
 - (3) What action has been taken by the Government as a result of the work of the Reference Group.
 - (4) What further work is the Reference Group undertaking.
- *2971 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each year since 1995, how many vessels have been detected carrying firearms into Australia without the appropriate permits or other documents necessary for legal importation.

- (2) What illegal firearms was each of these vessels carrying.
 - (3) What are the details of any successful prosecutions arising from the detection of these vessels and what were the sentences of those convicted of an offence.
 - (4) For each year since 1995, how many vessels have been detected carrying prohibited drugs into Australia.
 - (5) Where were these vessels detected and interdicted.
 - (6) What are the details of any successful prosecutions arising from the detection of these vessels.
- *2972 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Handgun Buyback scheme; if so, what has that evaluation revealed.
- *2973 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- *2974 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- *2975 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National sex offenders data base; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- *2976 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has Telstra considered expanding mobile phone coverage to the Nunamara and Pipers River areas of the electoral division of Bass; if so, has it identified the optimum location for a tower.
 - (2) Is he able to say what is the expected cost of expanding mobile phone coverage to (a) Nunamara, and (b) Pipers River.
- *2977 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many post boxes are there in (a) Australia and (b) each federal electoral division.
 - (2) How many (a) Australia Post outlets, (b) Australia Post shops, (c) licensed Post Offices, and (d) stamp vending machines are there in Australia.
 - (3) Has the Government committed to maintain the existing numbers of post boxes; if not, what is the minimum number required to provide adequate services.
- *2978 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each year of the fuel sales grants scheme's operation, what sum has been paid in (a) Flinders Island, (b) King Island, (c) the electoral division of Bass, and (d) the postcode areas of (i) 7260, (ii) 7261, (iii) 7262 and (iv) 7264.
 - (2) Can he confirm that there was a delay in the implementation of the scheme on (a) Flinders Island, and (b) King Island; if so, compared to locations receiving payments immediately, did either island experience any economic disadvantage during the implementation of the fuel sales grants scheme.
- *2979 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the last four years, (a) what sum for road funding, and (b) what other Commonwealth funds were paid to the (i) Launceston, (ii) George Town, (iii) Dorest, (iv) Flinders Island, (v) West Tamar, and (vi) Meander Valley local government area.
- *2980 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the last financial year, what was the sum of Commonwealth funding awarded to (a) public school education, and (b) private school education in (i) Tasmania, and (ii) the electoral division of Bass.
- *2981 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For each of the last three years what was the average sum of Commonwealth funding to (a) Category 1 secondary schools, (b) private secondary schools, and (c) public secondary schools.
 - (2) For each of the last three years what was the average sum of Commonwealth funding to (a) Category 1 primary schools, (b) private primary schools, and (c) public primary schools.
- *2982 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the average waiting period for an appointment for an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team in Tasmania.
 - (2) Are there differences in the waiting periods in different parts of Tasmania; if so, what are the details.

- (3) Is it the case that a person seeking an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team can expect to wait 10 to 12 weeks before the assessment takes place; if so, is that delay considered normal and acceptable.
 - (4) Does the delay before the conduct of assessments potentially lead to the hospitalisation or other inappropriate placement of some aged persons who experience changes in their health while waiting for the assessment.
 - (5) Is his department experiencing difficulties with the management and organisation of the Aged Care Assessment Teams in Tasmania; if so, what are the details.
 - (6) Will he re-establish the Home and Community Care Advisory Committees under the Home and Community Care Scheme to restore client and community input to the scheme.
- *2983 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it a fact that the supply of gas, electricity and other essential services provided in non-competitive markets where there is a monopoly provider may put industry in regional areas at a disadvantage; if so, what is his attitude to this.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether such providers are unfairly taking advantage of non-competitive markets.
 - (3) Is he aware that a manufacturing firm intent on moving to Morisset in the electoral division of Charlton has been discouraged from establishing a business due to the significantly higher gas prices because there is only one supplier.
 - (4) Would he consider whether such circumstances warrant the monitoring of gas prices in the Morisset area; if not, why not.
- *2984 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does he have responsibility for the regulation and monitoring of gas prices.
 - (2) Does he support competition within the gas market.
 - (3) Has the pricing for gas supply ever been examined under the Commonwealth's prices surveillance regime.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether non-competitive markets in gas supply where there is a monopoly provider are likely to have higher gas prices than in competitive markets.
 - (5) Is he aware that a manufacturing firm intent on moving to Morisset in the electoral division of Charlton has been discouraged from establishing a business due to the significantly higher gas prices because there is only one provider of gas.
 - (6) Would he consider whether the circumstances warrant the monitoring of gas prices in the Morisset area to ascertain whether they can be justified on the basis of cost plus a reasonable commercial rate of return.
 - (7) Will he establish an inquiry to monitor gas prices in the Morisset area; if not, why not.
- *2985 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2012 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18302), can he confirm that the complaint of a breach of Part 7A of the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 by the Tasmanian Department of State Development was lodged on 30 May 2002 and investigated on 5 February 2003; if so, what was the reason for the delay in investigating this complaint.
 - (2) In respect of the complaint, is he able to say (a) when the Tasmanian Department of State Development website was changed, and (b) when Tattersalls ceased to operate an online casino.
 - (3) Did the investigation refer to records held by the Tasmanian Government in relation to previous departmental websites and links; if not, why not.
 - (4) Were details of the investigation passed on to (a) the Tasmanian Government and (b) Tattersalls.
 - (5) Was the former Minister made aware of the complaint before the investigation occurred.
 - (6) Were the original website pages investigated; if not, (a) why not and (b) will he investigate the original website pages that were the basis of the complaint; if not, why not.
- *2986 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of an article that appeared in *The Guardian* on 14 October 2003 concerning negotiations between Australia and East Timor over the Greater Sunrise gas reserves.
 - (2) Did he tell the East Timorese leadership "We don't have to exploit the resources. They can stay there for 20, 40, 50 years. We are very tough. We will not care if you give information to the media. Let me give you a tutorial in politics – not a chance".

- (3) Can he explain why he took this attitude to negotiations over the Greater Sunrise gas field.
- (4) Would he deprive East Timor of this source of revenue for 20, 40, or 50 years so the East Timorese would agree.
- (5) Can he provide information on further developments since the Darwin negotiations held on 12 November 2003.

*2987 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many veterans are classified as Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) whose cause of incapacity is described as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- (2) How many veterans in each category are classified as TPI where the cause of incapacity is described as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and (a) one other condition, (b) two other conditions, and (c) three other conditions.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

Capacity building in indigenous communities.

AGEING: Mr Cobb (*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 Ley, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr Tuckey, Mr Windsor, Mr Zahra.

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiries:

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

Review of the Special Broadcasting Service Annual Report 2002-2003.

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:

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Report for 2002-03 and Payment System Board Report for 2002-2003.

Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Report for 2002-2003.

Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Report for 2002-2003.

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: Mr Barresi (*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:

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.

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.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mrs B. K. Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, Mr Murphy, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Sciacca, Mr Secker, Mr Somlyay, 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.

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

Maritime salvage in Australian waters.

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 (*Final report presented 5 November 2003; Committee dissolved.*)

Joint Statutory

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

Current inquiries:

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 Murray, Senator Wong.

Current inquiries:

Australia's insolvency laws.

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

Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (comprises regulations made under the FSR Amendment Act 2003 and Batch 6).

Draft Regulations—Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (Batch 7).

Draft Regulations—Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003/2004 (Batch 8).

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 inquiry:

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.

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 defence relations with the United States of America

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:

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*): Dr Southcott (*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:

Optional Protocol to the Convention against torture and other cruel, Inhuman or degrading Treatment or Punishment.

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

Treaties tabled on 2 & 3 December 2003 (V&P, pp 1354 & 1366.)

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*).