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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 148

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2004

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

- \*1 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2004*)
- \*2 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Act 1999*, and for related purposes. (*Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004*)

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT (ROTTERDAM CONVENTION) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004—Mr Rudd*).
- 2 **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004—Mr Rudd*).
- 3 **MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 2003** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Mr Edwards*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2004—Ms C. F. King, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its budget waste and mismanagement, and wrong priorities which have resulted in:*
  - (1) a costly Medicare ‘safety net’ which does not protect families from increasing health costs and declining levels of bulk billing;
  - (2) inadequate funding and higher fees for students seeking access to higher education;
  - (3) a growing number of families who are financially squeezed and trying to balance work and family; and
  - (4) 500,000 Australians waiting up to five years to get their teeth fixed”.
- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004—Mr Rudd*).
- 7 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004—Mr Rudd*).

\* 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.

- 8 **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*).
- 9 **HEALTH AND AGEING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2003*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 12 **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*).

### Notices—*continued*

- 3 **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.*)
- 4 **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.*)
- 5 **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*

- 13 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 18 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 19 **DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 20 **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*).

- 21 **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*).
- 22 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 9) 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 24 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*6 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to extend for 2 years the operation of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund. (*Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Bill 2004*)

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 25 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003** Consideration of Senate's message No 361 (*from 27 November 2003*).
- 26 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE AND DETERRENCE MEASURES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 February 2004*).
- 27 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 407. (*from 11 February 2004*).
- 28 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HIGH SEAS FISHING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 16 February 2004*).
- 29 **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”.
- 30 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 31 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.

- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.

- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.

- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.

- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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*).

96 **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.

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## BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 1 MARCH 2004, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Presentation and statements

\*1 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on the inquiry into intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

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

- (1) supports the wider spread, across every category of company and to all their employees, of substantial employee share ownership exercised through the agency of Employee Share Ownership Plans (ESOPs);
- (2) notes that the existing legislative and regulatory regime inhibits the spread of employee ownership especially to unlisted and private companies chiefly on account of the failure of Corporations Law to provide a disclosure regime proper to ESOPs;
- (3) notes that those employees who do benefit from ESOPs are actively discouraged from developing substantial holdings in the employers' companies by tax provisions which favour token employee ownership (through a tax exempt share plan) over the acquisitions of larger share holding (through a tax deferred share plan);
- (4) acknowledges that properly designed ESOPs provide, importantly, a mechanism by means of which employees become co-owners of the businesses for which they work and, thereby, more deeply engaged in, and committed to, the free enterprise system of wealth creation and distribution;
- (5) acknowledges that ESOPs also provide an important pre-retirement savings vehicle through which families and individuals can save for obligations which arise prior to their retirement;
- (6) recognises that ESOPs belong to a spectrum of pre-retirement savings vehicles so far undeveloped in Australia yet urgently called for by national demographic and social realities;
- (7) calls for targeted reforms of tax and corporate law to ensure that ESOPs can easily spread to all employees in all companies and provide these employees with a mechanism capable of delivering them substantial (rather than token) ownership of the companies in which they work;
- (8) calls for the development of practical regulations to ensure adequate disclosure and investor protection measures for all ESOPs;



- (9) calls for the introduction of a new pre-retirement savings vehicle modelled on the United Kingdom *Individual Savings Account* to provide a comparable means of making medium-term savings for those employees who cannot benefit from an ESOP. (*Notice given 12 February 2004. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †2 **MR P. E. KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) calls on the Leader of the Opposition to renegotiate the lease in relation to Centenary House; and
  - (2) calls on the Australian Labor Party to return to the Australian people the moneys paid in respect of rent income on Centenary House over and above the market rate since 1993. (*Notice given 12 February 2004. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **MR MOSSFELD:** 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 5 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 6 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 12 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 13 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 15 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE ATM FEE STRUCTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2004—Mr Hunt, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—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 1 March 2004.*)

- 16 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—REPORT—MONEY MATTERS IN THE BUSH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2004—Mr Hunt, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—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 1 March 2004.*)

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**

**Notice given for Wednesday, 18 February 2004**

\*1 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance and value of international trade and commerce in strengthening bilateral relations between countries;
- (2) recognises the enormous economic benefits to Australia of the recently negotiated Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America; and
- (3) calls on the Opposition to support the recently signed Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America in Australia's long-term national interest. (*Notice given 17 February 2004.*)

**Notices—continued**

1 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

2 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

3 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

5 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

6 **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) deplores 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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

7 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 8 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 9 **MR MOSSFELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges:
    - (a) the need for leadership role models for young people across a diversity of fields and professions and that the role of teachers in the education system is imperative in achieving this objective;
    - (b) that healthy vibrant town centres, well resourced with youth facilities such as libraries, entertainment facilities, community facilities and accessible transport, ensure positive youth participation in the community;
    - (c) that social and peer pressure add to the challenges that today's youth face, which can often lead to depression and youth suicide; and
    - (d) the difficulties faced by students forced to juggle work and academic participation in relation to wages, exploitation and time management; and
  - (2) urges the Government to:
    - (a) encourage the promotion of positive role models, both male and female, to inspire and lead the expanding youth population of the Western Sydney region;
    - (b) increase its focus on urban development and planning to aid the growing needs of today's youth;
    - (c) make available a variety of options to address the important issue of depression and youth suicide; and
    - (d) promote youth participation by encouraging the establishment of a wider range of forums for young people to be able to voice their concerns and that these forums should involve all levels of government and the community. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

**11 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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 20 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the cost of providing pneumococcal vaccine would be approximately \$60 million per year;
- (2) notes that in 2002 there were 1,897 cases of pneumococcal across Australia and 168 deaths;
- (3) notes that to date the Government has only agreed to fund pneumococcal vaccine for a small proportion of children at risk;
- (4) notes that the cost of pneumococcal immunisation of around \$500 per child is prohibitive for many families; and
- (6) calls on the Government to act urgently upon the recommendations of the National Health and Medical Research Council to provide pneumococcal immunisations free to all children. (*Notice given 10 February 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 21 **MR ORGAN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns without reservation, the recent Labor Party announcement that Wilton is a preferred site for the second Sydney airport;
- (2) notes that an airport at Wilton would have a very significant negative effect upon the quality of life of residents of the Illawarra, and the Federal electoral divisions of Cunningham, Gilmore, Hume and Throsby in particular; and
- (3) is alarmed at the potential for an adverse environmental impact of an airport at Wilton, given that the area is a major freshwater water catchment for the people of Sydney, the Illawarra and surrounding areas. (*Notice given 10 February 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 22 **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) 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) a FPPG pecuniary interests committee (consisting of the Speaker or his nominee, who shall chair the committee, and one member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Chief Government Whip, and one member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Chief Opposition whip, and two members of the FPPG selected by a ballot of those members of the FPPG to whom this motion applies) 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 by the due-date;
  - (b) knowingly failed to notify any alteration of those interests to the Serjeant-at-Arms within 28 days of the change occurring, or

- (c) knowingly provided false or misleading information to the Serjeant-at-Arms. (*Notice given 12 February 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 1 March 2004.*)
- 2 **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 1 March 2004.*)
- 3 **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 1 March 2004.*)
- 4 **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 1 March 2004.*)
- 5 **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 1 March 2004.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 14 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 15 **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 the next sitting Monday after 1 March 2004.*)
- 16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 17 **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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 2 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 19 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 21 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 22 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 24 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 25 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 27 **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 29 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 30 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 31 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 32 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)



- 33 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 34 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 35 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 36 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 37 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 38 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 39 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 40 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)
- 41 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (PREVENTING SMOKING RELATED DEATHS) BILL 2004:** (*Mr Kerr*) Second reading (*from 16 February 2004*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.*)

- 42 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2004:** *(Mrs Crosio)* Second reading *(from 16 February 2004)*. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.)*
- 43 **ANTI-SEMITISM:** Resumption of debate *(from 16 February 2004)* on the motion of Mr P. E. King—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. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.)*
- 44 **FERAL PIGS:** Resumption of debate *(from 16 February 2004—Mr Hatton, in continuation)* on the motion of Mr Andren—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. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.)*
- 45 **YOUTH SUICIDE:** Resumption of debate *(from 16 February 2004)* on the motion of Ms Livermore—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. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 1 March 2004.)*

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 1 March 2004". 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***Wednesday, 18 February 2004**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004—Mr Organ, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms O'Byrne, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the Bill a second reading, the House expresses its concern with respect to:
  - (1) the Government’s on-going agenda to deregulate Australia Post’s services, which threatens Australia Post’s longer term ability to provide all Australians with basic postal services, as evidenced by the proposals to legitimise the business practices of document exchanges and aggregation services in this Bill;
  - (2) the Government’s proposal to transfer the monitoring role of Australia Post’s services from the independent Auditor-General to the Australian Communications Authority; and
  - (3) the Government’s failure thus far to implement a Postal Industry Ombudsman scheme as promised at the last election”.
- 2 **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*).

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

- 1 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO CHILD CUSTODY IN THE EVENT OF FAMILY SEPARATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004—Ms Burke*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the report.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—continued****Orders of the day—continued**

- 3 **SPEAKER’S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004—Mr Georgiou*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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—*continued***Orders of the day**—*continued*

- 2 **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.
  - 3 **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.
  - 4 **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.
  - 5 **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.
  - 6 **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.
  - 7 **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.
  - 8 **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.
  - 9 **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.
  - 10 **EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIA'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEMES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2003—Dr Southcott*) on the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly—That the House take note of the report.
  - 11 **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:

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### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 101, 130, 197, 269, 685, 776, 842, 858, 876, 880, 1209, 1219, 1285, 1356, 1363, 1422, 1457, 1493, 1566, 1651, 1694, 1711, 1803, 1919, 1989, 1992, 2000, 2010, 2015, 2021-2024, 2035, 2047, 2069, 2074, 2142, 2156, 2166, 2169, 2176, 2206, 2208, 2212, 2213, 2215, 2216, 2253, 2258, 2320, 2327, 2359, 2365, 2374, 2388, 2392, 2418, 2432, 2440, 2442, 2449, 2453, 2458, 2463, 2468, 2471, 2473, 2500, 2501, 2508, 2509, 2515, 2526, 2529, 2531, 2563, 2573, 2582, 2587, 2591, 2598, 2604, 2608, 2613, 2634, 2643, 2656, 2671, 2673, 2691, 2695-2697, 2708, 2714, 2715, 2720, 2721, 2724, 2726, 2727, 2729-2731, 2733, 2736-2738, 2764-2766, 2769, 2773, 2776, 2778, 2780, 2783, 2784, 2788, 2790, 2793, 2797-2799, 2802, 2804, 2810, 2812, 2817, 2818, 2820, 2826, 2827, 2830-2837, 2840-2842, 2844-2852, 2854-2865, 2867, 2868, 2872, 2874-2881, 2883, 2884, 2887-3044.

### *18 February 2004*

\*3045 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Would he update the information provided in his answer to question No. 201 (*Hansard*, 28 June 1999, page 7660) concerning legislation to implement the 1948 Genocide Convention.
- (2) Which international instruments have been implemented by Commonwealth legislation since the answer to question No. 874 (*Hansard*, 9 December 1999, page 13413).

\*3046 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of his Department's undertaking to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), has the Department completed the review of its accounting framework for all administered items, including special accounts; if so, have any changes to the way the Department manages Special Accounts been recommended; if not, when does the Department expect to complete it.
- (2) Was the review expanded to incorporate the recommendations of the ANAO Performance Audit Report No.24 of 2003-2004 on Agency Management of Special Accounts.
- (3) What are details of the three special accounts which his Department asked the Department of Finance and Administration to close in April 2003 and which were still open on 18 December 2003, and has any progress been made on their closure.
- (4) Has his Department completed the review of all of its Special Accounts Determinations to ensure that they specify the types of receipts which can be credited to the accounts; if so, did the review confirm that all credits to the accounts were appropriate.
- (5) Has his Department completed the review of all of its Special Accounts Determinations to ensure that they specify the types of expenditure which can be debited from the accounts; if so, did the review confirm that all expenditure from the accounts was appropriate.
- (6) Has his Department undertaken a review to determine whether all special accounts have valid drawing rights; if so, were any accounts found which did not have valid drawing rights.
- (7) In respect of the accounts managed by his Department for the Australia Abroad Council, the Australia-New Zealand Council and the Grawemeyer Award which, according to Appendix 1, Figure A1 of the ANAO's Performance Audit Report No. 24 of 2003-2004, have 'Nil' balances, (a) is his Department taking steps to close these accounts, and (b) were they the accounts that his Department asked the Department of Finance and Administration to close in April 2003 and which were still open on 18 December 2003.

\*3047 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the balance of \$5 million shown in his Department's 2002-2003 Financial Statements for the 'Official Administered Payments Account for Other Agencies', can he explain the intended purpose of these funds.

- (2) Can he confirm that there have been no transactions on this account in the financial years 1997-1998 to 2002-2003; if so, is there any reason why the account should not be closed and the balance returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (3) Does his Department intend to ask the Department of Finance and Administration to close AusAID's Other Trust Moneys account as the account had a 'Nil' balance at 30 June 2003 and no amounts have been credited to the account in the financial years 1997-1998 to 2002-2003.

\*3048 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is it the case that Appendix 1, Figure A1 of the Australian National Audit Office's Performance Audit Report No. 24 of 2003-2004 on Agency Management of Special Accounts shows that his Department failed to report on the Australia-Japan Foundation account in its 2002-2003 Financial Statements although the Consolidated Financial Statements included balances and transactions for the account; if so, why.
- (2) In respect of the Australia-Japan Foundation Account, (a) when was it opened, (b) what is its purpose, (c) what are the particular reporting requirements pertaining to it under the *Australia-Japan Foundation Act 1976*, and (d) has his Department complied with the requirements of the Australia-Japan Foundation Act.

\*3049 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can he confirm that during eight tests of the United States anti-ballistic missile defence program since 1999 that (a) the interceptors travelled much more slowly than they would in a real attack and so had much more time to distinguish between the mock warheads and the decoys launched with them, (b) the spherical balloons used as decoys in the tests did not resemble the warheads, (c) the infrared radiation signatures of the balloon decoys were either much brighter or dimmer than the infrared radiation signatures of the mock warheads, (d) radar beacons were placed on the mock warheads to aid in tracking, and (e) despite these measures, only five out of eight interceptors managed to hit their targets; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that it would normally be a requirement to thoroughly test such a system before deployment but that, in this case, the Pentagon asked the US Congress to waive this requirement; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that many American defence analysts believe that it is not feasible at this time to build an anti-ballistic missile defence system that would not be easily outwitted by clever decoys or other countermeasures; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that the US is currently spending \$15 billion a year on the anti-ballistic missile defence program; if not, why not.
- (5) What funds has the Australian Government committed for participation in an anti-ballistic missile defence program.
- (6) Can he confirm that it would be easy for countries such as North Korea or hostile groups such as Al Qaeda to smuggle a weapon into Australia in a shipping container; if so, can he also confirm funding to Commonwealth agencies, such as customs and related law enforcement agencies, will be maximised before public money is allocated to an anti-ballistic missile defence program; if not, why not.

\*3050 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 2803 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24411), is he able to say what the range of factors is that impacts on fees charged by individual services in relation to child care.

\*3051 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to parts (6) and (9) of question No. 2761 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24402-3), will he provide full details of the review of the provisions of the *Family Law Act 1975* relating to binding financial agreements, particularly the terms of reference and the timeframe for reporting the outcome of the review.

\*3052 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to answer to question No. 2814 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2003, 24412), has he or his predecessors instructed any Government department or agency to change its lawyers since March 1996; if so, what are the details.
- (2) In respect of the response to part (4) to the effect that changes to the law in relation to the engagement of barristers and solicitors are matters for his consideration, does he intend to give legislative force to the policy.

\*3053 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and individuals in the electoral division of Brand (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all Family Tax Benefit recipients in the electoral division of Brand, have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to the overpayment of the Family Tax Benefit.
- (2) For the electoral division of Brand, what is the (a) total amount of Family Tax Benefit debt, (b) average amount of debt per family, and (c) average income of the families and individuals that have incurred a debt.
- (3) For each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many Family Tax Benefit debts in the electoral division of Brand (a) have been referred to debt collectors, and (b) are currently with debt collectors.
- (4) For each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and individuals in the electoral division of Brand who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt chose to repay their debt with a credit card.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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**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 Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Lloyd, Mr B. P. J. O'Connor, 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:*

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).

**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:*

Fitout for the Department of Health and Ageing at Scarborough House, Woden Town Centre, ACT.

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*).