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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Interim report on the review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2003. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 2 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC, JAKARTA, 7-9 DECEMBER 2003:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**†1 **MRS MAY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) poverty and hunger remain the most important challenges facing the international community;
  - (b) the United Nation's World Food Program (WFP) remains the most effective way of alleviating world poverty; and
  - (c) the WFP's mandate and mission are strongly relevant to Australia's overall humanitarian objectives;
- (2) also recognises that:
  - (a) the alleviation of poverty assists the building of political stability, aids in the provision of education and training, and lowers levels of sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS;
  - (b) the work of the WFP in its "Food for Work," program assists in the provision of much needed infrastructure in some of the world's poorest nations;
  - (c) the "Food for Life" program is the quickest and most effective way of providing displaced persons and those affected by natural disaster with lifesaving food when their own nation state is unable to provide assistance; and
  - (d) the "Food for Growth" program is a vital means of providing food to pregnant women, school children and babies who would not otherwise receive adequate food to aid their growth;
- (3) understands that the Federal Government:
  - (a) has a large financial commitment to the World Food Program on both an ongoing and an occasional basis; and
  - (b) has committed \$56.3 million since March 2002, including a contribution of \$12.8 million to help ease the food crisis in southern Africa and a contribution of \$1 million to assist the survivors of the Bam earthquake; and
- (4) congratulates:

\* *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.*

- (a) the Federal Government on its ongoing support of the World Food Program; and
- (b) the World Food Program on 40 years of fighting hunger and poverty. (*Notice given 1 March 2004. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†2 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That:

- (1) the House, noting that all Members and Senators are required to make declarations of relevant interests and those of their spouses and dependent children, and believing that it would be in the public interest for members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery (FPPG) (including broadcast and press journalists and those who write or present news and current affair items but not camera crew, sound technicians or other support staff) to make similar declarations, resolves that, within 28 days of being issued with a photographic pass enabling a person to have access to Parliament House as a member of the FPPG, the person must provide to the Serjeant-at-Arms 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 the resolution adopted by the House and in a form determined by the Speaker from time to time, and shall also notify any alteration of those interests to the Serjeant-at-Arms 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 Speaker 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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†3 **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
- (5) 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr Cox*).
- 3 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL (NO. 2) 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 4 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- \*5 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 6 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 7 **HEALTH AND AGEING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004—Mr Abbott*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Gillard, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:*
  - (1) planning to cover up bulk billing figures by electorate until after the next election;
  - (2) causing a bulk billing crisis;
  - (3) trying to divert attention from its plans to destroy Medicare by introducing so-called ‘safety net’ arrangements which will make 98% of Australians worse off and which will waste \$72 million of precious health dollars on administration; and
  - (4) consistently ignoring the advice of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee thus depriving many sick Australians of affordable access to cost-effective medications while agreeing to a Free Trade Agreement with the USA which:

- (a) has the potential to undermine the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme over time through the establishment of an on going Australia/USA Medicines Working Group;
  - (b) has ensured US Pharmaceutical companies can challenge the decisions of the expert committees that advise Government on PBS listing and price;
  - (c) may force changes to the current Australian blood plasma fractionation arrangements with consequences for the safety of blood products; and
  - (d) may result in job losses in Australian firms which manufacture generic medicines as a result of changes to patents and intellectual property protection”.
- 8 **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*).
  - 9 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Cox*).
  - \*10 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT (RELATIONSHIP WITH ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004—Mr Edwards*).
  - 11 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
  - 12 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (ELECTRONIC DELIVERY) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004—Mr Swan*).
  - 13 **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*).
  - 14 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).

### Notices—*continued*

- 1 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That standing orders 93, 94 and 399 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the applicable standing order by a Minister. (*Notice given 18 June 2003.*)
- 2 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That, for the remainder of this period of sittings, standing order 45 be amended to read as follows:  
**When want of quorum noticed, House counted – House adjourned**  
**45** If any Member takes notice that a quorum of Members is not present, the Speaker shall count the House; and, if a quorum is not present within four minutes, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day: Provided that if the Speaker is satisfied there is likely to be a quorum within a reasonable time the Speaker shall announce that he or she will take the Chair at a stated time; but if at that time there is not a quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day and provided further that on the second or any subsequent occasion during a sitting day on which any Member takes notice that a quorum is not present the Speaker shall have discretion whether to proceed with business or to count the House. (*Notice given 19 June 2003.*)
- 3 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That standing order 399 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister. (*Notice given 18 June 2003.*)

### Orders of the day—*continued*

- 15 **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*).
- 16 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 8 March 2004*).
- 18 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's message No 361 (*from 27 November 2003*).

- 19 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 407. (*from 11 February 2004*).
- 20 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003:** Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 2 March 2004*).
- 21 **SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 10 March 2004*).
- 22 **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”.
- 23 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 24 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- 25 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2004—Mr Snowden*).
- 26 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ROLL INTEGRITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- \*27 **AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION—LIST OF EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2002-2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 SEPTEMBER 2003 TO 31 DECEMBER 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 29 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—STATE REVENUE SHARING RELATIVITIES—2004 REVIEW—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 30 **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ROME, 13 JUNE 1976—TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 31 **NATIONAL SECURITY AND RECENT OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2004—Mr McClelland*) on the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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*).

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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*).

### **Bills to be reported from the Main Committee**

\*1 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE AND DETERRENCE MEASURES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): To be reported without amendment (*from 11 March 2004*).

\*2 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HIGH SEAS FISHING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): To be reported without amendment (*from 11 March 2004*).

### **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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## **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued***

### **Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 March 2004.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

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### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

#### Notices given for Monday, 22 March 2004

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

(1) notes that:

- (a) this year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwandan genocide in 1994;
- (b) around 800,000 Tutsis and Hutus were slain in around 100 days after 6 April 1994 when President Juvenal Habyarimana's plane was shot down over Kigali;
- (c) the United Nations has designated 7 April 2004 as International Day of Reflection for Rwanda and will host a conference on the prevention of genocide and a week of memorial services; and
- (d) Rwandan officials have asked countries to hold a minute's silence at noon on 7 April to mark the anniversary; and

(2) calls on the Government to officially recognise 7 April 2004 as International Day of Reflection for Rwanda. (*Notice given 11 March 2004.*)

\*2 **MR BILLSON:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises:

- (a) Taiwan is a thriving democracy of 23 million people, with a world-class health-care system that has contributed to one of the highest life expectancy in Asia, very low maternal and infant mortality rates, successful disease eradication and preventative health programs; and

- (b) Taiwan's strong commitment to international health security through provision of aid funding and expertise to developing countries in the form of permanent medical assistance programs and emergency response medical teams;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the experience of SARS in 2003 shows the vital importance of seamless global coordination in responding to international health emergencies;
  - (b) Taiwan's containment and management efforts during the SARS epidemic in 2003 were severely hampered by its inability to access the expertise and coordination of the WHO, including the WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN);
  - (c) the World Health Assembly's Rules of Procedure formally allow, through several mechanisms, for the participation of observers, as distinct from states, in the activities of the organization without involving issues of sovereignty as evidenced by the role of current observers including Palestine, the Holy See, the Order of Malta, and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent;
  - (d) support for Taiwan's previous bids has come from many other governments, including the US, in the May 2003 Summit of the World Health Assembly in Geneva;
  - (e) there is considerable public support of Taiwan's participation in the WHO from major professional medical organizations; and
  - (f) last year a private Members' motion was moved in the Australian House of Representatives, supporting Taiwan in its 2003 bid to gain observer status in the WHA; and
- (3) supports:
  - (a) Taiwan's case before the WHA, a specialised health agency of the UN, based on scientific, humanitarian, and health security considerations; and
  - (b) Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an Observer, allowing it as a health entity to contribute further to the international community, bringing its population of 23 million to within WHO protection against future health emergencies of the type of SARS. (*Notice given 11 March 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

9 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) the need for leadership role models for young people across a diversity of fields and professions and that the role of teachers in the education system is imperative in achieving this objective;
  - (b) that healthy vibrant town centres, well resourced with youth facilities such as libraries, entertainment facilities, community facilities and accessible transport, ensure positive youth participation in the community;
  - (c) that social and peer pressure add to the challenges that today's youth face, which can often lead to depression and youth suicide; and
  - (d) the difficulties faced by students forced to juggle work and academic participation in relation to wages, exploitation and time management; and
- (2) urges the Government to:
  - (a) encourage the promotion of positive role models, both male and female, to inspire and lead the expanding youth population of the Western Sydney region;
  - (b) increase its focus on urban development and planning to aid the growing needs of today's youth;
  - (c) make available a variety of options to address the important issue of depression and youth suicide; and
  - (d) promote youth participation by encouraging the establishment of a wider range of forums for young people to be able to voice their concerns and that these forums should involve all levels of government and the community. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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*



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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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

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

- (1) congratulates the congregation of Blacktown Seventh Day Adventists on the occasion of the anniversary of seventy years of continuous service at their Church at Newton Road, Blacktown;
- (2) notes that the first SDA church in the Blacktown area was constructed at Church Lane, Prospect;
- (3) notes that the Church Lane Church was the third SDA Church in NSW, established ten years after Adventism first came to Australia; and
- (4) expresses appreciation to the Blacktown SDA for their fine and continuing contribution to the city of Blacktown. (*Notice given 18 February 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

**22 MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recalls the key role played by Australia's Chifley Government in developing the Geneva Convention on Genocide and reaffirms Australia's commitment to international treaties that aim to punish those who commit crimes against humanity, war crimes and other major human rights violations;
- (2) notes that at present Australia has no domestic legislation enabling the prosecution in Australian courts of the following international crimes committed outside Australia by people who subsequently settled here:
  - (a) Genocide (the *Genocide Convention Act 1949* did not make genocide a crime under Australian law; it only approved ratification of the Convention);
  - (b) Crimes Against Humanity (other than torture after 1988 and hostage taking after 1989); and
  - (c) War Crimes committed in the context of non-international armed conflicts anywhere in the world at any time, or committed in the context of an international conflict prior to 1957 (except Europe 1939-1945); and
- (3) calls on the Government to close the gaps in Australia's domestic laws that allow accused criminals to live here without fear of prosecution. (*Notice given 19 February 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

**23 MR DANBY:** To move—That this House congratulates the Australian winners of Academy Awards in 2004, in particular:

- (1) Adam Elliot of St Kilda in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports for winning the best animated short film for *Harvie Krumpet*; and
- (2) Russell Boyd for winning best cinematography for *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*. (*Notice given 2 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

**24 MR BALDWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that in 1995 the NSW Government handed over 118km of substandard roads to Dungog Shire Council, without financial support to maintain, fix or repair those extra roads;
- (2) notes that this was an unrealistic shift in responsibilities, particularly for a small council that does not have the revenue or population to maintain this length of road on top of its existing responsibilities;
- (3) recognises that this shift resulted in Dungog Council having financial responsibility for the maintenance of roads that have a total length longer than the combined responsibilities of regional roads in Newcastle, Maitland and Lake Macquarie shires;
- (4) condemns the NSW Government for failing to properly compensate the council for this extra burden in road funding for almost nine years, which has resulted in Dungog Council going into a downward spiral in maintenance;
- (5) recognises the importance of Commonwealth Government programs such as Roads to Recovery, Blackspot Road Funding and Financial Assistance Grants, which provide direct funding to councils; and
- (6) calls on the NSW Government to provide urgent funding to Dungog Council to pay for the repair and maintenance of roads handed to them in 1995, to make roads safer for motorists and to attract further investment in existing or potential industry. (*Notice given 2 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

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

- (1) notes the importance of a National Anthem for Australia;
- (2) notes that changes to Australia's National Anthem have occurred from time to time; and
- (3) encourages a public discussion on the current lyrics of Australia's National Anthem. (*Notice given 2 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)

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

- (1) the viability of many small wineries is under threat;
- (2) in a large part this threat is the result of the Howard Government's introduction of the Wine Equalisation Tax;
- (3) the Government has consistently failed to heed the advice of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia of the threat the Wine Equalisation Tax poses to small wineries; and

- (4) the Government has ignored the comments of its own Trebeck report into improving the viability of small wineries by failing to address the problems small wineries are experiencing with the Wine Equalisation Tax. (*Notice given 8 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 27 **MR P. E. KING:** To move—That this House
- (1) commends the Government for providing an additional 200,000 child care places since its election in 1996;
  - (2) calls on the Commonwealth to consider alternative and further solutions to the provision of child care for Australia's families including cooperative arrangements with state and local government; and
  - (3) encourages every family to adopt the Give a Mum a Day Off program whereby once a month other members of the family do all the daily chores. (*Notice given 8 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 28 **MS C. F. KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the battle at the Eureka Stockade represents a turning point in Australia's development as a nation, especially in the right of people to have a say in how we are governed;
  - (2) notes that it is 149 years since this important battle took place;
  - (3) recognises that the Eureka Flag remains an important symbol of the development of democratic government in Australia; and
  - (4) calls on the Government to take steps to have the Eureka Flag proclaimed as an official flag of Australia under the provisions of the *Flags Act 1953*. (*Notice given 8 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 29 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) passes on its congratulations to all those Chifley students who completed the HSC or its equivalent in 2003;
  - (2) recognises the outstanding performance of the 92 students in the Chifley electorate who scored a band 6 mark (a mark of 90% or above) in one or more subjects;
  - (3) notes the vast improvement in HSC completion rates and results in the Chifley electorate in 2003; and
  - (4) conveys its best wishes to all those Chifley students who are sitting for the HSC in 2004. (*Notice given 10 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 30 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that brain tumours can cause immense distress to those who are diagnosed with them, their carers, family and loved ones;
  - (2) notes that:
    - (a) 1400 Australians annually are diagnosed with a primary brain tumour;
    - (b) United States' data suggests that statistically there will be almost as many Australians diagnosed with benign brain tumours, many of which can be life threatening; and
    - (c) an even greater number are diagnosed with a metastatic brain tumour;
  - (3) notes that brain tumours, unlike some other malignant neoplasms, affect both males and females in all age groups from birth to old age and are now responsible for the cancer deaths of more children under 14 years of age than all types of leukaemia;
  - (4) notes that while the incidence of brain tumours is ranked 13th in a list of all cancers in Australia, they rank 4th in a table of the total number of person years of life lost (PYLL) as a result of deaths attributed to cancer;
  - (5) notes that, as yet, there does not appear to be any identifiable single cause of primary brain tumours, nor is there an efficient, safe, and cost effective method of screening for them, nor are they necessarily preventable by changes in diet or lifestyle, although these may be useful in alleviating distress and symptoms; and
  - (6) calls on the Federal Government to recognise:
    - (a) the need for a specialised response to the challenge caused by brain tumours, particularly in the areas of patient and carer support; and

- (b) the need for increased support for research, including the collection of more detailed clinical and statistical data, particularly by way of data sets and a brain tumour registry, with a view to developing better treatment protocols leading to longer survival and a better quality of life. (Notice given 10 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.)

- 31 **MR EMERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Workplace Relations Amendment (Good Faith Bargaining) Bill 2004*) (Notice given 10 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 22 March 2004.*)
- 2 **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 22 March 2004.*)
- 3 **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 22 March 2004.*)
- 4 **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 22 March 2004.*)
- 5 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 March 2004.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 March 2004.*)
- 7 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 March 2004.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 18 **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 lead 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.)*
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.)*
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.)*
- 31 **EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP:** Resumption of debate *(from 1 March 2004—Mr Edwards, in continuation)* on the motion of Mr Hunt—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 32 **CENTENARY HOUSE:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2004*) on the motion of Mr P. E. King—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 33 **BATTLE OF VINEGAR HILL—20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2004*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 34 **INVASION OF IRAQ ROYAL COMMISSION (RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST IN GOVERNMENT) BILL 2004** (*Mr Organ*): Second reading (*from 8 March 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 22 March 2004.*)
- 35 **EDUCATION FUNDING:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2004—Ms Jackson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the outstanding efforts being made by teachers, staff and parents in both Government and non-Government schools in delivering quality education to Australia's 3.3 million school students;
  - (2) notes that:
    - (a) Australia's 3.3 million school students, and their parents, are entitled to a choice of quality education;
    - (b) 2.25 million students attend state schools and receive \$19.9 billion in public funding;
    - (c) 1.04 million students attend Catholic and independent schools across Australia and receive a total of \$6.2 billion in public funding; and

- (d) under the Australian Constitution, state schools are the responsibility of the State and Territory Governments and they have the major financial responsibility for them;
- (3) condemns the State Governments for their failure to match the Australian Government's increase in spending on State Government Schools; and
- (4) criticises the Australian Education Union for its misleading and deceptive one million dollar media campaign over education funding. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 36 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2004*) on the motion of Ms Roxon—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges today as International Women's Day, when women across the globe mark the importance of continuing the struggle for equality and fairness, and fight against discrimination in all its forms;
- (2) acknowledges the massive contribution of Australian women to our community, through both their paid and unpaid work;
- (3) urges the development and introduction of better policies to support women in both their work and family lives; and
- (4) calls for the introduction of measures to combat the barriers (such as violence, poverty and discrimination) to women's healthy, safe and independent participation in our society, and for such measures to be adequately resourced. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 2004.*)
- 37 **FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE USA:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2004*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 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 today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—INTELLIGENCE ON IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004—Mr Sidebottom, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE ATM FEE STRUCTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2004—Mr Baird*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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 18 February 2004—Ms J. S. McFarlane*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **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.

- 14 **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.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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.
  - 2 **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.
  - 3 **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.
  - 4 **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.
  - 5 **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.
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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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*13 February 2002*

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

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

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

*11 March 2002*

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

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

*21 March 2002*

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

*19 August 2002*

685 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
- (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
- (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
- (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
- (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

## 22 August 2002

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

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

## 27 August 2002

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

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

## 28 August 2002

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

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

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

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

## 9 December 2002

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

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



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

*10 December 2002*

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

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

*4 February 2003*

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

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

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

#### *5 February 2003*

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

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

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

#### *6 February 2003*

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

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

*12 February 2003*

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

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

*13 February 2003*

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

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

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

*5 March 2003*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*19 March 2003*

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

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

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

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

*13 May 2003*

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

*3 June 2003*

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

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

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

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

*5 June 2003*

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

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

*16 June 2003*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*18 June 2003*

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

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

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

*19 June 2003*

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

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

*25 June 2003*

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

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

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

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

*11 August 2003*

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

- (1) Does he recall the Prime Minister stating on 8 July 2003 that David Hicks had admitted training with Al Qaeda.



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

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

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

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

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

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

### 12 August 2003

2206 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) With which countries has Australia entered into agreements to better track financial transactions suspected of involving money laundering or terrorist financing activities.
- (2) Is the Minister able to say what actions those treaties require the Australian Government to take and what actions have been taken by the Australian Government in accordance with those treaties.

2208 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Does the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report identify suspicious international transactions.
- (2) Has that report reflected the increasing exploitation of electronic money routes and the development of cyber-laundering.
- (3) What steps are being taken by the Australian Government to combat those phenomena.

2212 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the OECD established a body called the Financial Action Task Force to combat fraud and money-laundering; if so, (a) when was that body established, (b) what is its charter, and (c) what role does it play in tracing the terrorist money trail.

2213 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any research in respect of computer software available to combat money-laundering.
- (2) Has the Government considered obtaining that software; if so, what software is the Government contemplating obtaining and when is it likely that it will be obtained.
- (3) Is the Government aware of the software package titled *Hot Scan* developed by the United States software company Logica; if so, is the Minister able to say (a) which United States institutions utilise that software, (b) what that software has been utilised for, and (c) how successful its use has been.
- (4) Is the Government contemplating purchasing *Hot Scan* and/or any other software to undertake a task similar to that performed by *Hot Scan*.

2215 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Which bodies in the financial sector have agreed to hold biannual ministerial meetings to discuss ways to combat fraud.

- (2) When and where will the first such meeting take place.
- (3) Which Commonwealth Ministers will attend.
- (4) Which government agencies and which private sector organisations will attend.
- (5) What items are on the agenda and what outcomes is the Commonwealth seeking from the meeting.

2216 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What is the current status of the review of the *Financial Transactions Reports Act 1988*.
- (2) Who is coordinating the review, when did it commence and when does the Government expect it to be completed.
- (3) Which government agencies have participated in the review.
- (4) Which private sector organisations have been consulted in the course of the review.
- (5) What issues have been raised by the review.
- (6) When will the issues paper referred to at page 45 of the AUSTRAC 2001-2002 Annual Report be released.
- (7) Will the revised 40 recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force be considered as part of the review.

### *13 August 2003*

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

### *21 August 2003*

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

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

### *11 September 2003*

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

- (1) Is he aware that the Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board (CALDB) has reprimanded Mr Gregory Lourey in respect of his conduct of the audit on the financial report of National Textiles Limited for the year ended 30 June 1999.
- (2) Can he confirm that National Textiles is the same company to which the Government provided significant funding to facilitate its liquidation and, at the time, the Prime Minister's brother was board chairman.
- (3) Can he confirm that the reprimand comes after the matter was referred to the CALDB by ASIC.

- (4) Can he confirm that this is the same audit firm that audited Nardell Colliery and gave an unqualified audit opinion for the 2002 financial year despite the fact that the company had recorded a loss of \$14.457 million; if so, will he act to refer the Nardell closure to ASIC for full investigation.

*17 September 2003*

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

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

*18 September 2003*

2432 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What was the actual cost of the Air Security Officer (ASO) program in (a) 2001-2002 and (b) 2002-2003.
- (2) What is the budgeted cost of the ASO program in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, (c) 2005-2006, and (d) 2006-2007.
- (3) Will the placement of Air Security Officers on international commercial flights be met from existing or additional resources.

2442 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What have been (a) the costs to date (including winding-up costs) and (b) the further budgeted costs of the (i) Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry, and (ii) HIH Royal Commission.
- (2) In respect of each Royal Commission, what was the total cost of the services of (a) each counsel assisting the Royal Commission, (b) solicitors assisting each Royal Commission, including fees, disbursements, accommodation and travel costs and all other expenses and allowances.
- (3) In respect of each Royal Commission, what was the total cost of the services of the Royal Commissioner, including salary, superannuation, accommodation and travel costs, and all other expenses and allowances.
- (4) In respect of each Royal Commission, who provided media liaison services and what was the total cost of those services.
- (5) In respect of each Royal Commission, (a) how many copies were printed, and (b) what were the total publishing and printing costs of (i) any interim report, and (ii) the final report.

2449 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), how many (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors or lawyers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office in each of the financial years ended 1997 to 2003.
- (2) What action has the Commissioner of Taxation taken since 1 July 1997 to force members of the legal profession to lodge their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office.
- (3) What are the details of the (i) administrative penalties and (ii) prosecutions taken against members of the legal profession.
- (4) Can he provide an up-to-date report on the action taken by the Taxation Commissioner since the release by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer on 2 May 2003 of their press release titled "Progress of Government action to strengthen laws to prevent tax abuse".
- (5) What is the progress of the Commissioner of Taxation's investigation to ensure that existing arrangements designed to disadvantage creditors are overturned.

2453 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1881 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2003, page 18057), what is the status of the Government's consideration of the other recommendations in the HIH Royal Commission Report.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2463 - 2480)—Further to the answers to questions Nos 1620 to 1635 and 1637 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18168) what are the Chief

Executive Officers of the Minister's departments and agencies doing to ensure that they do not retain the services of any barrister or solicitor who has previously been made bankrupt.

2463 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

7 October 2003

2500 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many jobseekers are expected to commence Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) for the first time in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
- (2) How many of these participants are likely to be identified as disadvantaged and fast-tracked into ISCA.
- (3) What proportion of first-time ISCA participants is expected to drop out within the first three months.

2501 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many jobseekers are expected to commence Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) for the second time in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
- (2) What proportion of second-time ISCA participants is expected to drop out within the first three months.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2509 - 2510)—

- (1) Was Phillips Fox awarded a tender to conduct a review of the *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000*.
- (2) What did the Government require of organisations submitting tenders, in relation to (a) disclosure of conflicts of interest, and (b) action to address conflicts of interest.
- (3) Did Phillips Fox disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest; if so, (a) what conflicts did it disclose, and (b) what action did Phillips Fox and the Government take to address such conflicts.
- (4) Is the Minister or his department aware that LEF Interactive Pty Ltd has been a client of solicitors at Phillips Fox; if so, when did they become aware.
- (5) Is the Minister or his department aware of the relationship between LEF Interactive Pty Ltd and Kazaa; if so, when did they become aware.
- (6) Does LEF Interactive Pty Ltd have an interest in the outcome of the review.
- (7) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that the review is not discredited by actual or potential conflicts of interest.

2509 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*9 October 2003*

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

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

*13 October 2003*

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

- (1) What is the number of Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) holders in Australia.
- (2) How many TPV holders reside in each federal electoral division.
- (3) How many TPVs will expire at the end of (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005.
- (4) How many TPV holders are under (a) 16, and (b) 25 years of age.

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

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

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

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

## 15 October 2003

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Is he aware that when persons under the age of 55 apply for the early release of their superannuation on the grounds of financial hardship, they must have been in receipt of Commonwealth income support payments for a continuous period of 26 weeks.
- (2) Is it the case that the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 do not classify Austudy or Youth Allowance as a Commonwealth income support payment for the purpose of determining financial hardship in the assessment of eligibility for the early release of superannuation; if so, why are these benefits not classified as Commonwealth income support for this purpose.
- (3) Can he explain why a family which is under severe financial hardship should be prevented from accessing the early release of its superannuation because the father is receiving Austudy.
- (4) Will he consider amending the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 to include Austudy as a Commonwealth income support payment for the purpose of determining financial hardship for the early release of superannuation.

## 16 October 2003

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

- (1) In respect of the media release dated 19 June 2003 which announced \$12.7 million of Commonwealth investment under the National Heritage Trust (NHT) in Western Australia of which \$5 million will help regional groups develop Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plans, what is the remaining \$7.7 million being spent on.
- (2) What percentage of funds to implement Regional NRM Plans will be spent on ambient environmental monitoring and what does the Government consider to be a responsible benchmark value for investing in monitoring activities.
- (3) In respect of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) website titled “A natural resource management overview” ([www.napsqw.gov.au/publications/nrm%20overview.html](http://www.napsqw.gov.au/publications/nrm%20overview.html)) which notes that “Governments will invest in regional plans based on clear targets and appropriate

monitoring to ensure the best natural resource management outcomes”, (a) does this mean that the Government will only invest in actions directly linked to targets, (b) will the Government only invest in actions for which there are “appropriate” monitoring arrangements, and (c) what is meant by “appropriate” in the context of salinity and water quality monitoring.

- (4) In respect of the importance of water quality, acknowledged in both the NAP and the NHT, what are the Government’s minimum water quality monitoring requirements to be addressed in a regional NRM plan for it to invest in water quality improvements.
- (5) In respect of the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “The extension includes a \$350 million commitment to water quality issues.”, (a) what does “commitment to water quality issues” mean, and (b) is this different to the actual Government commitment to spending “directly on measures to improve our water quality”.
- (6) What are the specialist advisory bodies referred to on the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that for NHT regional NRM plans “there is an iterative process of feedback and advice from all levels of Government and specialist advisory bodies leading up to accreditation...”.
- (7) In respect of the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “plans need to make a commitment within three years of signing the bilateral agreement, to have in place, or significant progress to, the establishment of a minimum set of regional resource condition targets”, is this minimum set the same minimum set of 10 resource condition matters for targets under the Standards and Targets Framework.
- (8) How will property rights and water pricing lead to improved water quality or dryland salinity as stated on the NAP website titled “A natural resource management overview” which notes that “clarification of property rights and appropriate pricing of water is fundamental in the management and remediation of water quality and salinity”.
- (9) Are there any NAP or NHT program areas that directly support institutional reform and capacity building, or the establishment of market-based instruments or economic-incentives, as an offset to the non-binding nature of the reform commitments made under the bilateral agreements.

### 3 November 2003

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2696 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) In the electorates of Western Sydney, how many Remote Integrated Multiplexer line splitting services have been connected in each electorate and how many are proposed to be connected in each electorate over what time frame.
  - (2) What compensation, if any, is available to subscribers who have been denied the opportunity of connecting broadband services; if no compensation is payable, why not.
  - (3) Has the Telecommunications Authority been advised of the situation; if so, what action has it taken or does it propose to take.
  - (4) Has the Government conducted any review of line splitting; if so, (a) when, (b) who conducted the review, and (c) what was the outcome.
- 2697 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is he aware that many of the recommended plants included in the “Flora for Fauna” scheme administered by the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia under the Environment Australia Natural Heritage Trust are privately owned cultivars that do not occur in nature and are protected by Plant Breeders Rights, and that authentic Australian plants are not the sole focus of “Flora for Fauna”.
  - (2) Is he aware that the propagation of artificial hybrids and cultivars results in genetically identical clones that contribute nothing to biodiversity.
  - (3) Is he aware of CSIRO findings that artificial hybrids hybridise with naturally occurring species, contaminating the local gene pool.
  - (4) Is he aware that artificial hybrids with enlarged flowers attract aggressive, territorial, non-endangered birds such as the Noisy Miner to the detriment of the Eastern Spinebill, Regent Honeyeater and other endangered birds.
  - (5) Can he explain the basis of the claim that the “Flora for Fauna” program enhances biodiversity and environmental education.

*4 November 2003*

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

*5 November 2003*

- 2729 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is he aware that on 14 November 2003 Telstra will dismiss 54 employees who have worked for the company for between 10 and 20 years due to the closure of its Wollongong Call Centre.
  - (2) Is he aware that Telstra will spend \$2.4 million expanding its Fault Call Centre in Wollongong and that this will create 60 new jobs.
  - (3) Is he aware that the staff who will be dismissed on 14 November have been told they may apply for the new positions in the Fault Call Centre; however Telstra has refused to transfer staff or guarantee them a position if they apply.
  - (4) Is he able to say what prevents Telstra from offering the current staff the necessary training needed for the new positions.
  - (5) Will he intervene and request that Telstra offer its Wollongong Call Centre staff transfers and, where appropriate, training so that they can be employed in its expanded Fault Call Centre; if not, why not.
- 2733 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Which telephone exchanges service the electoral division of Chifley.
  - (2) Which telephone exchanges servicing the electoral division of Chifley provide ADSL facilities and which do not.
  - (3) How many subscribers are serviced by the exchanges that do not provide ADSL facilities and what proportion of the subscribers in the electoral division of Chifley do they represent.

*6 November 2003*

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



(iv) the proportion of existing employees on traineeships, and (v) the proportion of new employees on traineeships.

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

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

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

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

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

#### 24 November 2003

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

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

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

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

- (1) What is the take-up rate of ADSL services in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

- (2) What resources are in place to meet anticipated demand for ADSL services in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.
- (3) Is demand for ADSL service in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area being met.

2780 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware that many of the recommended plants included in the “Flora for Fauna” scheme administered by the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia under the Environment Australia Natural Heritage Trust are privately owned cultivars that do not occur in nature and are protected by plant breeders rights, and that authentic Australian plants are not the sole focus of “Flora for Fauna”.
- (2) Is he aware that the propagation of artificial hybrids and cultivars results in genetically identical clones that contribute nothing to biodiversity.
- (3) Is he aware of CSIRO findings that artificial hybrids hybridise with naturally occurring species, contaminating the local gene pool.
- (4) Is he aware that artificial hybrids with extended flowering seasons favour sedentary, territorial honeyeaters like the Noisy Miner, which are strongly implicated in the reduction of bird species diversity in urban areas.
- (5) Can he explain the basis of the claim that the “Flora for Fauna” program enhances biodiversity and environmental education.

2783 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) For each year since the Gold Card was introduced for veterans of World War 2, what was the number of veterans with a Gold Card and what was the total cost.
- (2) How many WW2 veterans of relevant age but not service are ineligible for the Gold Card.

*25 November 2003*

2788 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) On how many occasions has Australia extradited people to foreign countries to face charges related to people smuggling.
- (2) To which countries were these people extradited.
- (3) On what dates did these extraditions take place.
- (4) What charges were being faced by the people extradited.

*27 November 2003*

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

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

*1 December 2003*

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

- (1) Has he read the report titled (a) “ASIC raid as spruiker Kaye goes under” in the *Financial Review* on 26 November 2003, (b) “Kaye-linked group closes its doors” in the *Financial Review* on 20 November 2003, and (c) “Property Lenders Charged” in the *Financial Review* on 7 November 2003.
- (2) Is he able to explain the term ‘Natural Capitalism’.
- (3) Is there a prescribed definition of the term ‘speculative investment’ used by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC); if so, (a) what is that definition, and (b) is it the same as the definition on the ASIC website at [www.asic.gov.au/fido](http://www.asic.gov.au/fido): “The speculative deal involves taking a big risk, but deliberately so, in the hope of making an extraordinary gain”; if so, does it apply to speculative property deals and, if it does not, why not.
- (4) Does Australian investment law permit speculative investment in property; if so, where is this permission found.
- (5) Is he able to say whether ‘off the plan’ property investment falls within the definition of ‘speculative investment’.

- (6) Following the collapse of the Henry Kaye companies, National Investment Institute and the property company, Empower Group (Vic), will he direct ASIC to review its policies; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he introduce legislation to amend Australian investment law to better reflect the principles of natural capitalism by removing the incidence of usury as it exists within speculative investments, including (a) speculative land dealings, (b) futures trading, and (c) speculative share dealings (e.g. options trading), if so, when; if not, why not.

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

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

### 2 December 2003

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

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

- (13) For (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Cyprus, (c) the USA, (d) Israel, and (e) Germany, (i) how many bone marrow donors are registered, (ii) what proportion of the population are registered donors, and (iii) what has been the percentage increase in the number of registered donors over the last two years.

2827 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many people applied for a Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) visa.
- (2) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many people were successfully granted a Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) visa.
- (3) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many applications by the spouse or partner of someone fulfilling the primary criteria for a Subclass 457 visa were rejected on the basis that the secondary criteria were not fulfilled.
- (4) For each year from 1996 to 2003, how many of those who were rejected, were rejected on the basis that they were in a same-sex relationship with the primary applicant and hence excluded specifically under Regulation 1.15A(2)(a)(i).
- (5) For each year from 1996 to 2003, is the Minister aware of any complaints made by Australian businesses about the difficulties in sponsoring skilled workers from overseas who happen to be in same-sex relationships.

2832 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1653 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), for how many (a) barristers, (b) other legal practitioners, (c) directors and shareholders of bodies corporate known to be phoenix companies, and (d) other taxpayers has the Commissioner of Taxation used his powers under paragraph 260-5(b) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to obtain money held for or on account of a debtor by a third party.
- (2) What proportion of all taxpayers are known by the Taxation Commissioner to be subject to the provision of paragraph 260-5(b).

2833 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1886 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, 19412), what action is he taking to make more uniform and certain the taxation law's punitive provisions for failure to lodge tax returns, particularly in respect of defaulting legal practitioners.
- (2) What action is he taking with the NSW Bar Association to coordinate the exercise of the disciplinary provisions available to it under the Legal Profession Act (NSW) with the punitive provisions available to the Commissioner of Taxation under taxation law and, if no action is being taken, why not.

### 3 December 2003

2834 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1641 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19411), what is the (a) average gross income, and (b) average value of deductions for taxpayers in the Business Industry Code (i) 86110 which includes: eye hospitals, hospital operation – except psychiatric, dental or veterinary hospitals, maternity hospital operation, obstetric hospital operation, psychiatric hospital, convalescent homes, hospice operation, and nursing home operation, (ii) 86210 which includes: clinic – medical practice, general practice, flying doctor service, general practitioner – medical, and medical service, (iii) 86221 – anaesthetist, (iv) 86222 – consultant physician, (v) 86223 – dermatologist, (vi) 86224 – gynaecologist, (vii) 86225 – pathologist, (viii) 86226 – psychiatrist, (ix) 86227 which includes: radiologist and radiologist services, (x) 86228 which includes: allergist, medical service – specialist, neurologist, ophthalmologist, otorhinolaryngologist, paediatrician, plastic surgeon, rheumatologist, specialist medical practitioner, surgeon – medical, thoracic specialist and urologist, (xi) 86230 which includes: clinic – dental, dental hospital operation, dental surgeon, endodontist, oral pathologist, orthodontist, paedodontist, periodontist and prosthodontist, (xii) 86320 which includes: contact lenses dispensing, eye testing – optometrist, optical dispensing, optician, orthoptist and spectacles dispensing, (xiii) 78420 which includes: accountant, accounting service, auditing service, bookkeeping service and tax agent, and (xiv) all business activities listed under code 86392.

2835 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1587 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19411), can he arrange for, or direct that, the Business Industry Code for (a) 78410 barristers, (b) 78410 solicitors, (c) 78420 accountants, (d) 86392 specific occupations under 'Health Services',

(e) 86210 general practice medical practitioners, (f) 86230 dental services, and (g) 86320 optometry services be amended to provide for 'own account' recognition.

2836 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1547 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19410), how many barristers were not up to date with the lodgment of their tax returns as at 1 December 2003.
- (2) How many barristers were not up to date with the lodgment of their tax returns as at 3 March 2003 or at the time of the last review by the Commissioner of Taxation.

2837 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1596 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18281), in relation to the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Seminar Program, which components of the listed seminars specifically promote compliance among barristers and discourage the use of instruments such as bankruptcy and family law for illicit ends.
- (2) Where in the syllabus of the seminar program does it support compliance with taxation legislation to ensure that instruments within bankruptcy and family law are not used to avoid or evade taxation, or otherwise place a debtor's assets out of the reach of the Taxation Commissioner.

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

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

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

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

#### 4 December 2003

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

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

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

- (1) What level of officer and above are able to use Australia Post computer facilities to access the Internet.

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

2848 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs —

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

2852 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Minister seen a report that more than one third of Federal offenders who have been sentenced to periodic detention in NSW are not turning up to serve their time and that the NSW Justice Minister has described the situation as scandalous.
- (2) Is it a fact that under Commonwealth laws a person can indefinitely avoid attending periodic detention if he or she has what is termed a reasonable excuse.
- (3) How many people have been convicted and sentenced to periodic detention in each of the States and Territories under Commonwealth laws in the last 12 months.
- (4) How many have been reported to the Commonwealth as not meeting their detention obligations.
- (5) What action is the Government taking on this matter.

2854 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1346 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), is it the case that the secrecy provisions under section 16 of the Income Tax Assessment Act do not preclude the Commissioner of Taxation from disclosing 'publicly available' information.
- (2) Can he explain whether the Commissioner of Taxation's letter to the NSW Bar Association on 24 January 2003 means that, in future, when requested by the NSW Bar Association, the NSW Law Society or other professional body, the Commissioner of Taxation will respond to requests made by those bodies for information on individual members if that information is already public.

2855 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2447 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23141), in respect of the Commissioner of Taxation's statement in his letter dated 24 January 2003 to the President of the New South Wales Bar Association that "the advice we have received to date acknowledged that there is an argument to the effect that section 16 does not prohibit the disclosure of 'publicly available' information", will he now review his response that "section 16... prevents the Commissioner of Taxation from discussing the affairs of individual taxpayers with others except when expressly empowered to do so under the Act".
- (2) Can he explain how it is possible for various media organisations including the *Sydney Morning Herald* to obtain the type of information that would otherwise be covered by section 16, while formal requests for the same information from the NSW Bar Association are denied; if not, why not.

2856 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question Nos 1433 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), 1592 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23135), 1593 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136) is he able to say what powers the Commissioner of Taxation is considering using in the recovery of unpaid tax from (a) Mr Somosi, (b) Mr Wardell, and (c) Mr Baffsky.

2857 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1594 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136), how many barristers failed to lodge one or more tax returns in the financial years ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- (2) What action is being taken to fortify the statutes to deter barristers and other legal professionals from defaulting on their tax obligations.

- (3) What action is being taken to increase the number of staff and other resources in the Compliance, Investigations and Defaults Section of the Australian Taxation Office to deter barristers and other legal professionals from defaulting on their tax obligations and, if no action is being taken, why not.
- 2858 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1615 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23136), can the Registrar cancel an Australia Business Number (ABN) where it is identified that the sole or substantial purpose of holding that ABN is the commission of taxation fraud.
  - (2) If no other statutory grounds exist for the cancellation of an ABN, what action is he taking to ensure that the Registrar's powers are fortified and, if no action is being taken, why not.
  - (3) Is a report available on data cleansing to improve the integrity of the Tax File Number and ABN registers and, in particular, the elimination of multiple ABNs; if so, where can that report be found; if no report is available, will he commission one.
- 2859 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1640 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23137), is a decision flowing from the administrative process of the Australian Taxation Office's investigations a reviewable decision under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*; if so, who has standing to seek a review of a decision.
- 2860 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2406 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23140), for the years (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003 what are the aggregate party-party and solicitor-client costs of debt recovery by the Commissioner of Taxation for all tax debt recovery actions against defaulting barristers who were found to breach Australian taxation law.
  - (2) In what ways is the administrative process being amended to ensure greater compliance as opposed to pursuing expensive debt recovery action after the event of taxation default.
- 2861 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2387 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23084), can he explain how the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* work with the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act to ensure the early detection and prosecution of tax defaulters so that it does not take up to forty years to convict such a person.
  - (2) If the provisions of the two Acts do not complement each other so as to ensure the early detection and prosecution of tax defaulters, what action is he taking to align the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act to support tax policy to prevent tax defaulters enjoying a tax free life for forty years without apparent detection.
- 2862 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Commissioner of Taxation implemented a system of routine taxpayer audits; if so, what are the provisions empowering the Commissioner to undertake such an audit.
  - (2) For the financial years ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003, how many random audits of self-assessment tax payers did the Commissioner of Taxation perform.
  - (3) Can he say what procedures are in force to prevent defaulting tax payers avoiding tax for long periods.
  - (4) Will he implement procedures that more vigorously pursue the enforcement of the laws against tax evaders; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (5) Will he work with the Attorney-General to align the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* and the *Family Law Act 1975* to ensure greater legislative support in the early detection and prosecution of persons who use instruments within those Acts to evade or avoid tax or to place their assets out of the reach of the Taxation Commissioner; if so, when will this action occur; if not, why not.
- 2863 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2459 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23085), will he seek to amend the corporations law to require companies to report on the number of extraordinary general meetings called by shareholders and the number initiated by boards; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 2864 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2277 (*Hansard*, 1 December 2003, page 23079), in respect of CLERP 9, within those reform proposals dealing with auditor qualifications, independence and services, what provisions in CLERP 9, if any, require an auditor or a person bearing that title to be a qualified accountant.

- (2) Which recommendations within CLERP 9 will ensure the prevention of auditing failures such as the collapse of the HIH and FAI Insurance group.
- (3) What provisions specifically deal with defective auditing procedures being performed by persons who are not qualified accountants.

2865 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that, under the Superannuation Guarantee arrangements, employers must contribute 9% of employee-earnings as (a) defined by law, (b) by the terms of employment, and (c) by the superannuation fund trust deed; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that under the Superannuation Guarantee arrangements employees aged over 70 years of age are not entitled to a 9% superannuation contribution from their employer; if so, why are employees over 70 years of age and working over 30 hours a week not entitled to this superannuation contribution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What is the value of the current three-year contract for the provision of official gifts by Jaymac Promotional Advertising Proprietary Limited in association with Beaver Galleries.
- (2) What services are provided to the Australian Government under this contract.



- (3) What company or organisation previously provided these services and at what cost.
- 2884 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) For the period 1 July 2003 to 1 December 2003 what was the total value of the activities, services and items purchased by Job Network providers using Jobseeker Account funds.
  - (2) How many jobseekers were assisted.
  - (3) What proportion of long-term jobseekers have had funds from their Jobseeker Account spent on them and what was the average amount spent on each long-term jobseeker.

*10 February 2004*

- 2888 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Is he aware of the government of Argentina's decision in October 2003 to stop the export of honey because of the presence of nitrofurans residues; if not why not.
  - (2) Is he aware of the World Food Regulation Review alert of 16 October 2003 declaring that nitrofurans residues had been found by UK authorities in a shipment of honey from Argentina; if not, why not.
  - (3) Is he able to say whether any honey imported from Argentina entered Australia during 2003; if not, why not.
  - (4) Will imported honey for sale in Australia be tested in light of international concerns about honey from Argentina and the fact that certain brands of honey available to Australian consumers are labelled as a blend of Australian and Argentine honey; if not, why not.
  - (5) Has the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) been directed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to begin testing of imported honey shipments for nitrofurans residues; if not, why not.
  - (6) Have AQIS's testing capabilities been upgraded to enable it to detect low levels of nitrofurans residues that might be present in imported honey; if not why not.
- 2891 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) In respect of clause 1 of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) bilateral agreement signed with Victoria, (a) why are the three overarching objectives of the second phase of the Trust inconsistent with the Purposes of the Reserve, (b) does the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council have the prerogative or mandate to set objectives that are inconsistent with the Purposes of the Reserve in order to implement the second phase of the Trust and (c) why are the Purposes of the Reserve not explicit in this Bilateral Agreement, in accordance with subsection 19(4) of the *Natural Heritage Trust Of Australia Act 1997* (NHT Act).
  - (2) In respect of clause 9 of the agreement, (a) what is the budget estimate for each year of the Trust extension for the "Australia wide competitive regional component", (b) what is the purpose of this component, (c) how is this component administered, what are its objectives and what unique role does this component have in comparison to non-competitive regional and national component funding, (d) are projects funded under this stream required to have as contributing partners multiple regions from different States/Territories, and (e) why is this national level funding opportunity not administered as a national component project.
  - (3) In respect of clauses 9 and 13 of the agreement, (a) how much of the \$50.77 million commitment over 2002-2005 has been (i) spent or (ii) committed, (b) how much of the amount at (i) and (ii) is also counted in the \$350 million for water quality, and (c) has advice been provided to Victoria on 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 budget allocations; if so, what are these amounts.
  - (4) In respect of clause 10 of the agreement, (a) what is the allocation for Statewide and within State investments for the financial years 2003-2004 to 2006-2007, (b) how do projects funded under this stream differ, in terms of jurisdictional delivery, from projects funded under the competitive regional component, and (c) is there competitive bidding for project funding by regions within the same State or Territory; if so, why are these projects not administered as priority or foundation projects.
  - (5) Does clause 11(ii) of the agreement include supporting the implementation of nationally agreed strategies, for example the *National Principles for the Provision of Water for Ecosystems*, the *National Framework for the Management and Monitoring of Native Vegetation* and the *National Water Quality Management Strategy*.
  - (6) In respect of clause 19(viii) of the agreement, on what basis are the proportional budget allocations made to the four programs of the Trust, as designated in Attachment A.

- (7) In respect of clause 22(ii) of the agreement, what criteria are provided to the Victorian members of the Steering Committee for the purpose of assisting in identifying Trust expenditure accountable against the \$350 million commitment to “directly improving water quality”.
- (8) In respect of clause 24 of the agreement, (a) what type of national/state investment activity does a ‘regional competitive component’ project relate to, and (b) which clause(s) of the NHT Bilateral Agreement with Victoria describe the purpose, process or outcome of regional competitive component projects.
- (9) Why is clause 43 inconsistent with clause 11(ii) and which clause prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.
- (10) In respect of clause 47 of the agreement, (a) what are the implications of the Commonwealth recognising “existing mechanisms and frameworks in place for the sustainable management of Victoria’s coast and marine waters”, (b) does the Commonwealth accredit those mechanisms and frameworks for the Purposes of the Reserve to meet the non-statutory objectives of the Trust, and (c) has the Commonwealth assessed these mechanisms and frameworks against sustainability or other criteria in forming an opinion on whether to “recognise” these mechanisms and frameworks; if so, (i) how and (ii) against what criteria.
- (11) In respect of clauses 49(xi) and 67 of the agreement, (a) has the Commonwealth told the Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) about the protocols it will employ should there be a failure by a CMA to “deliver agreed activities under regional investment proposals” and failure to meet “agreed expenditure and the achievement of targets” and (b) will he provide a copy of any protocol or similar document, including the criteria and timeliness of any action the Commonwealth or Victoria will take should a CMA fail to meet its contractual arrangements.
- (12) In respect of clause 55 of the agreement, (a) why is implementation of the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS), in particular, the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality, limited to coastal and marine areas within a CMA region, (b) is the NWQMS an agreed national strategy; if so, for plan accreditation purposes why would the NWQMS not be implemented in non-coastal regions, (c) how have the requirements of Clause 55 been met in respect of the accredited Glenelg-Hopkins Regional Catchment Strategy, and (d) for which coastal or marine areas will the NWQMS be implemented for the purposes of accrediting the Coorangamite, West Gippsland and East Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategies.
- (13) In respect of clause 63 of the agreement, (a) how do the “agreed principles and criteria for making investment decisions” give priority to investments in the protection and management of Ramsar wetlands within a CMA region, (b) how do these principles give effect to this objective through the allocation of investment activities within regions and across Victoria, and (c) how are these principles and criteria applied to implementation of the Glenelg-Hopkins Regional Investment Strategy.
- (14) In respect of clauses 72 and 74 of the agreement, (a) who are the members of the Independent Advisory Panel, and (b) what organisations do they represent.
- (15) In respect of clause 83 of the agreement, (a) does this clause suggest natural resource condition targets must be set for all of the minimum set of matters for targets, (b) is this inconsistent with the Standards and Targets Framework which suggests that, where there is good reason not to do so, resource condition targets need not be set, and (c) does this mean a less flexible approach to the range of resource condition targets set in Victorian regions compared to other States.
- (16) In respect of clause 90 of the agreement, (a) has the specification of bulk water entitlements for the non-NAP (National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality) supply systems (Melbourne, Tarago, Ovens) been completed; if not, when will this be completed, (b) have streamflow management plans on high priority un-regulated waterways in non-NAP regions been developed; if not, when will this be completed, and (c) which aquifers are currently stressed and for which of these have groundwater management plans been established.
- (17) In respect of clause 93(a) of the agreement, (a) has the proposed native vegetation clearing permit tracking system been established, and (b) are the ‘regions’ able to monitor the cumulative impacts of planning permits issued in Trust regions; if not, when will they be able to.
- (18) In respect of clause 93(d) of the agreement, has a ‘working model’ been developed to pilot the proposed “program based on land stewardship principles, which supports the protection of native vegetation with broader farming systems”; if not, when will this be established.
- (19) In respect of clause 108(i) of the agreement, (a) is it the case that if the State of Victoria fails to meet its commitments under this Agreement (for example commitments in clauses 97, 95 and 90) the Commonwealth will withdraw all or part of its funding commitments through the NHT, (b) what

would be the implications of funding to CMAs, and (c) can he explain the inconsistencies between clauses 108(ii) and 108(iii).

- (20) In respect of clause 110(vi) of the agreement, will the “source, quantum and expenditure of all resource contributions under the NHT including ..... on an agreed project by project basis” be made publicly available; if not, what is the interpretation of ‘transparent’ for the purpose of this clause.
- (21) In respect of clause 123 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the ‘monitoring and reporting strategy’ or indicate where this is publicly available.
- (22) In respect of clause 125 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the ‘evaluation strategy’ or indicate where this is publicly available.
- (23) In respect of clause 128 of the agreement, will he provide a copy of the ‘cost sharing and allocation framework’ or indicate where this is publicly available.

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

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

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

- (1) In respect of the paragraph E(b) in the preamble to the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) bilateral agreement signed with South Australia, are the environmental values referred to the same as the environmental values referred to in the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS).
- (2) In respect of paragraph F(h) in the preamble to the agreement, what are the ‘land and water policy reforms’ which result from this agreement coming into force.
- (3) In respect of clause 5.8 of the agreement, (a) can he provide a copy of the guidelines relating to the Accreditation Criteria, (b) when were the guidelines finalised, and (c) where are they publicly available.
- (4) In respect of clause 6.4 of the agreement, (a) can he provide a copy of the guidelines to assist the development of Investment Strategies by Interim Natural Resource Management (INRM) Groups, (b) when were these guidelines finalised, and (c) where are they publicly available.

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

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

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Barmah-Millewa Forest, why has the Government decided that up to 45% (or 30,000 hectares) of this forest may be degraded and its ecological values prejudiced.
- (2) What percentage of the forest is dominated by (a) Giant Rush, (b) Moira Grass, (c) River Red Gum forest, (d) River Red Gum woodland, and (e) Black Box woodland communities.
- (3) How is 'healthy vegetation' defined and have reference sites for healthy vegetation been identified; if so, what are the coordinates of the sites.
- (4) Does "healthy vegetation in at least 55% of the area" mean that 55% of each vegetation community will be healthy; if not, (a) what proportion of each community type is intended to be in healthy condition, and (b) how much will remain in healthy condition as a result of the First Step.
- (5) How, and to what extent, will the First Step contribute to the replacement of rush communities with mudgrass communities.
- (6) How is a 'successful breeding event' defined.
- (7) What is the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events for Egrets and Nankeen Night Heron in the Barmah-Millewa Forest.
- (8) What was the population of Egrets and Nankeen Night Heron at the time of these breeding events.
- (9) What is the trend in colonial waterbird species population(s) during this period.

- (10) What measures specifically applied to Region C is the Government taking to (a) exclude stock from these wetland areas and (b) reduce recreational fishing pressure.
- (11) Can primary producers legally stock these waterways.
- (12) Is this a priority in project funding under the Regional delivery component of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT); if so, what are the project titles and NHT funding contributions for the identified projects.
- (13) Which species of colonial waterbirds are included in the interim ecological objectives and expected outcomes which refer to “successful breeding of thousands of colonial waterbirds in at least three years in ten”.
- (14) How many is ‘thousands’ for each identified species.
- (15) Do all species require a successful breeding event three years in ten.
- (16) Are the requirements of this outcome achieved if the three years are consecutive years followed by seven non-breeding years and is this the case for all identified species.
- (17) Would there be a significant decline in any of the species of colonial nest waterbirds if there were no successful breeding events for 4-7 years.
- (18) What period between successful breeding events would represent a significant risk to the population of these waterbirds.
- (19) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Barmah-Millewa Forest and those events in other icon wetlands (eg. Hattah Lakes).
- (20) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would the success of the First Step and this ecological objective and associated management measures be reviewed.
- (21) What are ‘fish values’ and how do the interim ecological objectives/outcomes enhance fish values.
- (22) Which native fish species are important for this purpose, what parameters will be measured and what will be the monitoring/measurement regime for determining whether fish values have been enhanced.
- (23) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- (24) What environmental monitoring activities will be implemented to monitor achievement and maintenance of the interim ecological outcomes for the Barmah-Millewa Forest.

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

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forests, (a) which vegetation communities are represented in this area of forest (eg Moira Grass, River Red Gum woodland), (b) what proportion of that area do these vegetation communities cover, and (c) what is the areal extent of (i) permanent wetlands and (ii) semi-permanent wetlands.
- (2) On what basis has the Government decided to sacrifice 20% of the permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
- (3) What is the distribution of the sacrificed wetlands between the permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
- (4) What does ‘healthy condition’ mean for the purpose of wetland conservation.
- (5) What parameters are monitored for the purpose of determining whether a wetland is healthy.
- (6) Have reference sites for a healthy permanent or semi-permanent wetland been identified; if so, what are the coordinates of the reference sites.
- (7) How is a ‘successful breeding event’ defined.
- (8) What has been the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events for the Intermediate Egret and Nankeen Night Heron in the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forest.
- (9) What has been the estimated population of the Intermediate Egret and Nankeen Night Heron at the time of these breeding events.
- (10) What is the trend in the population(s) during this period of these waterbird species.
- (11) What is the trend in population of the White-bellied Sea Eagle.
- (12) Which species of colonial waterbirds are included in the interim ecological objectives and expected outcomes which refer to “successful breeding of thousands of colonial waterbirds in at least three years in ten”.
- (13) How many is ‘thousands’ for each identified species.

- (14) Do all species require a successful breeding event three years in ten.
- (15) Are the requirements of this outcome achieved if the three years are consecutive years followed by seven non-breeding years and is this the case for all identified species.
- (16) Would there be a significant decline in any of the species of colonial nest waterbirds if, for example, there were no successful breeding events for 4-7 years.
- (17) What period between successful breeding events would represent a significant risk to the population of these waterbirds.
- (18) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forests and those events in other icon wetlands.
- (19) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would the success of the First Step and this ecological objective and associated management measures be reviewed.
- (20) In respect of interim ecological objectives and outcomes for resident native fish in wetlands, what is the definition of 'healthy population'.
- (21) Which resident native fish species are relevant to this ecological objective/outcome.
- (22) Does this include fish populations in permanent and semi-permanent wetlands.
- (23) On what basis has the Government decided to sacrifice the health of 70% of the extant River red gum forest.
- (24) What area of the River Red Gum forest is currently in a 'healthy condition' and what proportion of the estimated River Red Gum forest along the length of the River Murray before European settlement does it represent.
- (25) What environmental monitoring activities will be implemented to monitor achievement and maintenance of the interim ecological outcomes for the Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forest.
- (26) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.

2896 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the Hattah Lakes, (a) what are the original wetland and floodplain communities, and (b) are there currently healthy examples of original wetland and floodplain communities; if so, (i) for which wetland and floodplain communities are there healthy examples, and (ii) what proportion of the total area of these communities do the healthy example(s) represent.
- (2) What proportion of the original wetland and floodplain communities will be restored to a healthy condition, and what parameters will be measured to determine the condition of these areas.
- (3) How does the monitoring program account for climatic variability.
- (4) What range of river discharges will be implemented through the First Step to protect this wetland complex.
- (5) How many of the 17 freshwater lakes in the wetland complex will not be inundated as a result of measures taken in the First Step.
- (6) What river discharges would be required to inundate the aquatic vegetation zone in and around at least 50% of the lakes to increase fish and bird breeding and survival.
- (7) What proportion of the total area of the 17 wetlands would be represented by the 8.5 wetlands.
- (8) In respect of (a) Spoonbills, (b) Little Egrets, (c) Intermediate Egrets, (d) Great Egrets, (e) Night Herons, and (f) Bitterns (i) how is a 'successful breeding event' defined, (ii) is a successful breeding event required two years in ten, (iii) are the requirements achieved if the two years are consecutive years, (iv) would there be a significant decline there were no successful breeding events for up to 8 years, (v) what period between successful breeding events represents a significant risk to the population, (vi) what was the frequency over the last 20 years of successful breeding events, (vii) what was the estimated population at the time of the successful breeding events, and (viii) what is the trend in the population during this period.
- (9) What is the relationship between successful breeding events in the Hattah Lakes and such events in other icon wetlands.
- (10) If a successful breeding event does not occur during the five year period of the First Step, on what basis would success of the First Step, and this ecological objective and associated management measures, be reviewed.

- (11) What is the population of the (a) Murray Hardyhead, (b) Australian smelt, (c) Gudgeons and (d) other wetland fish (specifying species) in the Hattah Lakes or in specific lakes and wetlands.
- (12) What are the optimal conditions in terms of season, flood frequency, duration and intensity for measuring fish populations.
- (13) How does the fish population monitoring program account for climatic variability in statistically demonstrating an increase in fish population.
- (14) How will the monitoring program be designed to ensure that upon review of this ecological objective/outcome that fish populations have increased, or not increased.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) In respect of the announcement *Historic First Step Taken on River Murray* (14 November 2003) and the River Murray Channel, what is an ecologically significant spring flow, in terms of timing, duration, frequency, intensity, and ecological effect.

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

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

- (1) Is he aware of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services' decision to approve land clearing and drainage of high conservation value banksia vegetation and seasonal wetlands at Perth Airport.
- (2) Is he aware that (a) the wetlands and vegetation are recognised for protection under the Western Australian Environmental Protection Act's Conservation Through Reserves Committee System 6 Recommendation, the Bush Forever protection strategy and the Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Lakes) Policy, and (b) there was a memorandum of understanding between the Commonwealth and the State Government that any development affecting this area would be referred for joint environmental assessment.
- (3) Did he consult with the Minister for Transport and Regional Services about approving this drainage and clearing activity
- (4) What were the processes he followed in assessing this proposal.
- (5) Has he been advised that the Western Australian Government could take legal action against the Commonwealth.
- (6) What steps has he taken to (a) prevent further clearing and drainage after the initial advice that this was occurring, and (b) control this action under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (7) Is he aware that this high conservation value habitat is one of the few remaining habitats suitable for reintroduction of the critically endangered Western Swamp Tortoise.
- (8) Can he advise on the quality of this lost habitat that was potentially available for the reintroduction of the tortoise.
- (9) What measures are available under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to control or penalise an unauthorised activity, such as has occurred at Perth Airport, and to require habitat rehabilitation or restoration.
- (10) Is this remnant habitat inscribed on the Register of the National Estate.
- (11) Can he provide an estimate of the cost of restoring this remnant wetland and vegetation, and in particular the pre-disturbance values of this area; if so, (a) what is the source of this cost estimate (b) how reliable is this cost estimate, and (c) how much time might it take to rehabilitate the site and restore its natural values.
- (12) Will he provide an estimate of the total Natural Heritage Trust extension case investment in the Swan Region.
- (13) How much will the Government be seeking to invest in wetland rehabilitation, creation and restoration in the Swan Natural Resource Management Region, and will there be any relationship between these investments and investments in protecting ephemeral winter-wet swamps with clay or sand over clay soils.
- (14) Can he explain why the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* failed to protect the banksia vegetation and seasonal wetlands at Perth Airport.

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

- (1) In respect of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park zoning plan and designated shipping areas under the draft zoning plan, may any shipping vessel pass through any zone in the Great Barrier Reef.



- (2) What restrictions are there on the types of ships which may pass through.
- (3) How is the Great Barrier Reef being protected from the risk of shipping accidents.
- 2904 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Will he provide a breakdown of the 765 Round One Envirofund projects by (a) type (i.e. water quality, protection of native vegetation, salinity, coastal erosion), (b) Federal electoral division, and (c) funding allocation.
- 2905 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did Telstra cancel its car fleet orders for LPG fuelled vehicles following the Government Budget announcement to impose fuel excise on LPG; if so, has Telstra reviewed the decision following the Government's subsequent decision regarding the level of excise it will impose.
- (2) As the majority shareholder in Telstra, what is the Government doing to ensure that Telstra's car fleet is as environmentally friendly as possible.
- 2906 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the operation of the aircraft noise insulation program for communities affected by aircraft noise in Sydney and Adelaide, can he (a) confirm that only residences within the 30 ANEF contour are eligible for insulation, (b) provide the (i) number, (ii) location, and (iii) ANEF contour for any residences outside the 30 ANEF which have been insulated under both the Sydney and Adelaide programs, (c) provide a list of any other suburbs and streets that have had applications for insulation refused, and (d) advise what residences or public buildings if any, by street suburb and ANEF level, are currently being considered for insulation and the cost of providing insulation for each.
- (2) In respect of those residences or public buildings which are currently being considered for insulation, can he indicate (a) which residences or public buildings have previously been refused insulation, (b) why they were refused before, and (c) the cost of insulating that residence or public building.
- (3) When will revised ANEF contours be prepared and released, how long will it take the Government to determine if the revised ANEF will create new entitlements to insulation and when will that insulation be provided.
- (4) How much money has been collected by the Government's levy on airlines for the (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide noise insulation programs in each year since the program commenced and what are the projected revenues for (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006, and (iv) 2006-2007.
- (5) How much has been spent by the Government on the provision of insulation in (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide in each year since the commencement of the program and, for each year and city, how much was spent on the department's administration of the program.
- (6) How much is projected to be spent in (a) Sydney, and (b) Adelaide during (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006, and (iv) 2006-2007 on the provision of insulation and, of each annual amount, how much will be for the Department's administration of the program.
- 2907 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) In respect of the Commonwealth funding for the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP), (a) what was the total FISAP funding commitment under the original program, and (b) what was the FISAP allocation for each state under the original program.
- (2) At the expiration of the initial FISAP in June 2003, what was the unspent FISAP allocation in each State.
- (3) For each of the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs), what payments were made between 1996 and 2003.
- (4) Since Budgetary approval was given in 2003 to extend the FISAP over the following two financial years, has any additional funding been made available for the program.
- (5) Since the decision to extend the program, what FISAP payments have been made, to which states and under which RFAs.
- 2909 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is she aware that many veterans consider it unfair that people who volunteered to serve their country in the ADF have not been recognised to the same degree as those who have completed National Service.
- (2) Will she consider introducing a Volunteer Defence Service Medal and officially recognise the service these men and women have given their country.

2910 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a company named Elan Bio that has developed a mobile anthrax detection device using light spectroscopy; if so, when did his department first become aware of the device.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that representatives of his department and representatives of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) met with representatives of Elan Bio earlier this year; if so, (a) when did this meeting take place, (b) who attended from his department and which section of the Department did they represent, (c) who else attended the meeting, and (d) what was the outcome.
- (3) Did his Department or the DSTO decide to purchase, use or test the technology; if not, why not; if a decision was made to test the technology, what was the result of the tests.
- (4) Is his Department, the DSTO, or any part of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) (a) equipped with, (b) working on, or (c) researching any mobile anthrax detection technology; if not, why did the Department, the DSTO or the ADF decide not to pursue the technology presented by Elan Bio.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that representatives of the United States Department of Defense have now expressed an interest in Elan Bio's technology.
- (6) Has the Department, the DSTO or the ADF had discussions with representatives of the US Department of Defense about this technology.
- (7) Will the Department, the DSTO and the ADF re-consider their decisions not to pursue this technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Is the Minister able to say how much revenue Telstra derives annually from 190 numbers; if not, (a) can he explain why Telstra considers that the amount of revenue derived from 190 numbers should be commercial in confidence information, and (b) does he support Telstra in withholding this information from the public.
- (2) Further to the answer to question No. 1319 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14521), (a) on what basis does Telstra claim that it does not receive revenue from International 0011 premium rate services

and (b) is it the case that Telstra automatically charges its consumers for all 0011 calls made on their accounts regardless of whether they are standard calls or calls for premium type services.

- (3) Is he able to say whether Telstra currently has access arrangements or contractual agreements with (a) Mediatel Services, and (b) Sound Advertising for the supply of premium rate services; if this information is commercial in confidence, can he explain on what basis it is commercial in confidence.
- (4) Can he confirm reports that Telstra recently withdrew from the 190 Internet dialler or similar market; if so, (a) what are the details of the services which Telstra ceased to provide, (b) on what date did Telstra cease to provide these services, and (c) why did Telstra cease providing these services.

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

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

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

2960 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

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

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

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

2962 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has Australia implemented all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the International Maritime Organisation's International Ship and Port Facility Security Code; if not, which measures remain to be implemented.
- (2) What is the estimated date at which all outstanding measures will be implemented.
- (3) Are there any required measures that will not be fully implemented by 1 July 2004.

- 2965 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he update the answer he provided to question Nos 2443 and 2444 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2003, page 22447).
- 2966 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many Australian Federal Police officers were deployed outside Australia on 12 December 2003.
  - (2) In which countries were these officers deployed, and how many were deployed in each country.
  - (3) For what periods of time were these officers deployed in each country.
- 2968 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Will the Minister update the answer provided to question No. 2351 (*Hansard*, 5 November 2003, page 22276).
  - (2) How has the unspent buyback funding returned to the Commonwealth by the States and Territories been used by the Commonwealth.
- 2970 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2350 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2003, page 21886), have any reports been provided to the Government by the Reference Group on Identity Fraud or any of its Steering Committees; if so, (a) what was the subject of each report, (b) to which Minister was it provided, and (c) on what date was it provided.
  - (2) When was the feasibility study for an on-line identity verification service completed and when was a report provided to Government.
  - (3) What action has been taken by the Government as a result of the work of the Reference Group.
  - (4) What further work is the Reference Group undertaking.
- 2971 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each year since 1995, how many vessels have been detected carrying firearms into Australia without the appropriate permits or other documents necessary for legal importation.
  - (2) What illegal firearms was each of these vessels carrying.
  - (3) What are the details of any successful prosecutions arising from the detection of these vessels and what were the sentences of those convicted of an offence.
  - (4) For each year since 1995, how many vessels have been detected carrying prohibited drugs into Australia.
  - (5) Where were these vessels detected and interdicted.
  - (6) What are the details of any successful prosecutions arising from the detection of these vessels.
- 2972 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Handgun Buyback scheme; if so, what has that evaluation revealed.
- 2973 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- 2974 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- 2975 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an evaluation been undertaken of the National sex offenders data base; if so, what did that evaluation reveal.
- 2976 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has Telstra considered expanding mobile phone coverage to the Nunamara and Pipers River areas of the electoral division of Bass; if so, has it identified the optimum location for a tower.
  - (2) Is he able to say what is the expected cost of expanding mobile phone coverage to (a) Nunamara, and (b) Pipers River.
- 2977 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many post boxes are there in (a) Australia and (b) each federal electoral division.
  - (2) How many (a) Australia Post outlets, (b) Australia Post shops, (c) licensed Post Offices, and (d) stamp vending machines are there in Australia.
  - (3) Has the Government committed to maintain the existing numbers of post boxes; if not, what is the minimum number required to provide adequate services.

- 2978 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each year of the fuel sales grants scheme's operation, what sum has been paid in (a) Flinders Island, (b) King Island, (c) the electoral division of Bass, and (d) the postcode areas of (i) 7260, (ii) 7261, (iii) 7262 and (iv) 7264.
  - (2) Can he confirm that there was a delay in the implementation of the scheme on (a) Flinders Island, and (b) King Island; if so, compared to locations receiving payments immediately, did either island experience any economic disadvantage during the implementation of the fuel sales grants scheme.
- 2979 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the last four years, (a) what sum for road funding, and (b) what other Commonwealth funds were paid to the (i) Launceston, (ii) George Town, (iii) Dorest, (iv) Flinders Island, (v) West Tamar, and (vi) Meander Valley local government area.
- 2980 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the last financial year, what was the sum of Commonwealth funding awarded to (a) public school education, and (b) private school education in (i) Tasmania, and (ii) the electoral division of Bass.
- 2981 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For each of the last three years what was the average sum of Commonwealth funding to (a) Category 1 secondary schools, (b) private secondary schools, and (c) public secondary schools.
  - (2) For each of the last three years what was the average sum of Commonwealth funding to (a) Category 1 primary schools, (b) private primary schools, and (c) public primary schools.
- 2982 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the average waiting period for an appointment for an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team in Tasmania.
  - (2) Are there differences in the waiting periods in different parts of Tasmania; if so, what are the details.
  - (3) Is it the case that a person seeking an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team can expect to wait 10 to 12 weeks before the assessment takes place; if so, is that delay considered normal and acceptable.
  - (4) Does the delay before the conduct of assessments potentially lead to the hospitalisation or other inappropriate placement of some aged persons who experience changes in their health while waiting for the assessment.
  - (5) Is his department experiencing difficulties with the management and organisation of the Aged Care Assessment Teams in Tasmania; if so, what are the details.
  - (6) Will he re-establish the Home and Community Care Advisory Committees under the Home and Community Care Scheme to restore client and community input to the scheme.
- 2983 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it a fact that the supply of gas, electricity and other essential services provided in non-competitive markets where there is a monopoly provider may put industry in regional areas at a disadvantage; if so, what is his attitude to this.
  - (2) Is he able to say whether such providers are unfairly taking advantage of non-competitive markets.
  - (3) Is he aware that a manufacturing firm intent on moving to Morisset in the electoral division of Charlton has been discouraged from establishing a business due to the significantly higher gas prices because there is only one supplier.
  - (4) Would he consider whether such circumstances warrant the monitoring of gas prices in the Morisset area; if not, why not.
- 2984 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does he have responsibility for the regulation and monitoring of gas prices.
  - (2) Does he support competition within the gas market.
  - (3) Has the pricing for gas supply ever been examined under the Commonwealth's prices surveillance regime.
  - (4) Is he able to say whether non-competitive markets in gas supply where there is a monopoly provider are likely to have higher gas prices than in competitive markets.
  - (5) Is he aware that a manufacturing firm intent on moving to Morisset in the electoral division of Charlton has been discouraged from establishing a business due to the significantly higher gas prices because there is only one provider of gas.

- (6) Would he consider whether the circumstances warrant the monitoring of gas prices in the Morisset area to ascertain whether they can be justified on the basis of cost plus a reasonable commercial rate of return.
- (7) Will he establish an inquiry to monitor gas prices in the Morisset area; if not, why not.

2985 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2012 (*Hansard*, 12 August 2003, page 18302), can he confirm that the complaint of a breach of Part 7A of the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 by the Tasmanian Department of State Development was lodged on 30 May 2002 and investigated on 5 February 2003; if so, what was the reason for the delay in investigating this complaint.
- (2) In respect of the complaint, is he able to say (a) when the Tasmanian Department of State Development website was changed, and (b) when Tattersalls ceased to operate an online casino.
- (3) Did the investigation refer to records held by the Tasmanian Government in relation to previous departmental websites and links; if not, why not.
- (4) Were details of the investigation passed on to (a) the Tasmanian Government and (b) Tattersalls.
- (5) Was the former Minister made aware of the complaint before the investigation occurred.
- (6) Were the original website pages investigated; if not, (a) why not and (b) will he investigate the original website pages that were the basis of the complaint; if not, why not.

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

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

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2988 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2331 (*Hansard*, 24 November 2003, page 22577), what are the reasons for the change in the average cost of keeping an unlawful non-citizen in a detention centre from \$160 per day in 2001-2002 to \$273 per day in 2002-2003.
- (2) For each of the last five financial years, what sums have been recovered to cover the cost of removing stowaways whose applications for a protection visa failed, and from which supply companies were these sums recovered.
- (3) Does the Government attempt to recover the cost of detention and processing of ship jumpers who seek protection, including the cost of removing them from Australia if their applications for protection visas fail; if not, why not.

2989 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of the publication of the Australian Taxation Office titled *Taxation Statistics 2000-01*, can he confirm the data in Table 3.4 titled Source of personal taxpayer income, 2000-01 income year showing (a) the number of taxpayers reporting income from salary and wages was 8,010,612, (b) the total personal income from salary and wages reported was \$259,393 million (74.1% of total income reported), (c) the total number of taxpayers reporting income in any category is 10,273,479, and (d) total personal income reported from all sources was \$349,824 million.
- (2) Can he confirm that the publication states (a) “in 2000-01 around 10.3 million personal taxpayers lodged returns – representing 52% of the total Australian population (19.7 million) as of 30 June 2001” and (b) “on average personal (or individual) taxpayers have accounted for 53% of the total Australian population since 1995-96”.
- (3) Can he confirm that section 3.10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* states “besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax, your main obligations as a taxpayer are... (b) to lodge returns as required by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*”.
- (4) Will he explain the obligations a taxpayer has under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and supporting legislation to lodge a taxation return.
- (5) What is the estimated total number of personal taxpayers that are obliged to lodge a tax return.



- (6) How many persons (a) receiving personal income are subject to income taxation, (b) are required to obtain a tax file number under Australian taxation law, and (c) are required to lodge a taxation return under Australian taxation law.
- (7) What is the estimated cost to revenue for the years (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, and (e) 2003 by persons who have not (i) declared taxable income, (ii) obtained a tax file number, (iii) lodged an income tax return, and (iv) paid the assessed income tax.
- (8) What steps are being taken following the *Ralph Report* to reduce the number of persons who have placed themselves outside the Australian taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.

2990 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will he explain how self-assessment for personal income tax returns has increased the efficiency of taxation collection.
- (2) For each calendar year since 1999, how many (a) prosecutions, (b) debt recovery actions, and (c) other actions under legislation relating to personal income tax have occurred for failure to (i) declare taxable income, (ii) obtain a tax file number, (iii) lodge a taxation return, and (iv) pay the assessed income tax.
- (3) How many persons who should pay income tax have placed themselves outside the tax system by failing to (a) declare taxable income, (b) obtain a tax file number, (c) lodge a taxation return, and (d) pay the assessed income tax.
- (4) What action is he taking to reduce the number of people placing themselves outside the taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.

2991 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What action is being taken to reduce the number of taxation fraud cases where a single person has more than one tax file number without a legitimate reason.
- (2) What steps are being taken to better integrate taxation law with border protection and anti-terrorism laws, including the better monitoring of money flows into and out of Australia, in particular, taxation and identity fraud.
- (3) Is he aware of the sale and purchase of taxation numbers on the black market.
- (4) What steps is he taking to reduce the incidence of trading of tax file numbers on the black market.
- (5) Can he say how many tax file numbers are being sold on the black market.

2992 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has he seen the article titled “WA boycott threat over ‘abortion pill’” in the *West Australian* on 1 January 2004 which reported that some WA pharmacists are threatening to boycott the emergency contraceptive Postinor-2 and that the Australian Medical Association has condemned the decision to allow it to be made available without a doctor’s prescription.
- (2) Is he aware that the Ethics Committee Chairperson of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) was reported to have said that the decision to make Postinor-2 more freely available was short sighted and trivialised women’s health.
- (3) Will he be guided by the recommendation of the AMA and the various Pharmacy Guilds of Australia and overturn the decision of the National Drugs and Poisons Scheduling Committee’s Supply Mode decision on Postinor-2 pursuant to section 60 of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*; if so, when; if not, why not.

2993 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What level of training are pharmacists required to have to be allowed to dispense Postinor-2.
- (2) Is he able to say how the level of training, medical and other skills of a pharmacist would differ from those of a medical practitioner.
- (3) What interview and counselling procedures are pharmacists required to undertake in order to form a well-founded opinion that Postinor-2 is a suitable drug for a woman requesting this over-the-counter drug; if no procedures are currently required, when will they be put in place; if no procedures will be put in place, why not.

2994 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the statements in the June 2003 edition of the *MIMS Annual* at Paragraph 18-1428 that relate to Postinor-2, what insurance risk factors did the National Drugs and Poisons Scheduling Committee consider when making its Supply Mode decision to permit pharmacists to sell Postinor-2 without prescription.

- (2) Is he aware of the statement of 'contraindications' in relation to Postinor-2 that (a) "it should not be given to pregnant women" and (b) "if menstrual bleeding is overdue, if the last menstrual period was abnormal in timing or character or if pregnancy is suspected for any other reason, pregnancy should be excluded (by pregnancy testing or pelvic examination) before treatment is given".
- (3) What action will a pharmacist be required to take in order to be satisfied that, when a woman seeks Postinor-2, (a) the woman is or is not pregnant, (b) the woman's menstrual period is or is not abnormal, and (c) the timing of her cycle is or is not regular or late.
- (4) What insurance is available for pharmacists who sell Postinor-2 in relation to any potential health risks or side effects that a woman might experience by taking Postinor-2; if no insurance exists, what steps is he taking to ensure an appropriate insurance policy is available.

2995 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the statements in the June 2003 edition of the *MIMS Annual* at Paragraph 18-1428 that relate to Postinor-2, is he aware that the following adverse side effects of Postinor-2 are known to occur: severe hypertension, diabetes mellitus with nephropathy, retinopathy, neuropathy or vascular disease, ischemic heart disease, and stroke.
- (2) Can he confirm that the MIMS reference goes on to state that in individual cases the risk benefit ratio should be assessed by the practitioner in discussion with the patient; if so, is the practitioner a medical practitioner; if not, what is his Department's understanding of the term 'practitioner' in this reference.
- (3) Does the term 'pharmacist' usually fall within the definition of 'practitioner' within the meaning of this reference; if not, what is his understanding of the term 'practitioner'.
- (4) Does the MIMS reference also state under the heading 'precaution': exclude pregnancy if suspected clinically... and perform (breast or pelvic examinations) only if indicated by the patient's history.
- (5) How will a pharmacist know a patient's history.
- (6) Was it considered that the only history available to the pharmacist will be as described by the woman at the point of sale; if not, why not.
- (7) Is a pharmacist required to demand a more complete and documented history of the patient beyond what the pharmacist is advised over-the-counter before dispensing the drug Postinor-2; if not, why not.

2996 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the statements in the June 2003 edition of the *MIMS Annual* at Paragraph 18-1428 that relate to Postinor-2, can he confirm that the MIMS manual notes that Postinor-2 is not recommended for children and that limited data are available on young women of childbearing potential aged 14 to 16 years.
- (2) What is the definition of 'child' with respect to the supply of Postinor-2 without prescription and what age limitations are there on the supply of Postinor-2 to children.
- (3) What safeguards has he taken to ensure adequate guardianship authority is provided to prevent the unchecked supply of Postinor-2 to children.
- (4) What further action is being taken to prevent non-prescription supply of Postinor-2 to children; if no action is being undertaken, why not.

2997 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is (a) his Department's and (b) the Scheduling Committee's accepted definition of pregnancy.
- (2) On what basis did the National Drugs and Poisons Scheduling Committee consider the drug Postinor-2 not to be an abortifacient.
- (3) What is the name of the sponsor company of Postinor-2.
- (4) Was the decision of the Scheduling Committee to schedule Postinor-2 without prescription based on the representations of the relevant sponsor company; if not, upon what evidence was this decision based.
- (5) What are the names of the legal counsel who represented the sponsor company with respect to its representations regarding the definition of pregnancy and the scheduling of Postinor-2 without requiring prescription.

2998 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is a decision of the National Drugs and Poisons Scheduling Committee a disallowable instrument; if not, why not; if so, will he move a motion to disallow the scheduling of the drug Postinor-2; if he will not, why not.
- (2) Has the scheduling of the drug Postinor-2 been gazetted as required by the provisions of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*; if so, what is the *Gazette* reference; if not, when will this be done.
- (3) Does the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons state that a function of the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee is to promote uniform scheduling of substances and uniform labelling and packaging requirements throughout Australia and that the Committee has no legal standing other than that given to it by relevant legislation.
- (4) Does the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* provide (a) that the Scheduling Committee is required to provide notice, published in the *Gazette*, of its scheduling decisions, (b) that access to the relevant reasons for a decision may be obtained, and (c) that persons who made initial submissions to the committee may make further ones in the light of the decision.
- (5) Does he have a power now under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* or any other legislation to review decisions relating to the listing and registration of therapeutic goods.
- (6) Does he have a power under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* or any other legislation to review decisions relating to the scheduling or rescheduling of goods; if not, will he introduce legislation to provide this power.
- (7) What mechanisms exist for the public to respond to a decision to schedule a drug after the process of inviting initial submissions is made; if no mechanisms exist, will he review this situation.

2999 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did he see the report in the *Australian Financial Review* on 5 February 2004 titled “Alston keeps in touch with top media buddies”.
- (2) Can he confirm that part of the report which stated that the Government's media deregulation bill is due to come before the Senate later this month; if not, why not.

3000 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of recent media reports to the effect that, in light of a number of near aircraft collisions, the Government will reverse the decision to implement the ‘see and avoid’ air safety system.
- (2) Will this air safety system be abandoned; if so, when; if not, why not.

3001 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Will he explain the steps that are taken by the Australian Government to check on the security of asylum seekers who are returned to their country of origin from either the Australian mainland or offshore detention centres.
- (2) Is he aware of reports that some returnees from Nauru to Afghanistan may have been killed and what steps were taken to investigate these claims.
- (3) What investigation has been undertaken into the death of Musa Nazari who was confirmed by Julian Burnside QC to have been killed on his return to Afghanistan from Nauru.
- (4) If no investigations occur, at what point does the Australian Government absolve itself of any responsibility for asylum seekers.
- (5) Is he aware of reports that asylum seekers repatriated to Afghanistan have been targeted by individuals or gangs aware of the resettlement money the returnees are carrying.
- (6) Is he confident in the assurances from the Afghanistan Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal that there is no sign that returnees are targets of the terrorists’ operations.
- (7) Is he satisfied the security environment in Afghanistan is sufficiently secure to warrant the return of Hazara asylum seekers; if so, what evidence supports this view.

3002 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—What costs have been associated with the transportation and accommodation of asylum seekers under the Government’s pacific solution and what is the total cost.

3003 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What are the costs to date of implementation and maintenance of the National Airspace System.
- (2) What are the costs of the initiation of, and ongoing advice from, the Airspace Reform Group.

- 3004 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Greenacres Association in the Illawarra, through its Work Wise Program, has been helping disabled people into open employment at award wages for 10 years.
  - (2) Has the Government found that specialist organisations, such as Greenacres Work Wise, are effective in finding open employment at award wages for people with a disability.
  - (3) Is the Minister able to say why the Department of Workplace Relations is undertaking a pilot project that is designed to find open employment for people with a disability and does this duplicate the function of specialist organisations that already perform this function.
  - (4) Do Job Network providers have the level of experience and expertise of specialist organisations in finding open employment at award wages for people with a disability; if not, are they unlikely to have the same level of success in finding open employment for disabled job seekers.
  - (5) What reasons would prevent the additional placement of disabled people in open employment at award wages by removing the “Cap” on the number of participants who are able to be funded by specialist organisations.
  - (6) Will the Minister remove the “Cap” so that specialist organisations like Greenacres can extend their services to a greater number of people including those on their waiting lists; if not, why not.
  - (7) Will the Minister ensure that responsibility for the pilot project is vested in his Department rather than the Department of Workplace Relations and the Job Network; if not, why not.
  - (8) Will the Minister guarantee that disabled job seekers will not be breached and lose their benefits if Job Network providers become responsible for the pilot project; if not, why not.
  - (9) Will the Minister guarantee that Job Network providers will comply with the twelve disability service standards in their dealings with jobseekers with a disability; if not, why not.
- 3007 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) At 9 February 2004, how many telephone lines were available for business connection purposes from the exchange at Landsdale in Western Australia.
  - (2) If lines are not immediately available, what is the period of time from request to availability.
  - (3) Of the lines available, how many have broadband capacity.
  - (4) How many additional lines have been made available at this exchange in the last six months and how many of these have broadband capacity.
- 3008 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) When will the name of Sgt. Andrew Russell who was killed in action in Afghanistan on 16 February 2002 be inscribed at the Australian War Memorial.
  - (2) What is the reason for the delay in his name being inscribed at the Australian War Memorial.
  - (3) Will she ensure that when his name is to be inscribed his wife is advised prior to this happening.
  - (4) Will she ensure that Sgt. Russell's wife is invited to attend the Australian War Memorial at this time.
- 3009 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Over which suburbs will the Grand Prix FA-18 flyover take place.
  - (2) Will the Minister explain what the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) is.
  - (3) Will the Minister explain how the ANEF is measured.
  - (4) What is the ANEF's noise level for the FA-18's.
  - (5) What is the expected FA-18 flyover ANEF for the Grand Prix and is it within usual noise guidelines.
  - (6) Is the Minister aware that the National Acoustic Laboratories (NAL) confirmed that 'equal energy' indices such as ANEF were more highly correlated to community reaction than any other indices.
  - (7) Is the Minister aware that this form of measurement was endorsed by the Government as the technique to be used for the determination and evaluation of the impact of aircraft noise on communities in the vicinity of Australian airports.
  - (8) Is the Minister aware that the acceptable ANEF level for flyovers in school and hospital zones is 25 ANEF according to the investigation undertaken by the NAL in 1980.
  - (9) Is the Minister aware that at 25 ANEF, 18% of people will be seriously affected and 57% of people will be moderately affected and at 40 ANEF 55% of people will be seriously affected and 85% of people will be moderately affected.

## 12 February 2004

3010 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Bangladeshi journalist Salah Choudhury, Editor of the magazine *Blitz*.
- (2) Is he aware that Mr Choudhury has been advocating, “dialogue and understanding between Jews and Muslims, formal and informal ties between his Islamic nation and Israel”.
- (3) Is he aware that Mr Choudhury was arrested on 3 November 2003 as he was about to board a plane to address a writer’s symposium in Israel sponsored by the apolitical organisation, the International Forum for the Literature and Culture of Peace (IFLAC).
- (4) Is he aware that since then Mr Choudhury has been labelled a traitor and anti-Islamic as well as being threatened with charges of treason and anti-religious activities by police agents.
- (5) Is he able to say whether Mr Choudhury is being held in compliance with his basic human rights.
- (6) Is he aware that Mr Choudhury has been housed with the criminally insane, living in inhumane conditions and has been declined medical treatment.
- (7) Is he able to say whether Mr Choudhury’s court appearances were (a) fair and free, and (b) open to his family, advisers and international observers.
- (8) Has Mr Choudhury been convicted of a crime; if so, what was his sentence.
- (9) What is the Government’s attitude towards Mr Choudhury’s imprisonment.
- (10) Has the Government made representations to the Bangladesh Government about his case; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, why not.
- (11) What action does the Government propose to take in relation to Mr Choudhury’s situation.

3011 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the quality and safety of cabin air in Australian commercial aircraft can he confirm whether any Australian registered airlines regularly monitor cabin air quality on (a) domestic and (b) international flights.
- (2) What air quality inspections are performed following reports of unknown fumes in aircraft cabins such as that reported on the Qantas Melbourne-Perth flight on 19 January 2004.
- (3) What noxious fumes (a) might, and (b) have found their way into aircraft cabins during flights.
- (4) What new technologies, such as infrared testers or spectrometers, have been investigated to ensure regular mid-flight air quality monitoring.

3013 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question Nos 43 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2003, page 647), 1459 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2003, page 1555), 1547 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19410), 1587 (*Hansard*, 15 September 2003, page 19411), 2446 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2004, page 24181) and in respect of the Commissioner of Taxation’s confirmation that there are still a number of barristers and solicitors who are not complying with their tax obligations, what is the estimated cost to the Australian Taxation Office of creating unique business industry codes for (a) barristers and (b) solicitors.

3014 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2357 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23534), in respect of the information which was stored on the computer servers stolen from the Customs Link Road premises, what stage has the reconstruction and analysis work reached.
- (2) When is this work expected to be completed.
- (3) When is the final report by the Defence Signals Directorate expected to be made available to the public.

## 16 February 2004

3015 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 328 (*Hansard*, 21 October 2002, page 8389), how many of the outstanding 106 kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury that were not duplicated at 22 October 2002 remain unduplicated and what are the unduplicated sections.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of duplicating each section.
- (3) Are there any projects underway or plans for completing the outstanding duplication works over the next five years; if so, what are the projects and when and where will they be undertaken.
- (4) How many road accidents and fatalities have occurred on each section of the highway not yet duplicated.

- (5) When will the Albury-Wodonga bypass duplication commence, what is the detailed estimated cost of undertaking this project and what is the expected date of completion of the project.

3016 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 1896 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2004, page 24165), why does the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 not explain how the Australian Taxation Office did not identify the serious policy failure in the Tax Office over many decades which led to the question contained in part (2) (a) of question No. 1896 and put by the President of the New South Wales Bar Association in his letter to the Commissioner of Taxation dated 16 December 2002 titled 'Tax-delinquent Barristers and Statutory Secrecy' (Reference 01/120).
- (2) Is he aware of the President of the New South Wales Bar Association's concerns about the high-media profile of the cases of former QC Mr John Cummins in not lodging an income taxation return for some forty years and former QC Mr Clarrie Stevens not paying any income tax for fifteen years and at the same time being paid by the Commonwealth for work done as counsel for the Australian Taxation Office over a period of eight years and that income not being the subject of any income tax return filed by Mr Stevens as required by legislation.
- (3) Will he explain how the Australian Taxation Office (a) failed to become acquainted with Mr Cummins' failure to lodge an income taxation return for some forty years, and (b) failed to become acquainted with Mr Stevens' failure to pay any income tax for fifteen years, particularly when a significant amount of his income during this period was derived from work he did for the Australian Taxation Office.

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3017 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the adoption of international accounting standards in Australia have an effect on employee share bonus plans linked to a company's profitability; if so, what will the effect be.

3018 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Would he list and provide details of the programs and initiatives within his portfolio responsibility.
- (2) What are the (a) current funding, and (b) forward estimates for each program.

3019 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) For each financial year since 1998, how many Disability Support Pensioners (DSP) accessed Job Network services.
- (2) For the financial year ended 30 June 2003, what was the proportion of DSP recipients achieving positive outcomes (ie. employment and/or further education and training) after accessing Job Network services.

3020 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the financial year (a) 1996/1997, (b) 1997/1998, (c) 1999/2000, (d) 2000/2001, (e) 2001/2002 and (f) 2002/2003, what proportion of New Apprenticeship commencements were existing employees.

3021 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For each financial year since the introduction of the program, (a) how many trainees and apprentices have benefited from, and (b) what was the expenditure on (i) Women in Non-Traditional Trades, (ii) School-Based New Apprenticeships, (iii) School Based Retention, (iv) Declared Drought Work Area, (v) Mature Aged Worker, (vi) Innovation, (vii) Sporting Operations, and (viii) Rural and Regional Skill Shortages.

**MR BEVIS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3022 - 3039)—How many employees of the Minister's department are currently employed on terms set out in an Australian Workplace Agreement.

3022 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

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- 3041 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 2357 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23166) and 2871 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2004, page 24625), can he confirm that the computer servers stolen from the Customs Link Road premises did not contain any information relating to (a) Customs Alert System (b) Prospective cargo examinations, and (c) the selection of passengers for further investigation; if not, why not.
  - (2) Does the information stored on the stolen computer servers put at risk the security of the work undertaken by the Australian Customs Service; if so, how, if not, why not.
- 3042 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did he see the report titled 'Cost pressures force more Telstra jobs offshore' in the *Financial Review* on 16 February 2004.
  - (2) Can he confirm that Telstra is planning to send several hundred more jobs offshore in a move that may result in a large part of its accounting, payroll and purchasing systems being managed in India.
  - (3) What is the impact on Australia's Information Technology sector and the opportunities for Australians to develop skills in an area crucial to Australia's future.
- 3043 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is he aware that the Sinn Fein leader, Mr Gerry Adams, addressed the National Press Club in Canberra on Wednesday, 11 February 2004.
  - (2) Is he also aware that the ABC, which usually broadcasts the Wednesday addresses live, aired a repeat of an earlier speech rather than Mr Adams' address.
  - (3) Can he confirm that the decision not to show the program live was taken because the ABC was concerned about possible controversy that may have arisen as a result of Mr Adams' comments.
  - (4) Does the ABC reserve the right to censor contributions from political leaders who appear at the National Press Club; if so, why and under what authority.
  - (5) Who in the ABC made the decision to delay the broadcast.
  - (6) Was that person subject to any outside or Board influence; if so by whom.
  - (7) Does the ABC's decision constitute political censorship; if not, why not.
  - (8) How many times in the past twelve months has the ABC failed to broadcast a Press Club address live on a Wednesday and broadcast a repeat of an earlier address instead.
  - (9) Is he able to provide (a) the names of political leaders who have addressed the National Press club on a Wednesday in the last 12 months and the dates of their addresses, (b) a list of those leaders whose addresses were not broadcast live by the ABC, (c) the reasons for the decision in each instance an address was not broadcast live by the ABC.
  - (10) Will the Gerry Adams National Press Club address be broadcast at a later date; if so, (a) when, and (b) will it be aired unedited; if not, why not.
- 3044 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many people have an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt in the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530.
  - (2) In 2002-2003 how many students paid (a) upfront HECS fees, and (b) upfront full fees in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
  - (3) Of the people in the electoral division of Throsby with a HECS debt, what is the average HECS debt per person in the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530.

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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).

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.

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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- 3054 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Under what criteria will the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations decide to extend its pilot scheme to allow Job Network agencies to manage Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients.
  - (2) What are the broad aims of the pilot program.
  - (3) Will the Job Network agencies be required to follow the 12 Disability Services Standards applying to all services funded by the Department of Family and Community Services.
  - (4) What is the definition of “outcome” for DSP clients under the pilot program.
  - (5) How will DSP clients be selected for the pilot program.
  - (6) What payments will be available for Job Network agencies under the pilot program.
  - (7) Are the Job Network agency staff suitably trained to deal with DSP clients.
- 3055 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Will the Minister provide a break down of the cost of telecommunications to the Government (a) in total, and (b) by the various Government departments for the financial year 2002/2003.
  - (2) Does the Government use telecommunications carriers other than Telstra; if so, for which departments and agencies do these other carriers provide services.
- 3057 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that the \$2 billion package of Roads to Recovery funding provides \$1.2 billion additional funding.
  - (2) Are funds available from the \$1.2 billion to assist with the construction of the Peel Deviation and extension to the Kwinana Freeway currently calculated to cost \$357 million; if so, what is the amount.
  - (3) In respect of the additional \$300 million per year to be applied to local authorities, is there any allocation available over the next four years for which the Mandurah City Council could apply to fund the Peel Deviation and extension to the Kwinana Freeway; if so, what is the amount.
  - (4) In respect of the \$100 million available to local authorities for Roads of Strategic Importance, could any funds be used in any proportion for the Peel Deviation and extension to the Kwinana Freeway in recognition of its importance to South Western Australia’s export performance; if so, what is the amount.
- 3058 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What was the cost of the incarceration of Dr Khurassani, an Afghan national, who has been held in immigration detention for the past two and a half years.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that checks such as medical, penal and character checks remain uncompleted over four months after the Refugee Review Tribunal ruled that Dr Khurassani was “a person to whom Australia has protection obligations under the Refugee Convention”; if so, why were these checks not completed during the two and a half years he was held in detention.
  - (3) When will the checks be completed and Dr Khurassani released.
- 3061 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—For each of the last ten financial years, what was the total expenditure on (a) scheduled air fares, and (b) Comcar for travel undertaken by (i) former parliamentarians, (ii) former Governors-General, (iii) former Prime Ministers, (iv) other Life Gold Pass holders, (v) severance travel beneficiaries, and (vi) widows of eligible former parliamentarians.
- 3062 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many people received Newstart Allowance during (a) 2000; (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
  - (2) What was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of Newstart during (a) 2000; (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.

- 3063 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) At 31 December 2003, how many people in the electoral division of Throsby, (a) in total, and in the post code area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530, were recipients of the (i) Aged Pension (ii) Disability Support Pension (iii) Carer Allowance (iv) Newstart Allowance (v) Youth Allowance (vi) Parenting Payment Single (vii) Parenting Payment Partnered (viii) Family Tax Benefit A (ix) Family Tax Benefit B (x) Childcare Benefit, and (xi) Rent Assistance.
  - (2) At 31 December 2003, what was the proportion of the total population in the electoral division of Throsby who were receiving income assistance.
- 3064 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many families and individuals in the electoral division of Hasluck have received (a) a Family Tax Benefit, and (b) a Child Care Benefit debt notice for the 2002/2003 financial year.
  - (2) What was total amount of (a) Family Tax Benefit, and (b) Child Care Benefit debt accumulated by families in the electoral division of Hasluck in 2002/2003.
- 3065 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What are the administrative arrangements underpinning the establishment and operation of Coastwatch.
  - (2) Pursuant to which legislation does Coastwatch undertake its responsibilities.
  - (3) Which client agencies used the services of Coastwatch during the 2003 calendar year.
  - (4) Which client agencies provided intelligence to Coastwatch during the calendar year 2003 and what was the source and nature of that intelligence.
- 3066 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has an inquiry been undertaken by Coastwatch or any other Government agency in respect of the arrival of undetected suspect illegal entry vessels on the West and North coasts of Australia; if so, what was the outcome of those inquiries and are the reports from those inquiries publicly available.
- 3067 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) With which agencies has Coastwatch entered into a memorandum of understanding.
  - (2) Are those memoranda of understanding publicly available.
  - (3) With which agencies is Coastwatch negotiating a memorandum of understanding.
  - (4) When is it anticipated those memoranda of understanding will be finalised.
- 3068 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What effect will the decision by the Australian Navy to phase out the Fremantle Class patrol boats have on the operations of Coastwatch.
  - (2) What plans are being put into place to address the consequences of that decision in respect of the period from 1 January 2003 to date.
- 3069 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has Coastwatch expressed to (a) the Australian Customs Service, and (b) the Minister's office concerns regarding cooperation received from Coastwatch's key client agencies; if so, what was the nature of those reports and what steps have been undertaken to improve the cooperation.
- 3070 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What assets are owned by Coastwatch.
  - (2) What assets are co-ordinated by Coastwatch and, in particular, what are the number and type of civilian contractor aircraft co-ordinated.
  - (3) What are the number and nature of Defence aircraft co-ordinated.
  - (4) What are the nature and number of marine vessels co-ordinated.
  - (5) What are the nature and number of Australian Custom Service marine vessels co-ordinated.
- 3071 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What types of services were requested of Coastwatch during the calendar year 2003 and by which clients were those services requested.
- 3072 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many operational planning committees exist within the structure of Coastwatch.

- (2) Have there been any changes to the (a) structure, and (b) method of operation of those committees in the past 3 years; if so, what are the details.
- 3073 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What is the method or methods of communication used between Coastwatch and client organisations.
- 3074 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) To which organisations and/or agencies did Coastwatch provide post-flight reports during the 2003 calendar year.
  - (2) How long after the flights had been undertaken were those reports provided to the agencies and what actions were taken by the agencies that received the post-flight reports.
  - (3) What responsibility does Coastwatch have for the provision of surveillance and response services in relation to unregistered, unchartered or unidentified aircraft entering or leaving Australia.
  - (4) How many such flights were identified by Coastwatch during the 2003 calendar year.
  - (5) What action was taken by Coastwatch and/or its client agencies in response to such suspect illegal entry vessels.
- 3075 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Which private sector contractors provided services to Coastwatch during the 2002/2003 financial year and what was the nature and cost of those services which were provided.
  - (2) What private sector contractors will provide services to Coastwatch during the 2003/2004 financial year and what will be the nature and cost of those services.
- 3076 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Does Coastwatch apply a performance measurement system to private sector contractors; if so, with which private sector contractors was such a performance measurement system applied during the 2003 calendar year.
  - (2) Is Coastwatch revising any performance assessment systems that it applies; if so, what are the details.
- 3077 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Which agencies and private sector contractors provide marine services to Coastwatch and what services are so provided.
- 3078 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has any Government organisation or agency inquired into the adequacy of intelligence provided by client agencies to Coastwatch and whether that intelligence is provided in a timely manner; if so, (a) what was the nature of those reports, and (b) what steps have been taken to improve the quality and timeliness of that intelligence information.
  - (2) To what extent is Coastwatch reliant on intelligence provided by its national surveillance centre.
  - (3) To what extent is Coastwatch reliant on client agencies to gather and assess relevant intelligence.
- 3079 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What is the method by which Coastwatch ranks specified mission objectives or targets.
  - (2) Have there been any changes in Coastwatch tasking and priority settings during the past 3 years; if so, what are the details.
- 3080 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—How many operation staff did Coastwatch assess for technical skills during 2003 and what were the findings of the assessments.
- 3081 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has any inquiry identified a potential conflict of interest between services provided by Coastwatch to the Australian Customs Service and other client agencies; if so, what steps have been taken to address potential conflicts of interest.
- 3082 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For which years has Coastwatch undertaken client surveys.
  - (2) Are those surveys publicly available; if not, will the Minister provide copies of those surveys.
- 3083 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Does Coastwatch standardise its task ranking methodology.
  - (2) Has Coastwatch provided its clients with guides to enable those clients to assess the importance of their own tasking.

- (3) During the year 2003 was there communication between Coastwatch and any other agency in respect of the assessment of the importance of tasking by Coastwatch or the agency.
- 3084 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What performance information systems and indicators are available in respect of the operations of Coastwatch.
  - (2) To what extent do those systems reflect overall performance relevant to key client agencies.
- 3085 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has Coastwatch endeavoured to strengthen ties with the United States Coastguard.
  - (2) Has Coastwatch undertaken a comparison between the nature of surveillance and response functions undertaken by Coastwatch and the United States Coast Guard; if so what did that comparison reveal in respect of (a) surveillance functions, (b) response functions, (c) alternative delivery platforms, and (e) administrative systems.
- 3086 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What was the total cost of services provided by Coastwatch during the financial year ending 30 June 2003 and what was the Defence component of that cost.
- 3087 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What has been the response of (a) Coastwatch, and (b) the Australian Customs Service to the report of the Australian National Audit Office into Coastwatch dated 6 April 2002.
- 3088 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What internal and external reports into Coastwatch related incidents have been prepared since 6 April 2000 and which are publicly available.
- 3089 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many meetings of the Operations and Program Advisory Committee of Coastwatch occurred during calendar year 2003.
  - (2) Did the committee recommend revision of long term flight plans; if so, what recommendations were made and which have been implemented.
  - (3) Did the committee recommend revision of shorter term tactical tasking; if so, what recommendations were made and have those recommendations been acted upon.
  - (4) How many meetings of the Regional Operations and Program Advisory Committee occurred during calendar year 2003.
  - (5) What were the major decisions of that committee.
  - (6) How many meetings of the Planning Advisory Sub Committee occurred during the calendar year ending 2003.
  - (7) What determinations were made by that Committee in respect of the long term marine surface support requirements of Coastwatch clients during calendar year 2003.
- 3090 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many vessels and what type of vessels were involved in each of the long term sailing plans developed by Coastwatch during calendar year ending 2003.
  - (2) For how many hours did each of the vessels operate.
  - (3) How many aircraft and what type of aircraft were involved in each of the long term flying programs developed by Coastwatch during calendar year ending 2003.
  - (4) For how many hours did each of the aircraft operate.
- 3091 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) On how many occasions were tactical issue meetings conducted by Coastwatch during calendar year 2003.
  - (2) In respect of each meeting, what date was it held, which client agencies attended and what was the subject matter discussed.
- 3092 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has Coastwatch developed guidelines and outlined the roles and responsibilities of Coastwatch and its clients regarding Coastwatch activities.
  - (2) Are those guidelines publicly available; if not, will the Minister provide a copy.

- 3093 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Does Coastwatch have a common risk assessment process to rank various client requests; if so, how does it operate.
- 3094 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What are the steps followed by Coastwatch upon receiving a strategic or tactical tasking from a client agency.
- 3095 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What work is undertaken by Coastwatch to decipher post-flight reports before distribution to clients.
  - (2) What is the method of distribution of post-flight reports to clients and when is that information distributed relative to the actual flight that obtained the information.
- 3096 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What problems have been identified by Coastwatch in respect of the identification of suspect illegal flights into and out of Australian airspace and what steps have been undertaken by Coastwatch to clarify and resolve those problems.
- 3097 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—During calendar year 2003, did Coastwatch find it necessary to supplement existing fixed and rotary wing services with charter flights from other service providers; if so, what are the details.
- 3098 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For how many days during the calendar year 2003 was radar used in coastal surveillance not in service.
  - (2) For each instance, what were the reasons for the lack of radar service.
- 3099 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For calendar year (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003, how many suspect illegal entry vessels identified by aircraft attached to Coastwatch were followed by Coastwatch marine interception.
- 3100 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Would the Minister provide a list of the marine vessels in the National Marine Unit (NMU).
  - (2) In respect of each vessel, (a) how many crew does it require, (b) what is its patrolling, surveillance and interception capability, (c) what is its range, (d) for what period of time is it anticipated that the NMU will utilise it during 2004, (e) what are its dimensions, and (f) what is its running cost per day.
  - (3) To what extent are the services of the NMU utilised by Coastwatch.
- 3101 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the Minister received a memorandum, statement, report or other document commenting on the comparative effectiveness of using (a) Bay class vessels, and (b) Fremantle class patrol boats for the towing of impounded vessels; if so, what were the contents of the document or documents.
- 3102 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many communication centres currently operate within the Coastwatch network, what are their titles and what are their responsibilities.
  - (2) Have any concerns been expressed about the Coastwatch communication network by aircraft or Fremantle class patrol boat communications operators; if so, what are the details.
- 3103 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What was the expenditure by the Department of Defence on Coastwatch activities during the financial year ending 30 June 2003.
  - (2) What services were involved and covered by the operating costs, including the cost of Fremantle class patrol boats and P3-C Orion aircraft.
- 3104 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Fremantle class patrol boat patrol days were allocated to Coastwatch during the calendar year 2003.
  - (2) How many days will be allocated during the calendar year 2004 for Coastwatch related activities.
- 3105 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many P3-C Orion aircraft flying hours were provided by the Minister's department to Coastwatch during the calendar year 2003.
  - (2) How many hours will be provided during the calendar year 2004.

- 3106 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Minister's department raised the issue of using Defence vessels to tow impounded vessels with Coastwatch; if so, (a) what was the nature of those representations, and (b) what was the outcome.
- 3107 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What is the average steaming day operating cost of a Fremantle class patrol boat.
- 3108 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is it proposed to replace the 15 Fremantle class patrol boats; if so, when will that replacement occur.
  - (2) Has a decision been made in respect of the vessel or vessels that will replace the Fremantle class patrol boats; if so, which vessel or vessels and how many will be purchased by the Department of Defence.
  - (3) How many of the new vessels will be available to carry out Coastwatch response and patrolling functions.
- 3109 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) When was the last study undertaken in respect of the potential costs to Australian agriculture and fisheries from the introduction of exotic diseases, plants, animals and people.
  - (2) Which agency or agencies conducted that study.
  - (3) What were the findings of that study including estimated costs of exotic diseases, plants, animals and people.
- 3110 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many illegal immigrants were repatriated from Australia during (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
  - (2) In respect of the repatriation of each illegal immigrant, what was the approximate cost.
- 3111 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) With which countries has Australia entered into bilateral agreements concerning people smuggling and the return of illegal arrivals.
  - (2) Are those agreements publicly available; if not, will the Minister provide copies of those agreements.
- 3112 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Has the Minister developed a protocol on people smuggling.
  - (2) Is that protocol publicly available; if not, will the Minister provide a copy.
- 3113 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Has an Information Oversight Committee operated within the Minister's department during calendar year 2003; if so, what assessment did the Committee make in respect of the number of people likely to seek entry into Australia using the services of people smugglers during calendar year 2004.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3114 - 3120)—
- (1) Which agencies within his portfolio have entered into a memorandum of understanding with Coastwatch and on what dates were those memoranda finalised.
  - (2) What is the nature of those memoranda.
  - (3) Are they publicly available; if not, will he provide a copy.
- 3114 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 3115 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 3116 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 3117 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3118 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3119 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3120 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3121 - 3127)—Did any agencies within the Minister's portfolio, during the course of calendar year 2003, have cause to correspond with a representative of Coastwatch about the tasking of aircraft or marine vessels for services provided by Coastwatch; if so, what was the nature of that correspondence.

3121 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3122 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3123 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3124 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3125 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3126 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

3127 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3128 - 3133)—Does any agency in the Minister's portfolio have a role in managing issues related to suspect illegal flights into and out of Australian airspace; if so, which agencies have a role and what is that role.

3128 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

3129 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3130 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3131 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3132 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3133 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3134 - 3136)—What intelligence collection and analysis programs do agencies in the Minister's portfolio conduct in respect of border security and what operational outcomes exist for any such programs.

3134 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3135 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3136 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

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**MR BEVIS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3137 - 3154)—

(1) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003, what payments were made by the Minister's department to (i) registered unions of employees, (ii) registered unions of employers, (iii) unions of employees peak body, and (iv) unions of employers peak body.

(2) In respect of each payment, (a) how much money was provided, and (b) what was its purpose.

3137 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3138 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3139 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer.

3140 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3141 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

3142 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3143 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3144 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3145 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3146 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3147 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3148 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3149 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

- 3150 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3151 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 3152 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 3153 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 3154 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 3155 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Is (a) Mr Grahame Morris, (b) the firm Jackson Wells Morris, or (c) any entity associated with either, currently a party to, or in receipt of a benefit, arising from any contracts with the Department of Health and Ageing.
- 3156 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is he aware that a number of Navy barges are permanently moored between Spectacle Island and Snapper Island near Drummoyne.
  - (2) Can he indicate whether any of those Navy barges contain ammunition.
- 3157 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2767 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24404), stating that no decision has been taken as to when, or if, MRI services at Concord Repatriation Hospital will be eligible for Medicare rebates, is he aware that (a) senior members of both the administrative staff of Concord Hospital, including staff associated with its Department of Radiology; (b) the University of Sydney teaching staff of Concord Hospital; and (c) the representatives of ex-service organisations of the veteran community, have indicated that they expect him to grant Concord Hospital an MRI licence after the Liberal candidate for Lowe is announced for the 2004 Federal election.
  - (2) Can he clarify the position; if not, why not.
- 3158 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of the campaign by the Police Federation of Australia to obtain an exemption for Australia's 50,000 police officers from the superannuation age preservation rules which will prevent officers born after 1 July 1964 from accessing their entitlements before they reach 60 years of age.
  - (2) Is he aware that the principal reason for the Federation's campaign to ensure Australia's police are entitled to access superannuation from the age of 55 years is the concern that a police officer over the age of 55 years would be less effective and a risk to fellow colleagues when participating in duties which involve violent confrontation with offenders.
  - (3) Can he confirm that members of Australia's Defence Force can access superannuation benefits before the age of 55 years.
  - (4) Will he review the Government's superannuation policy so that Australia's police officers would be able to retire at the age of 55 years with access to superannuation entitlements; if not, why not.
- 3159 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that the Police Association of New South Wales is seeking a fairer and more equitable method of calculating the superannuation surcharge for NSW police who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme.
  - (2) Is he aware that police officers who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme are excluded from the *Workers' Compensation Act 1987* and that they are experiencing abnormally high levels of retirement on medical grounds.
  - (3) Is he aware that members who remain in the Police Superannuation Scheme are required to pay an ever-increasing surcharge contribution.
  - (4) Will he review the Government's policy to allow the Commissioner of Taxation to make changes to the calculation of the surcharge for affected police to ensure fairness and equity with other occupations; if not, why not.
- MS ROXON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3160 - 3177)—
- (1) Can the Minister indicate (a) whether the Minister's department has a dedicated Freedom of Information (FOI) officer, and (b) how many officers are employed to deal with FOI requests, and (c) at what levels they are employed.
  - (2) How many applications did the department have under the FOI Act in the 2002-2003 financial year and how did this figure compare to previous years.



- (3) How many internal reviews of applications occurred in the last financial year and how many internal reviews affirmed the original decision.
- (4) Can the information in (2) and (3) be broken down into applications requesting individual information and applications requesting information for other reasons (i.e. media, opposition MPs etc).
- (5) What proportion of cases go to external review and what proportion of these are upheld.
- (6) In respect of fees for FOI applications, (a) how much was charged, (b) how much was actually collected, and (c) what proportion of fees were waived.
- (7) How much did the Minister's department spend in defending FOI appeals.
- (8) In respect of refusals to grant requests, can the Minister provide details on (a) which exemption categories are used when information is refused, and (b) what proportion of refusals are in each category (i.e. commercial-in-confidence and other categories).
- (9) Will the Minister provide statistics over the last 5 years indicating whether the use of particular exemption categories is static, falling or increasing.

3160 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3161 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3162 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Treasurer.

3163 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3164 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

3165 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3166 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3167 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3168 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3169 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3170 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3171 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3172 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

3173 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3174 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

3175 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3176 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3177 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MS ROXON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3178 - 3195)—

- (1) How much did the Minister's department spend during 2002-2003 on outsourced (a) barristers and (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor, and any others).
- (2) How much did the Minister's department spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the Minister's department's projected expenditure on legal services for the 2003-2004 financial year.

3178 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3179 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3180 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Treasurer.

3181 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3182 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

3183 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3184 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3185 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3186 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3187 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

- 3188 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 3189 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3190 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 3191 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3192 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 3193 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 3194 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 3195 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 3196 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by his department including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred what were its conclusions.
  - (2) How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (4) What was the average salary of an SES (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by his department which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-04 to date, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off departmental premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
  - (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
  - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
  - (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
  - (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.

- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (15) Did his department produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (18) Did his department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

3197 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of an SES (or equivalent) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by CASA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-04 to date, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off CASA premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.

- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (15) Did CASA produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (18) Did CASA conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

3198 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by Airservices Australia including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of an SES (or equivalent) in Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by Airservices Australia which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-04 to date, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off Airservices Australia's premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was

spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.

- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (15) Did Airservices Australia produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by Airservices Australia in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (18) Did Airservices Australia conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

3199 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of an SES (or equivalent) in AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by AMSA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-04 to date, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off AMSA's premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (15) Did AMSA produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (18) Did AMSA conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

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- 3200 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Trade—For each year since 1996, what was the level of export market development assistance provided to private firms and companies registered in the postcode area (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046, (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428.
- 3201 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the year 2002-2003, how many students paid (a) upfront HECS fees, and (b) upfront full fees in the postcode area (i) 3036, (ii) 3037, (iii) 3038, (iv) 3043, (v) 3046 (vi) 3047, (vii) 3048, (viii) 3049, (viii) 3059, (ix) 3060, (x) 3061, (xi) 3064, (xii) 3427, and (xiii) 3428.
- 3202 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For the year 2002-2003, what sum was provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3036, (ii) 3037, (iii) 3038, (iv) 3043, (v) 3046 (vi) 3047, (vii) 3048, (viii) 3049, (viii) 3059, (ix) 3060, (x) 3061, (xi) 3064, (xii) 3427, and (xiii) 3428.
  - (2) In respect of each grant, what was (a) the expenditure, (b) its location, and (c) its purpose.

- 3203 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—How many people are currently enrolled in Vocational Education and Training studies in (a) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- 3204 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many people are currently enrolled in higher education in (a) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
  - (2) How many students residing in the electoral division of Calwell have an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt.
  - (3) How many students residing in the postcode area (a) 3036, (b) 3037, (c) 3038, (d) 3043, (e) 3046, (f) 3047, (g) 3048, (h) 3049, (i) 3059, (j) 3060, (k) 3061, (l) 3064, (m) 3427, and (n) 3428 have an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt.
  - (4) How many people residing in the electoral division of Calwell but not currently enrolled in higher education have outstanding or accumulated HECS debt.
- 3205 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode areas of (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
  - (2) How many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- 3206 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many community-based child care centres are located in the electoral division of Calwell.
  - (2) In respect of each community-based child care centre, (a) what is its name and address, (b) who is its managing authority, (c) what sum of Commonwealth funding did it receive in (i) 2001-2002, (ii) 2002-2003, and (iii) 2003-2004.
  - (3) Which Commonwealth funded child care centres located in the electoral of Calwell have been overpaid and what sum will each child care centre be asked to repay.
  - (4) What sum in child care assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long day care, and (c) community long day care in (i) Australia, (ii) Victoria, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- 3207 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Which organisations applied for funding under the International Year of the Volunteers Small Equipment Grants scheme in (a) 2002, and (b) 2003 in the electoral division of Calwell.
- 3208 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—What is the current breakdown of benefits provided through Centrelink to residents in the electoral division of Calwell and how does this compare with (a) 2003, (b) 2002, (c) 2001, (d) 2000, (e) 1999, and (f) 1998.
- 3209 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many recipients of the Family Tax and Child Care benefit received debt notification letters in relation to overpayment of those benefits in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004 in (i) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (ii) 3036, (iii) 3037, (iv) 3038, (v) 3043, (vi) 3046 (vii) 3047, (viii) 3048, (ix) 3049, (x) 3059, (xi) 3060, (xii) 3061, (xiii) 3064, (xiv) 3427, and (xv) 3428.
  - (2) How many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
  - (3) How many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
  - (4) How many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.

- (5) How many age pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- (6) How many parenting payment single recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- (7) How many Health Care Card recipients reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- (8) How many Health Care Card recipients not receiving a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.

3210 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What sums were allocated in local government financial assistance grants in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004 to the (i) City of Hume, (ii) City of Brimbank, (iii) Shire of Moreland, and (iv) City of Nillumbik.

3211 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the total number of individuals who reached the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002, and (b) 2003 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (2) What was the total number of families who reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002, and (b) 2003 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (3) For each year since 1996, what was the total number of PBS prescriptions filled in (a) Victoria, and the postcode area (b) 3036, (c) 3037, (d) 3038, (e) 3043, (f) 3046 (g) 3047, (h) 3048, (i) 3049, (j) 3059, (k) 3060, (l) 3061, (m) 3064, (n) 3427, and (o) 3428.
- (4) What was the total number of PBS prescriptions filled for concession card holders during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (5) What was the total number of PBS prescriptions filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.10 during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (6) What was the total number of PBS prescriptions filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.70 during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.

3212 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What proportion of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Calwell.
- (2) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (3) How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (4) What proportion of Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.



- (5) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card in (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (6) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card in (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (7) How many individuals reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (8) How many families reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- (9) How many families registered for the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002, and (b) 2003 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- 3213 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many nursing home beds are located within the electoral division of Calwell.
  - (2) How many beds located within the electoral division of Calwell are in use.
  - (3) How many allocated beds located within the electoral division of Calwell are yet to be occupied.
  - (4) In respect of the beds yet to be occupied, when were the bed licences allocated.
- 3214 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) For the year (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003, how many (i) veterans' pension recipients, and (ii) veterans' spouses resided in (A) the electoral division of Calwell and, the postcode area (B) 3036, (C) 3037, (D) 3038, (E) 3043, (F) 3046 (G) 3047, (H) 3048, (I) 3049, (J) 3059, (K) 3060, (L) 3061, (M) 3064, (N) 3427, and (O) 3428.
  - (2) How many (a) veterans' pension recipients, and (b) veterans' spouses resident in the electoral division of Calwell in the year (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2002 and (viii) 2003 had a Gold Card.
  - (3) How many Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme prescriptions filled for Department of Veterans' Affairs treatment card holders during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Calwell, and the postcode area (iii) 3036, (iv) 3037, (v) 3038, (vi) 3043, (vii) 3046 (viii) 3047, (ix) 3048, (x) 3049, (xi) 3059, (xii) 3060, (xiii) 3061, (xiv) 3064, (xv) 3427, and (xvi) 3428.
- 3215 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many Work for the Dole programs operated in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, (i) in the electoral division of Calwell, and in the postcode area (ii) 3036, (iii) 3037, (iv) 3038, (v) 3043, (vi) 3046 (vii) 3047, (viii) 3048, (ix) 3049, (x) 3059, (xi) 3060, (xii) 3061, (xiii) 3064, (xiv) 3427, and (xv) 3428.
  - (2) In respect of each program, what was (a) its nature of activity, (b) the number of people that participated, and (c) the sum of Commonwealth funding provided.
- 3216 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Which regions have been identified to be pilot sustainable regions under the Regional Assistance Program.
  - (2) What are the funding allocations to each pilot region under the program.
  - (3) What is or was the purpose of each grant.
- 3217 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—What were the (a) names, (b) addresses, and (c) hours of operation of the organisations that are part of the Job Network in the postcode area (i) 3036, (ii) 3037, (iii) 3038, (iv) 3043, (v) 3046 (vi) 3047, (vii) 3048, (viii) 3049, (ix) 3059, (x) 3060, (xi) 3061, (xii) 3427, and (xiii) 3428.

- 3218 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What funding from the Natural Heritage Trust has been expended on projects in the electoral division of Calwell.
  - (2) In respect of each project, what was (a) its nature, and (b) the sum of Commonwealth funding provided.
- 3219 **MR ORGAN**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Is he aware that the increases to Comsuper pensions paid to retired public servants are based upon increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
  - (2) Has he considered basing future increases to Comsuper pensions on increases to Average Weekly Earnings; if so, will he explain why increases are still based on the CPI.
- 3220 **MR K. J. THOMSON**: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Has the Australian Greenhouse Office or other Government authority measured the greenhouse gas emission levels of trains on the new Adelaide to Darwin rail route; if not, will he ensure that a study is undertaken and published comparing greenhouse gas emissions from trains on the route with road transport carrying an equal load.
- 3221 **MS GEORGE**: To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that when Workers Education Association Illawarra (WEA) was awarded the contract to provide English courses in January 2002 it was permitted to offer students 2 x 400 hours instruction over a two year period.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that WEA has been instructed to offer only 1 x 200 hours instruction to each student; if so, (a) why, (b) on what basis was the instruction to reduce student learning time made, and (c) is this consistent with the original contract; if not, why not.
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that as a result of this variation WEA anticipates that its enrolments will fall from 40 students per month to only 18 students between now and the end of the financial year.
  - (4) Will the Government now allocate further funding to English language programs in the 2004 Budget; if not, why not.
  - (5) Can the Minister give a commitment that more money will be allocated to English language programs when contracts are renewed following their expiry in December 2004; if not, why not.
  - (6) Will the Minister reinstate WEA's funding so that it can continue to improve the English language skills of constituents in the electoral division of Throsby; if not, why not.
- 3222 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR**: To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many jobs have been advertised on the Australian Job Search (AJS) website since its inception.
  - (2) What is the (a) annual cost, and (b) total cost since the inception of the AJS website.
  - (3) How many people have found employment through the AJS website.
  - (4) What proportion of those who found work through the AJS website were Job Network cardholders.
  - (5) What proportion of jobs advertised on the AJS website are available only to Job Network cardholders.
  - (6) How are jobs that are advertised on the AJS website and available only to job network cardholders distinguished from those that are available to all Australians.
- 3223 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR**: To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Are there guidelines for the maximum response times to complaints made about the Australian Jobsearch (AJS) website online to [ajs@dewr.gov.au](mailto:ajs@dewr.gov.au); if so, how many responses have exceeded these guidelines; if not, why not.
  - (2) Is he aware of any complaints made by job seekers unable to access jobs advertised on the AJS website because they are not eligible for a Job Network card.
  - (3) Is it the Government's intention to restrict the job prospects of full-time students by denying them the opportunity to access certain jobs on the AJS website.
  - (4) Can he confirm that full-time students are ineligible for a job network card; if so, is it the Government's intention to encourage students to leave school before applying for a job or apprenticeship.
- 3224 **MS C. F. KING**: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Ballarat for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Ballarat for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Ballarat for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Ballarat for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3225 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Isaacs for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Isaacs for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Isaacs for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Isaacs for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3226 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Newcastle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Newcastle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Newcastle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Newcastle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3227 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Holt for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unrefereed GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Holt for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Holt for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unrefereed GP attendances for the electoral division of Holt for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3228 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can he confirm that unregulated foreign betting exchanges are using their websites to actively target Australians with sports and race betting products in competition with legal wagering offered by Australian companies thus depriving the Federal Treasury of GST revenue and the states and community groups of gambling tax.
  - (2) Can he confirm that one of the organisations involved in this new form of internet gambling, Betfair, now has a senior executive permanently stationed in Australia to directly promote this service to Australian gamblers.
  - (3) Is it the case that unregulated betting exchanges allow multiple real-time bets on virtually any sport and any outcome; if so, does this development have the potential to increase problem gambling and corruption in sport.
  - (4) Can he confirm that in the UK, where betting exchanges originated, gambling activity has increased dramatically resulting in the British Racing Authority asking the UK Government to conduct a Royal Commission into the activities of betting exchanges.
  - (5) Why has the Government not acted to crack down on the foreign betting exchanges.

- 3229 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Can he explain how Family Court Orders are enforced if the party who has the order against them will not abide by it.
  - (2) How are parents to provide proof to Centrelink and the Child Support Agency that they are providing care to their children through access arrangements if an ex-partner denies to both agencies that access is occurring.
  - (3) What do Centrelink and the Child Support Agency consider to be proof of parents participating in child access arrangements.
  - (4) Are Family Court documents considered to be proof of child access visitation.
- 3230 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bendigo for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bendigo for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Bendigo for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Bendigo for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3231 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Banks for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Banks for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Banks for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Banks for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3232 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Reid for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Reid for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Reid for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Reid for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3233 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Since March 1996, (a) how many non-citizens have been deported under section 200 of the *Migration Act 1958* (i) where they were convicted of a specified crime after having been a permanent resident for less than 10 years (s.201), (ii) where they were convicted of a serious crime after having been a permanent resident for more than 10 years (s.203), and (iii) upon security grounds (s.202), and (b) to which countries were they deported.
  - (2) Do any countries refuse to accept the forced return of their nationals in any of the circumstances referred to above; if so, (a) which countries, and (b) what approach does the Minister's Department adopt in dealing with such cases.
  - (3) Since March 1996, how many non-citizens who were permanent residents of more than 10 years standing made application under s.203 of the *Migration Act* seeking the appointment of a Commissioner to consider their proposed deportation and, of these cases, how many were referred by the Minister to a Commissioner and what were the Commissioner's findings in each case.

3234 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is it correct, as stated by officers of the Minister's Department to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on 17 February 2004, that the Government has begun to trial the resettlement of unlinked offshore refugees in appropriate locations in regional Australia.
- (2) In which particular locations are these trials (a) currently under way, and (b) proposed.
- (3) How many refugees are proposed to be involved in the trials and what is the proposed timeframe for their completion.
- (4) As part of the trials, what funding will the Commonwealth provide for (a) on-arrival settlement services, and (b) other assistance to those participating in the trials.
- (5) Are state and territory governments required to make a financial or other contribution to the trials; if so, what are the details.

3235 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Denison for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Denison for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Denison for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Denison for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3236 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Batman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Batman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Batman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Batman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3237 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Lowe for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Lowe for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Lowe for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Lowe for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

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3238 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Cowan for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Cowan for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Cowan for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Cowan for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

- 3239 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Rankin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Rankin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Rankin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Rankin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3240 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Fremantle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Fremantle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Fremantle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Fremantle for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3241 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the Minister's media release of 12 January 2004 headed 'Plan to attract more migrants to regional Australia', how will the eligibility criteria and entitlements for the proposed new visa for self-funded retirees differ from the existing subclass 410 Temporary Retirement Visa.
  - (2) What will be the definition of 'regional Australia' for the purposes of the proposed new visa.
  - (3) How many such visas will be available in 2004-2005 and subsequent years.
  - (4) What is the proposed role and contribution of state and territory governments as sponsors of the self-funded retirees concerned.
- 3242 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For the purposes of the migration program, which parts of Australia does the Minister's Department consider to fall within the classification of (a) 'regional Australia', and (b) 'a low population growth metropolitan area'.
  - (2) What precise statistical or other criteria are used to determine the allocation of areas to these classifications.
  - (3) What will be the definition of 'regional Australia' for the purposes of the new regional skilled visa jointly announced by the Minister and the Acting Prime Minister on 12 January 2004.
  - (4) For 2004-2005 is there (a) a minimum target, and (b) an upper limit for the number of visas to be issued in accordance with the 12 January announcement.
- 3243 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—What number and proportion of all permanent visas issued in 2002-2003 under the (a) skilled, (b) family, and (c) humanitarian migration streams were issued to applicants who proposed to settle in (i) the metropolitan area, and (ii) the non-metropolitan area of each state and territory.
- 3244 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Charlton for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Charlton for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Charlton for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Charlton for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3245 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Franklin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Franklin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Franklin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Franklin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3246 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the status of discussions between Airservices Australia and the airlines concerning the Government's review of the Control Tower Subsidy paid to Airservices Australia.
  - (2) For each of the last five financial years, (a) what sums has the Government advanced to Airservices Australia to assist in ameliorating the terminal navigation changes at regional and aviation airports, (b) what has been the cost of providing the services at those airports by Airservices Australia, and (c) what sum was collected via the excise on aviation fuel.
- 3247 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Fowler for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Fowler for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Fowler for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Fowler for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3248 **MR EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bonython for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferrred GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bonython for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Bonython for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferrred GP attendances for the electoral division of Bonython for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3249 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Can he confirm that the Australian Tax Office (ATO) does not accept interest recorded on off-balance sheet shadow ledgers in the preparation of taxation returns.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the ATO's private ruling (ATO reference SH/TOW/3796545, Authorisation No. 36173) says that the amounts recorded on off-balance sheet shadow ledgers are not an 'incurred liability' pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act.
  - (3) Is he aware that the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) continues to issue off-balance sheet shadow ledgers to its customers with the notation "Please retain for taxation purposes if required"; if not, why not.
  - (4) Is he aware that as a consequence of the CBA's practice, ASIC has received false company returns and the ATO, at the end of the 2003 financial year, has allowed deductions by acceptance of false taxation records prepared from off-balance sheet shadow ledgers; if not why not.
  - (5) Is any Government agency investigating allegations of the CBA's false representation of off-balance sheet shadow ledgers as the true balance of a customer's account for taxation purposes when, in fact,

the off-balance sheet shadow ledger is not the actual balance of a customer's account; if not, why not; if so, what is the current status of the investigation.

3250 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For each year since 1996, how many nursing home beds were (a) approved, and (b) actually available, in (i) the electoral division of Brisbane, and (ii) each postcode area in the electoral division of Brisbane.
- (2) What was the estimated unmet demand for nursing home beds in (a) the electoral division of Brisbane, and (b) each postcode area in the electoral division of Brisbane.

3251 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Brisbane for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Brisbane for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Brisbane for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Brisbane for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3252 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of a recent union election at the Neil Pryde sportswear factory in Shenzhen, China, which produces wetsuits for the Australian company Billabong.
- (2) Can he confirm allegations that the union elections were not held in accordance with Chinese law or in accordance with basic human rights, including that (a) the only candidate for Chairman was a factory manager, breaching Article 11 of the 'Method for Implementing the PRC Trade Union Law', (b) the human resources director of the company was a candidate for vice-chairman, and (c) Mr Liu Youlin was denied the right to stand for election.
- (3) Is he aware that under Chinese law, all workplaces with more than 100 employees are required to have a branch of a union in the workplace and can he confirm that many foreign owned or run workplaces do not comply with these requirements.
- (4) Is China a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO); if so, (a) is China a signatory to conventions 87 and 98 on the rights to freedom of association and collective organisation, and (b) is he able to say whether China is complying with ILO conventions 87 and 98.
- (5) Since 1996, has Australia taken any action or made any representations to the ILO or any of its bodies about China's compliance with the above Conventions; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, why not.
- (6) Since 1996, have there been any motions or debates before the ILO or any of its bodies, including general and specific observations and freedom of association cases, about China's compliance with the above Conventions; if so, could he provide (a) the texts of the motions, and (b) a list of all votes for, against, and abstentions on, each motion.
- (7) Is China a signatory to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); if so, (a) has China taken any reservations on Article 8, relating to the rights of individuals to form and join free trade unions, and (b) is he able to say whether China is complying with Article 8 of the ICESCR.
- (8) Since 1996, has Australia taken any action or made any representations before any body under the ICESCR about China's compliance with Article 8; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, why not.
- (9) Since 1996, has any body under the ICESCR made any comments, or have any motions been moved, about China's compliance with Article 8; if so, could he provide (a) the texts of the motions, and (b) a list of all votes for, against, and abstentions on, each motion.
- (10) Has the issue of China's compliance with ILO Conventions 87 and 98 been raised at the Australia-China Human Rights dialogue; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, (e) why not, and (f) will it be raised at the next opportunity.
- (11) Has the issue of China's compliance with Article 8 of the ICESCR been raised at the Australia-China Human Rights dialogue; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, (e) why not, and (f) will it be raised at the next opportunity.



- (12) Has the general issue of trade union freedoms in China been raised at the Australia-China Human Rights dialogue; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, (e) why not, and (f) will it be raised at the next opportunity.
- (13) Has the case of the deprivation of basic human rights at the Neil Pryde factory been raised at the Australia-China Human Rights dialogue; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) by whom, and (d) what was the response; if not, (e) why not, and (f) will it be raised at the next opportunity.

3253 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of Defence Tender DSC 086, (a) when was it advertised, (b) how many responses were received, (c) what was the range of bids, (d) what was value of the winning bid, (e) who was selected as the preferred tenderer, and (f) when and on what basis was the preferred tenderer selected.
- (2) In respect of the finding by his department's Management Audit Branch (MAB) that the process of awarding the tender was 'flawed', (a) did the MAB conduct a review of the delegate's decision to award the contract to a company by the name of ATMA; if so, what was the outcome of this review, (b) did the MAB find that the delegate followed Defence purchasing policy in awarding the contract to ATMA; if not, (i) why not, and (ii) what was the finding of the MAB in this matter, (c) did the Inspector-General make a recommendation to halt the process and conduct a new tender process; if so, what was the reason given for this finding, (d) was a legal opinion sought in relation to the Inspector-General's recommendation; if so, what was the reason for seeking legal opinion and can the Minister provide a copy, and (e) why was the Inspector-General's recommendation not followed.
- (3) What factors were taken into account when deciding to award the tender to ATMA and can the Minister confirm that ATMA was selected as the preferred tender as a result of the consideration of aspects explicitly excluded from the scope of Tender DSC 086.
- (4) Did Defence try to withdraw preferred tenderer status from ATMA after it had been selected as the preferred tenderer; if so, (a) when, (b) was it successful, and (c) did ATMA sue or threaten to sue Defence.
- (5) In respect of the re-evaluation of the tenders, (a) when did this occur, (b) what factors were taken into account, and (c) was ATMA's threat to sue Defence taken into consideration.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm the existence of a letter dated 9 July 2002 in which his department states it was "assessing the liability cost and would choose the least cost path"; if so, does this refer to ATMA's threat to sue Defence.
- (7) Were tenders re-evaluated strictly in accordance with the scope of work stated in the tender documentation which stated that the "cost of services disconnection and reinstatement of site to be done by others"; if so, what was the outcome of that evaluation.
- (8) Is it the case that in selecting a preferred tender, consideration was made for a scope of work broader than that stated in the Tender DCS 086; if so, were all tenderers given an opportunity to tender for that broader scope of work; if not, why not.
- (9) Did the Minister's department obtain legal advice that it could consider a broader scope of work because the tender contained "no express terms as to how the offers were to be evaluated other than an obligation to do so in the best interests of the department" and can the Minister explain why his department did not follow the policy contained in the Defence Procurement Policy Manual which states that "as a general rule, only information requested in the request documentation can be used to evaluate tenders".
- (10) Can the Minister confirm that the Alternative Offer tendered by ATMA and accepted by Defence was cost neutral or a zero sum offer for the two separate Requests for Tender.
- (11) Were the two separate Requests of Tenders re-evaluated without consideration of the alternative offer but the result did not meet the Project Brief requirement of the works being cost neutral.
- (12) Is it the case that the tender documentation did not refer to the Project Brief requirement that the works be cost neutral.
- (13) Can the Minister explain why his department considered the Project Brief requirement for cost neutrality when this was not mentioned in the tender documentation and is it Defence policy that only information requested in the request documentation can be used to evaluate tenders.
- (14) Is the Minister aware that (a) my office made specific request to the Corporate Services and Infrastructure Group (CSIG) about DSC 086 on 3 July 2003, (b) CSIG failed to inform my office, (c) the Parliamentary Secretary informed my office on 22 July 2003 while the contract was signed on 7 July 2003.

- (15) Can the Minister explain (a) why CSIG did not inform me about the state of the contract, (b) who made the decision not to inform me, (c) what avenues are open to my constituent to seek redress, and (d) whether this was a factor in the decision to delay informing my office about the state of the contract.

3254 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of the application submitted by the Metcalfe Community Association to establish a Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) at Metcalfe.
- (2) Is he aware that the Metcalfe Community Association invested 27 months of time and effort into the application and selection process with a view to establishing an RTC at Metcalfe.
- (3) Is he aware that the application to establish an RTC at Metcalfe has been rejected.
- (4) Is he aware that the Metcalfe Community Association was prepared to contribute \$105,000 toward the establishment of an RTC at Metcalfe.
- (5) Can he provide the reasons why the application by the Metcalfe Community Association to establish a Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) at Metcalfe was unsuccessful.
- (6) What projects have been funded under the RTC programme and what amounts have been granted to the successful applicants.

3255 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Did he write a letter dated 8 March 2002 in reply to correspondence from the Member for Maranoa, the Hon Bruce Scott, dated 30 January 2002, regarding support for a grain ethanol plant at Dalby under the 'Biofuels for Cleaner Transport' program.
- (2) Can he confirm that he wrote "In relation to the 'Biofuels for Cleaner Transport' initiative announced during the 2001 election campaign, the Government is currently in the process of developing guidelines for the operation of this program"; if not, why not.
- (3) Have the guidelines referred to in the letter been completed; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that he wrote "As outlined in the Government's policy announcement, I anticipate funding will become available from July 2002"; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the funding referred to in his letter been made available; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he confirm that he wrote "On the matter of the excise exemption for fuel ethanol, I can confirm on behalf of the Government that, as stated in the 'Biofuels for Cleaner Transport' policy, the current exemption of fuel ethanol from the \$0.38 per litre excise on petroleum products will be maintained"; if not, why not.
- (7) What is the present status of the Government's undertaking in respect of the excise on ethanol.

3256 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, at its September 2003 National Congress, the Returned and Services League (RSL) of Australia passed a resolution asking for the Federal Government to introduce a Defence Force Medal for all persons who have served in the Defence Force both past and present and this to include Reserve Forces with a qualifying period of two years service, not necessarily continuous, to be accepted as the minimum requirement.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the National Servicemen's Association of Australia supports the RSL's resolution.
- (3) Will the Government reconsider this issue with a view to granting a Defence Force Medal consistent with the resolution of the National Congress of the RSL last September; if so, when, if not, why not.

3257 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Jagajaga for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Jagajaga for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Jagajaga for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Jagajaga for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3258 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Prospect for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Prospect for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Prospect for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Prospect for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3259 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Canberra for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Canberra for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Canberra for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Canberra for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3260 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bowman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unREFERRED GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Bowman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Bowman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unREFERRED GP attendances for the electoral division of Bowman for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

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3261 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of an article published in *The Australian* on 18 February 2004 entitled 'New review of terrorist defences'.
- (2) In respect of the review referred to in the article, (a) when and by whom was the decision to conduct this review taken, (b) by whom will the review be conducted, (c) when will it commence, (d) what is the budget for the review, (e) what are the terms of reference, and (f) when will the report of the review be delivered to the Government.

3262 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Who are the members of the Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Committee.
- (2) In respect of the rules and procedures that govern the determination of the national counter-terrorism alert by the committee, (a) what are they, (b) what is their source, and (c) what is their legal status.
- (3) Are determinations of the committee relating to the national counter-terrorism alert taken by consensus and, if a consensus cannot be achieved, is a vote taken.
- (4) How often does the committee meet and on what dates are meetings planned in 2004.
- (5) Who is responsible for maintaining the national counter-terrorism alert under review between meetings of the committee.
- (6) Do any Ministers or ministerial staff participate in meetings or determinations of the committee; if so, who and what is the nature of their participation.
- (7) Do any Ministers or ministerial staff participate in the determination of the national counter-terrorism alert; if so, who and what is the nature of their participation.

3263 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the discussion paper ‘Counter-Terrorism Powers: Reconciling Security and Liberty in an Open Society’ released by the UK Government in February 2004, is he aware that the UK Home Secretary stated at page ii of the discussion paper that, “I therefore hope that this document will begin a wider debate over the next months. It is important that this process should be inclusive and genuinely consultative. I am therefore proposing a far longer period of consultation—six months—than would normally be the case”.
- (2) Does he recall stating on 26 February 2004 that options canvassed in that discussion paper are also under consideration by the Australian Government.
- (3) Besides the current Australian Law Reform Commission inquiry which is limited to protecting classified and security sensitive information, will he commit to a similar process of consultation with the Australian people on any legislative proposals, including the publication of a discussion paper, as the British Government has done.

3264 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Wills for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Wills for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Wills for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Wills for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3265 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the last ten financial years, what sum has been collected from commercial and residential rental properties for the Badger’s Creek Airport site and what is the basis of both commercial and residential rents.
- (2) For each of the last ten financial years, what have been the detailed financial outgoings of the Commonwealth for maintaining the Badger’s Creek site.

3266 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2727 (*Hansard*, 19 February 2004, page 24941) concerning the Western Sydney Orbital, of the outstanding contribution by the Commonwealth to the Western Sydney Orbital, what payments will be made in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
- (2) Is it intended that any further payments be made in the financial years beyond 2005-2006.
- (3) In respect of the New South Wales Government’s obligation to consult with the Commonwealth on the level of tolling, will the Commonwealth support a tolling system providing for the same toll for non-commercial vehicles, buses, motorbikes, trucks, cars and trailers.

3267 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Would he list and provide details of the programs and initiatives within his portfolio responsibility.
- (2) What are the (a) current funding, and (b) forward estimates for each program.

3268 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many interim outcomes were paid between (a) 1 July 2001 and 7 November 2001, and (b) 1 July 2002 and 7 November 2002.

3269 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by his department including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what its conclusions were.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of an SES (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent) staff were issued with cars by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by his department which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-04 to date, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off departmental premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips by ministerial staff were paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips by ministerial staff paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (15) Did his department produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date.
- (18) Did his department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

3270 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can he confirm that over 1.3 million television viewers in Sydney access Community Television Sydney (CTS) Channel 31 every month; if not, why not.

- (2) Is he aware that CTS Channel 31 broadcasts a variety of news programs featuring community issues and local stories not normally broadcast by the existing commercial or government television networks; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) has been investigating the granting of a permanent licence to CTS Channel 31 for over two years; if so, can he say when the ABA will complete its investigation; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware that the CTS Channel 31 has had a broadcasting licence for eleven years but that its licence will expire on 19 March 2004; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he aware of the consternation being experienced by CTS staff, program providers, volunteer networks and other stakeholders by the ABA's delay in resolving this matter; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he expedite the granting of a permanent licence for CTS Channel 31 before 19 March 2004; if not; why not.

3271 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3272 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Shortland for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Shortland for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Shortland for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Shortland for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3273 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Based on the data collected for contracts and standing orders over \$2000 or more, is the Minister able to say what proportion of Government purchasing is sourced from suppliers based in regional Australia.
- (2) What practical measures has the Government put in place to ensure government agencies source goods and services from regional Australian suppliers.
- (3) What practical measures has the Government put in place to ensure suppliers in regional Australia are aware of government purchasing policies and tendering procedures.

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3274 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Other than the Australians being held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is he aware of any Australians being held in other countries that might be affected by the changed definition of 'foreign country' in the International Transfer of Prisoners Amendment Bill 2004; if so, (a) how many people are there, and (b) in which countries are they being held.
- (2) Has the Government of the United States of America indicated that it would agree to a request, after the Bill is enacted, for the transfer of any Australians convicted by the US military commission; if so, what undertakings, if any, have been given.

3275 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Stirling for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Stirling for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Stirling for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Stirling for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3276 **MR PRICE:** 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/or individuals in the electoral division of Chifley (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all Family Tax Benefit recipients in the electoral division of Chifley, have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to the overpayment of the Family Tax Benefit.
- (2) For the electoral division of Chifley, 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/or 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 Chifley (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/or individuals in the electoral division of Chifley who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt chose to repay their debt with a credit card.

3277 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Hasluck for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Hasluck for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Hasluck for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Hasluck for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3278 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Can he say what the value is to the Australian economy of the (a) local production, and (b) international sales of ugh boots; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that section 24 of the *Trade Marks Act 1995* states that generic terms should not be trade marked; if so, what is the status of the trade mark (a) 'UGH-BOOTS' registered on 25/01/1971, (b) 'UGH' registered on 19/03/1982, and (c) 'UGG Australia' registered on 12/02/1999 prior to the enactment of the *Trade Marks Act 1995*.
- (3) Does his department have a small business assistance package that would assist ugh boot manufacturers; if so, what are the details; if not, will he undertake to develop a financial package for the ugh boot industry and, if he will not develop an assistance package, why not.

3279 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the undertaking to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) in response to Report No. 31 of 2000-2001, (a) has his department entered into a service level agreement with AUSTRADE covering service provision, resourcing, performance information and accountability reporting, and (b) have his department and AUSTRADE agreed on funding for, and access to, his department's Consular Management Information System (CMIS).
- (2) Have appropriate guidelines for evaluation and reporting following a crisis been developed in response to the ANAO's Report No. 16 of 2003-2004.
- (3) In respect of the ANAO's finding in Report No. 16 of 2003-2004 that many lists were out of date or deficient, has his department taken action to ensure that the lawyers' lists maintained at overseas posts are kept up to date and that the court jurisdiction of all lawyers is included.
- (4) In respect of Recommendation 2(a) in the ANAO's Report No. 31 of 2000-2001, has his department instituted procedures to ensure that the risk assessment processes undertaken by overseas posts in making decisions not to issue travel advisories are rigorously documented.

- (5) Has his department completed or made substantial progress towards the development of outstanding modules of the Consular Management Information system (CMIS).
- (6) Has his department expanded the potential of the CMIS for analysis and reporting of caseload information and provision of performance management data which ANAO had found to be limited.
- (7) Has his department taken steps to improve the integrity of CMIS data in light of the errors identified by the ANAO.
- (8) In respect of its Performance Management Framework, has his department expanded the range of quantity and quality indicators which the ANAO found to be inadequate for the reporting of key consular achievements or under-achievements.
- (9) Has his department revised the Performance Management Framework to allow more balanced and detailed reporting of consular activities, for example, by including the number of publications disseminated and the number of 'accesses' to the consular pages of the departmental website.
- (10) Does his department intend to implement performance targets for appropriate elements of consular services as recommended by the ANAO in Report No. 31 of 2000-2001 and Report No. 16 of 2003-2004.
- (11) Does his department intend to replace the current ad hoc arrangements for complaints handling with a more systematic response which would improve its ability to identify and manage recurring problems across the consular network as recommended by the ANAO in Report No. 31 of 2000-2001 and Report No. 16 of 2003-2004.
- (12) Has his department provided overseas posts with sample well-constructed contingency plans as models of good practice for reporting against the Crisis Management and Evacuation (CME) Guidelines.
- (13) Has his department updated the list of emergency response triggers to include biological threats such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or anthrax.
- (14) Currently, what proportion of overseas posts' contingency plans had not been reviewed in the previous 12 months as required under DFAT's CME Guidelines.
- (15) Have the contingency plans which in March 2003 had no maps, or maps on which evacuation points and/or post locations were not marked, been updated to include the relevant information.
- (16) Has his department developed clearly defined criteria for assigning posts to the relevant risk category and guidelines for adequately documenting the review process.
- (17) Has his department taken action to ensure that the strength of the advice given to Australians to register with overseas posts is, in all cases, consistent with the risk category of the post concerned.

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3280 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Assistant Secretary, Airport Planning and Regulation, Department of Transport and Regional Services write a letter to the Chair of the Sydney Airport Community (Consultative) Forum in February 2004 titled "Sydney Airport Air Traffic Forecasts".
- (2) Can he confirm that the letter says that while forecasts such as that by the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation can be useful for certain purposes, it notes that the forecast addresses a relatively broader aviation setting and for this reason cannot be meaningfully related to the air traffic forecasts in the Sydney Airport Corporation's draft master plan.
- (3) Does the Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) 03/04 prepared by the Sydney Airport Corporation state that the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) passenger forecasts show growth from 26.4 million passengers in 2000/2001 to 68.3 million passengers in 2023/24; if so, is this forecast meaningful to the Sydney Airport PDMP.
- (4) Does the Summary of the Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Second Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek 1999 state that (a) Sydney Airport will reach capacity in the latter part of the next decade thus a second airport will be needed to handle 10 million passengers per year about ten years after it opens; if so, can this forecast be meaningfully related to the PDMP and, if it cannot, what new evidence is available in the PDMP report that contradicts this forecast, (b) expansion of Sydney Airport is constrained by the airport's layout and by off-site residential and commercial developments; if so, can this conclusion be meaningfully related to the PDMP and, if it cannot, what new evidence is available in the PDMP report that contradicts it, and (c) it is doubtful that a fourth runway would add greatly to the capacity of Sydney Airport given the current statutory limitation of



eighty movements per hour; if so, is this opinion by consultants PPK Environment & Infrastructure meaningfully relevant to the PDMP and, if it is not, why not.

- (5) What has changed in the forecasts between the 1999 Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed second Sydney Airport and the 2003 Sydney Airport PDMP leading to the conclusion that a second airport is not required.
- (6) Can it be concluded that the 1999 report was wrong in its assessments; if so, why; if not, why not.

3281 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2820 (*Hansard*, 2 March 2004, page 25160), does subsection 474(4) of the *Migration Act 1958* apply to decisions to which sections 198, 199 and 200 relate, such that (a) decisions to deport unlawful non-citizens (s.198), (b) decisions to deport dependants of deported non-citizens (s.199), and (c) the Minister's decision to exercise discretionary power to order the deportation of non-citizens (s.200), are all privative clause decisions within the meaning of the Act.
- (2) Has the Minister considered the policy impacts of the foreshadowed amendments to sections 198 and 199 in the Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2004 as it relates to the privative provisions of s. 474.
- (3) Does the Explanatory Memorandum for the Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2004 make any reference to policy or other impacts on the proposed amendments to the privative classification of decisions made under sections 198 or 199 of the Act.
- (4) Following the reported judgments in *Al Masri v MIMIA* [2002] FCA 1009, M276/200; *Ex parte – RE Woolley & Anor* and *MIMIA v VFAD*, Federal Court decision dated 9 December 2002, what is the policy rationale in maintaining that decisions under sections 198, 199 and 200 remain decisions which are statutorily deemed to be privative clause decisions within the meaning of section 474.
- (5) Will the Minister seek to amend subsection 474(4) so that decisions under sections 198, 199 and 200 are not privative clause decisions; if not, why not.

3282 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2789 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24408), is it the case that there can never be a compellable duty triggered in circumstances where the debtor demonstrably abuses the statutory intent of bankruptcy legislation for the sole or substantial purpose of taking the debtor's assets out of the reach of creditors under the provisions of sections 55(3AA), 57(3AA), 55(3AB) and 57(3AB) of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*; if so, when will he review this gap in the legislation and, if he will not, why not.
- (2) Is the Insolvency and Trustee Services Australia's Best Practice Statement enforceable, in particular, for the purpose of affording creditors relief against debtors who are demonstrably abusing the bankruptcy system by deliberately taking assets out of their creditors' reach; if not, why not.

3283 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question Nos 2761 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24402) and 2763 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24403), did his terms of reference to the body reviewing the financial agreement provisions in the *Family Law Act 1975* allow for the consideration of any proposed amendments to the Family Law Act to be retrospective so they would apply to former One-Tel Managing Director, Mr Jodee Rich and Ms Maxine Rich; if not, why not.
- (2) In respect of the review, (a) who will conduct it, (b) when will it begin, and (c) when will it be concluded.

3284 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did he see the article by Peter Wilmoth titled "Plans to chop Radio National" in the *Sunday Age* on 7 March 2004.
- (2) Can he confirm that part of the report stating that, according to a senior ABC executive, the axing of ABC Radio National has been considered by ABC management to save money; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that part of the report to the effect that this issue is almost certain to be revisited by ABC management in budget talks in the next two months; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he make a statement to the House to the effect that the Government will ensure that funding for the ABC's Radio National is secure; if not, why not.

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3285 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he explain why according to page 76 of the Government's Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2003-2004 the funding allocated to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the Government's sex trafficking initiative does not commence until the 2005-2006 financial year.
- (2) What will the \$1.6m over two years be spent on.
- (3) Why is this element of the package scheduled to start in 2005-2006 when the rest of the package began in 2003-2004.
- (4) Why does the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook refer to a \$13.1 million package when the original announcement made by the Government referred to a \$20 million package.

3286 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many New Zealand citizens (a) have been residing in Australia since prior to 26 February 2001, (b) commenced residing in Australia between 26 February 2001 and 25 May 2001, and (c) commenced residing in Australia after 25 May 2001.
- (2) How many New Zealand citizens who commenced residing in Australia between 26 February 2001 and 25 May 2001 have obtained a Certificate of Residence from Centrelink.
- (3) What documentary evidence of permanent residence does each group of New Zealand citizens referred to above have to provide his department in order to apply for Australian citizenship.

3287 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did he inform the House in the answer to question No. 201 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2002, page 2084) that the number of Maltese Australians who renounced their Australian citizenship between 1964 and February 2000 was not available.
- (2) Has he seen reports, based on Maltese Census data on Australian-born people by age obtained by the Southern Cross Group, that approximately 2,500 people appear to have renounced their Australian citizenship during this period; if so, can his department confirm the accuracy of this estimate.
- (3) Will he approach the Maltese Government to seek complete data on the number of Maltese Australians who renounced their Australian citizenship in the period referred to above; if not, why not.
- (4) Since his answer to question No. 201, has the Government discussed with the Maltese community in Australia options to resolve the situation of those who renounced Australian citizenship to meet the previous requirements of Maltese law; if so, what action has the Government taken on the matter.

3288 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What proportion of Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) clients are entitled to receive additional tuition under the Special Preparatory Program (SPP) and how is eligibility determined.
- (2) How much was spent on the SPP in (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003, and (c) what is its Budget allocation for 2003-2004.
- (3) How many AMEP clients had access to additional assistance under the SPP in (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003, and (c) what is the number that is expected to be assisted in 2003-2004.
- (4) Did his media release of 5 March 2004 titled 'New rules improve access to English tuition' state that the AMEP "provides up to 510 hours of English tuition plus another 100 hours for those with special needs".
- (5) What proportion of those receiving assistance under the SPP actually receive a full 100 hours of additional tuition and, for the latest year for which data is available, what was (a) the range, and (b) the average number of additional hours actually provided.

3289 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many current migrant welfare projects funded under the Community Settlement Services Scheme (CSSS) are specifically targeted, in full or in part, towards the (a) Armenian, (b) Greek, (c) Italian, (d) Jewish, (e) Maltese, (f) Polish, (g) Portuguese, (h) Russian, and (i) Ukrainian communities.
- (2) In respect of each CSSS project, what is the (a) sponsoring organisation, (b) State or Territory concerned, (c) location, (d) amount of funding, and (e) date when the current grant ceases.

- 3290 **MRL. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What are the names of the 6 Job Network providers and the location of the 8 Job Network outlets that will be involved in the pilot project to assist 80 humanitarian and refugee job seekers announced on 5 March 2004.
  - (2) What additional assistance will be available to the job seekers receiving assistance under the pilot project.
  - (3) What is the proposed duration of the pilot project.
  - (4) What is the Budget allocation for the pilot in 2003-2004 and subsequent years.
  - (5) Will the pilot project be subject to a formal evaluation; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- 3291 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—In respect of his press release on 18 February 2003 in which he claimed that as at 18 February 2004 "...794,000 people are in the active case load with the Job Network...", could he indicate how many of these people are classified as (a) Job Search Support Only jobseekers, and (b) Fully Job Network Eligible jobseekers.
- 3292 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 18 June 2003 "For the very first time in this nation's history, every unemployed person, regardless of where they live or how long they have been unemployed, has a universal right to the full suite of unemployment services."
  - (2) Does he fully stand by the accuracy of this statement.
- 3293 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 18 June 2003 "The fact is that there will be more than 2,500 individual offices operating around Australia that are going to provide employment services to Australia's jobseekers."
  - (2) Could he outline how many of these offices provide the full-suite of Job Network services (Job Matching, Job Search Training and Intensive Support Customised Assistance); NEIS; Harvest Labour Services; and Job Placement Services.
- 3294 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 18 June 2003 "If you compare this to Labor's failed alternative, the CES, in helping disadvantaged job seekers you find that their failed system helped only 27.4 per cent into work; whereas the Job Network is helping nearly double that number—46.6 per cent. What is the cost? The cost under the CES was a massive \$12,800 for each of those outcomes, and today the figure is \$3,900. That is \$3,900 for an outcome compared to Labor's alternative, which was \$12,800."
  - (2) Could he provide the documentation and data supporting this statement.
- 3295 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—For each of the months between May 2003 and February 2004, will he indicate what sum has been paid to Job Network providers for (a) Job Matching Income, (b) Registration Income, (c) Job Search Training Income, (d) Customised Assistance Fees, (e) Outcome Fees, (f) Active Engagement Income, (g) Reviews Income, and (h) Vocational Profile Income.
- 3296 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—What are the functions of Job Network Access Centres.
- 3297 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Was he, his department or Airservices Australia consulted by the operators of Avalon Airport, Jetstar Airlines or Qantas about the lack of Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services at Avalon Airport prior to the announcement by Jetstar Airlines that it would use Avalon Airport; if so, what was the response.
  - (2) Will the Government act to ensure there will be a dedicated Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at Avalon Airport from the time Jetstar Airlines commences operation from Avalon Airport.
- 3298 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When did he direct the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to investigate the effectiveness of fire fighting arrangements at Bankstown Airport.
  - (2) When did he write to the General Manager of (a) Bankstown, (b) Moorabbin, (c) Archerfield, and (d) Jandakot Airport to seek their views on the provision of enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements.

- (3) What has been the response from each airport.
- (4) What types of 'enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements' are proposed at these airports and who would pay for these arrangements.
- (5) Can he confirm that (a) Yulara, and (b) Maroochydore Airport has reached the established figure of 350,000 passenger movements per annum; if so, when will Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting services be introduced at these airports.

3299 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the answer to question No. 2511 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2004, page 24187), will the Minister provide the same information in respect of all other Australian ports through which import containers pass.

3300 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of each container x-ray facility at the ports of (a) Melbourne, (b) Sydney, (c) Brisbane, and (d) Fremantle, (i) how much did it cost to construct each facility, (ii) will the Minister list the contracts involved in the construction of each facility, giving the party name and contract amount, and (iii) how much has it cost to operate each facility in each financial year since it commenced operation.
- (2) In respect of each pallet x-ray facility at the ports of (a) Sydney, (b) Adelaide, (c) Brisbane, and (d) Perth announced in the 2002-2003 Budget, (i) how much did it cost to construct each facility, (ii) will the Minister list the contracts involved in the construction of each facility, giving the party name and contract amount, and (iii) how much has it cost to operate each facility in each financial year since it commenced operation.

3301 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of each container x-ray facility at the ports of (a) Melbourne, (b) Sydney, (c) Brisbane, and (d) Fremantle, how many Customs Officers have been (i) employed, and (ii) redeployed from other duties, to operate each facility.
- (2) In respect of the Customs officers referred to in part (1), what are their classifications, and are they ongoing or non-ongoing.

3302 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the capital and expense measures announced in the 2003-2004 Budget for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, (a) what sum has been spent to date, (b) what sum has been spent on staff for his department, (c) what sum has been spent on consultancies, (d) will he list the contracts, giving the party name and contract amount, and (e) on what else have funds been spent.

3303 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004 financial year, (i) how many foreign-flagged vessels have stopped at Australian ports, (ii) how many reports were made of persons missing from these vessels, (iii) how many persons did these reports concern, and (iv) how many vessels did these reports concern.
- (2) On what dates, at which ports and from which vessels were persons reported missing.
- (3) How many of the vessels referred to were operating under (a) a licence to participate in the coasting trade, (b) a single voyage permit, and (c) a continuing voyage permit.

3304 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Did he see the article by Mr Alan Wood titled 'Free trade deal could be a political liability for PM' in *The Australian* on 9 March 2004.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Government refused to refer the draft Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to the Productivity Commission for independent review because "it needed a comprehensive and quick report by April in time for use by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties during its examination of the FTA"; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that the Government refused to refer the draft FTA to the Productivity Commission for independent review because "it required analysis of dynamic effects over time, particularly with the phase-in periods in the FTA, and the Commission specialised in static analysis"; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that the Government refused to refer the draft FTA to the Productivity Commission for independent review because it "required analysis of the effects if other countries signed bilateral agreements with the US and Australia didn't" and "it considers this beyond the Commission"; if not, why not.
- (5) Can he confirm that the Government refused to refer the draft FTA to the Productivity Commission for independent review because the "analysis required the use of dynamic multi-country models,

which the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade did not consider the Commission equipped to do”; if not, why not.

- (6) Will he now consider so referring the agreement to that body; if so, when; if not, why not.

3305 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did he see the article by Mr Michael Sainsbury titled ‘Post pushes the envelope’ in *The Australian* on 9 March 2004.
- (2) Is he aware of the comment by Macquarie Bank analyst Mr Tim Smart that “Telstra sees its growth in media rather than its traditional telecommunications business”.
- (3) Can he confirm that Telstra’s purchase of the Trading Post Group is its third acquisition in the past year after its purchase of the City Search website and last week’s move to buy the information technology service company Invizage; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he explain how Telstra’s purchase of the Trading Post Group (a) serves the public interest, and (b) meets the terms of Telstra’s Customer Service Charter.

3306 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the contract to purchase 4 airborne early warning and control (AEWAC) aircraft for \$3.3 billion provide an option for the purchase of an additional 2 aircraft for an additional 7% of the contract price; if so, when does the option expire.
- (2) When will the AEWAC’s be delivered.
- (3) Is the purchase of the extra AEWAC’s under active consideration; if so, (a) by whom, and (b) when will a decision be made.

#### *11 March 2004*

3307 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Calwell for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Calwell for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Calwell for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Calwell for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3308 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was the Government’s 1997 decision to index the Age pension to the higher of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) recognition of the inadequacy of CPI-only indexing to keep pace with rising costs and standards of living.
- (2) Was the Government’s recent decision to link a portion of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) veterans’ disability pensions to the higher of the CPI or MTAWE recognition of the inadequacy of CPI-only indexing to keep pace with rising costs and standards of living.
- (3) Will the Government apply the same policy to those Commonwealth superannuation pensions currently indexed only to the CPI in recognition that this indexation is inadequate for keeping pace with rising costs and standards of living; if not, why not.

3309 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is he aware that the report published by his department in 2001, titled ‘Environmental water requirements to maintain wetlands of national and international importance’ noted that three of Australia’s Wetlands of International Importance, the Macquarie Marshes, the Narran Lakes and the Gwydir Wetlands, were under threat from over-abstraction of water upstream.
- (2) Is he also aware of the growing body of expert opinion that the ecological character of all three Wetlands of International Importance has been severely compromised, potentially placing Australia in contravention of its international obligations under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
- (3) What has he done in response to these concerns, in particular, how has he (a) endeavoured to use the provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to address the specific water shortage issue, (b) responded to his obligation under the Act to ensure that “A person must not take an action that...has or will have a significant impact on the ecological character of a

declared Ramsar wetland”, and (c) exercised the opportunities presented by Commonwealth accreditation of the appropriate regional investment strategies and plans under the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality to ensure that the matters of national environmental significance gain the water they require.

- 3310 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Government has been engaged in discussions or negotiations with the Indonesian and Malaysian Governments with a view to making agreements on the protection of classified information and materials of defence interest; if so, (a) when did these discussions or negotiations commence, (b) what are the broad elements of the proposed agreements, (c) what is the current status of these discussions or negotiations, (d) when is it anticipated they will be concluded, and (e) what elements of the Department of Defence are involved in these discussions/negotiations.
- 3311 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Government is engaged in discussions or negotiations with the United States Government with a view to making an agreement concerning the exchange of defence personnel; if so, (a) when did these discussions or negotiations commence, (b) what are the broad elements of the proposed agreement, (c) what is the current status of these discussions or negotiations, (d) when is it anticipated they will be concluded, and (e) what elements of the Department of Defence are involved in these discussions/negotiations.
- 3312 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Government is engaged in discussions or negotiations with the United States Government with a view to making a status of forces agreement; if so, (a) when did these discussions or negotiations commence, (b) what are the broad elements of the proposed agreement, (c) how does this proposed agreement relate to the existing 1963 bilateral agreement on the status of United States forces in Australia, (d) what is the current status of these discussions or negotiations, (e) when is it anticipated they will be concluded, and (f) what elements of the Department of Defence are involved in these discussions/negotiations.
- 3313 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Government is engaged in discussions or negotiations with the United States Government with a view to making an agreement governing the protection of classified military information relating to industrial operations; if so, (a) when did these discussions or negotiations commence, (b) what are the broad elements of the proposed agreement, (c) what is the current status of these discussions or negotiations, (d) when is it anticipated they will be concluded, and (e) what elements of the Department of Defence are involved in these discussions/negotiations.
- 3314 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.
- 3315 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) For each year since 1995, what was the number of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
  - (2) For each year since 1995, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
  - (3) For each year since 1995, what was the number of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in the Statistical Local Areas of (i) 205300662, (ii) 205405715, (iii) 205407071, and (iv) 205407074.
  - (4) For each year since 1995, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in the Statistical Local Areas of (i) 205300662, (ii) 205405715, (iii) 205407071, and (iv) 205407074.

- 3316 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—What steps has he taken to implement recommendation 2.2.3 of the 1999 report of the Health and Medical Research Strategic Review in respect of building capacity for quality research involving health practitioners of all kinds including those in under-researched areas such as alternative and complementary therapy.
- 3317 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Will he explain the reasons for the shortfall of \$161 million in the total estimated funding for Catholic systemic schools for the quadrennium 2001-2004 between the table released by the Prime Minister on 20 February 2004 showing total funding for Catholic systemic schools of \$9,049 million for 2001-2004, and the aggregated total of \$9,201 for the years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 in the advice provided on 19 March 2002 by the Department of Education, Science and Training to a Senate Estimates Committee.
  - (2) In providing this information, can he outline the elements of the difference, including any changes in estimates for (a) Enrolments in Catholic schools, (b) Indexation, and (c) other effects on funding.
  - (3) Are these figures for general recurrent grants only or is Commonwealth funding for capital grants and targeted programs included.
  - (4) What are the details of Commonwealth funding for (a) general recurrent grants, (b) capital grants, and (c) targeted programs over 2001-2004 for Catholic systemic schools.
- 3318 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the Office of National Assessments (ONA) assessment of 16 February 2002 referred to at paragraph 2.3 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (2) In respect of the ONA assessment of 1 March 2001 referred to at footnote 10 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (3) In respect of the ONA/Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO) joint assessment of 19 July 2002 referred to at footnote 6 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (4) In respect of the DIO assessment of 2 August 2002 referred to at footnote 14 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it

- delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (5) In respect of the ONA assessment of 6 September 2002 referred to at footnote 5 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (6) In respect of the ONA assessment of 12 September 2002 referred to at footnote 4 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (7) In respect of the ONA assessment of 13 September 2002 referred to at footnote 21 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (8) In respect of the DIO assessment of 19 September 2002 referred to at footnote 49 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (9) In respect of the ONA assessment of 20 September 2002 referred to at footnote 24 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
  - (10) In respect of the DIO assessment of 25 September 2002 referred to at footnote 40 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this



- assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (11) In respect of the ONA assessment of 10 October 2002 referred to at footnote 26 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (12) In respect of the DIO assessment of 10 October 2002 referred to at footnote 41 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (13) In respect of the ONA assessment of 1 November 2002 referred to at footnote 28 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (14) In respect of the DIO assessment of 14 November 2002 referred to at footnote 48 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (15) In respect of the ONA assessment of 27 November 2002 referred to at footnote 29 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (16) In respect of the ONA assessment of 12 December 2002 referred to at footnote 30 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was

- the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (17) In respect of the ONA assessment of 19 December 2002 referred to at footnote 19 to Chapter 4 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (18) In respect of the DIO assessment of 31 December 2002 referred to at footnote 43 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (19) In respect of the ONA assessment of 17 January 2003 referred to at footnote 31 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (20) In respect of the ONA assessment of 24 January 2003 referred to at footnote 32 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (21) In respect of the ONA assessment of 30 January 2003 referred to at footnote 39 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (22) In respect of the ONA assessment of 31 January 2003 referred to at footnote 33 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy

- advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (23) In respect of the ONA assessment of 6 February 2003 referred to at footnote 36 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (24) In respect of the ONA assessment of 18 February 2003 referred to at footnote 37 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (25) In respect of the DIO assessment of 24 February 2003 referred to at footnote 54 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (26) In respect of the DIO assessment of 10 March 2003 referred to at footnote 30 to Chapter 4 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (27) In respect of the ONA assessment of 11 March 2003 referred to at footnote 38 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.
- (28) In respect of the DIO assessment of 2 April 2003 referred to at footnote 52 to Chapter 2 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction, (a) was a copy of this assessment received by his department; if so, (i) when, and (ii) to which divisions and branches was the assessment sent or circulated, (b) was a copy of the

assessment received by his office; if so, when, (c) was the assessment used in the framing of policy advice; if so, (i) what form did this advice take, and (ii) when was it conveyed to his office, (d) was the assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech, (e) was any policy advice based on this assessment used in the preparation of a ministerial speech; if so, (i) which speech (ii) when was it delivered, and (iii) if the speech was written in his office, was the final draft sent back to his department for clearance.

3319 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of his statement to the House on 17 September 2002 in which he said “Australian intelligence agencies believe there is evidence of a pattern of acquisition of equipment that could be used in a uranium enrichment program. Iraq’s attempted acquisition of very specific types of aluminium tubes may be part of that pattern.”, was this statement contained in an Office of National Assessments (ONA) or a Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO) report received by his department at that time; if so, was the assessment underlying the claim explicitly cleared by ONA or DIO.
- (2) When was advice sent to him discounting or ruling out this claim.

3320 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of his statement on *Lateline* on 18 July 2002 in which he said “I don’t think there is any doubt about Saddam Hussein having stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons...there is a very grave concern that he’s been enhancing those stockpiles in recent years.”, was this statement contained in an Office of National Assessments (ONA) or a Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO) report received by his department at that time; if so, did ONA or DIO assessments contain a reference to the ‘grave concern’ he referred to.
- (2) Was the ONA assessment of 6 September referred to in paragraph 2.5 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD Report on Intelligence on Iraq’s Weapons of Mass Destruction which stated that intelligence on Iraq is “slight on the scope and location of Iraq’s WMD activities”, brought to the attention of his office; if so, when did this occur and in what form did the advice take.

3321 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of his claim made during an interview at Adelaide Airport on 10 March 2003 in which he said “our assessment is that there is a real risk of weapons of mass destruction being transferred from rogue states, not from responsible states, not from France or China or the United States or Britain or Russia, but from rogue states into the hands of terrorists”, was the specific risk he referred to cited in an Office of National Assessments or a Defence Intelligence Organisation report received by his department; if so (a) what was the date of the report, and (b) when was it conveyed to his office; if not, (c) was the risk he referred to in any other advice he received from his department, and (d) what was the source of this advice.

3322 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of his statement to the House on 18 March 2003 in which he said “the strategy of containment simply has not worked and now poses an unacceptable risk in a post September 11 world”, was the judgment underlying his statement contained in an Office of National Assessments or a Defence Intelligence Organisation report received by his department; if so (a) what was the date of the report, and (b) when was it conveyed to his office; if not, (c) was the risk he referred to in any other advice he received from his department, and (d) what was the source of this advice.

3323 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of his statement to the House on 18 March 2003 in which he claimed that the United Nations Security Council “denied the Security Council any further role in disarming Iraq, but it did not deny...the clear and immediate threat posed by Iraq’s Weapons of Mass Destruction to global security.”, was the judgment underlying his statement contained in an Office of National Assessments or a Defence Intelligence Organisation report received by his department; if so (a) what was the date of the report, and (b) when was it conveyed to his office; if not, (c) was the risk he referred to in any other advice he received from his department, and (d) what was the source of this advice.

3324 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2765 (*Hansard*, 3 March 2004, page 25326), why was this question transferred from the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- (2) In respect of part (2) of question No. 2765 which was not answered because “the Department of Defence did not administer the Centenary of Federation grants and as such was not privy to the approval criteria”, why was the question not redirected to its original intended recipient, the Minister for Education, Science and Training

3325 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2765 (*Hansard*, 3 March 2004, page 25326), why was this question transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence when he would be unable to answer part (2) of that question.
- (2) How did the relocation of the decommissioned *Otama* meet the criteria for a Centenary of Federation grant.

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\*3326 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many positions have not been filled at the ABC in Tasmania in the last 12 months.
- (2) Where were the positions located.
- (3) Why were these positions not filled.
- (4) If the positions were not filled due to funding shortfalls, will he restore the ABC's funding in Tasmania to allow these positions to be filled.
- (5) Will he further guarantee the National Initiative Funding.

\*3327 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can he say whether there are plans to cut ABC Radio National; if so, when is this likely to happen.
- (2) Can he say whether there was any community consultation in the decision to cut Radio National.

\*3328 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) In respect of the requirement on Commonwealth agencies to ensure that tenderers meet specified mandatory small and medium enterprise (SME) participation levels for the procurement of ICT products and services for contracts of an expected value of \$20 million or more which had been announced on 21 June 2002; will the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement prevent the Government from enforcing mandatory SME participation measures.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement allows the continuation of measures to promote industry development, including measures to assist SMEs; if so, does the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement provide similar exclusion clauses to facilitate industry development measures; if not, will the Government be forced to withdraw its procurement related industry development initiatives.
- (3) Does the requirement in the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement that tenders be awarded on the basis of "the lowest price or, the best value or the most advantageous" conflict with the current government procurement guidelines which state "Value for Money is the core principle governing Commonwealth procurement"; if so, (a) will the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement change this core principle, and (b) will Commonwealth agencies be able to justify purchasing "lowest price" US goods or services on the basis of complying with the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement.
- (4) What is the definition of (a) 'lowest price', (b) 'best value', and (c) 'most advantageous' as it appears in Chapter 15 of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement and what changes will be made to government procurement to accommodate these definitions.
- (5) Will government agencies now be accepting goods or services that are not effective (against a statement of requirement) but are offered at the lowest price.
- (6) Will all jurisdictions (Commonwealth, State, and Local Government) be required to comply with Chapter Fifteen (Government Procurement) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement.
- (7) What impact does the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement have on the Endorsed Supplier Arrangement program.
- (8) What additional burden will there be on government agencies as a result of having to advise all unsuccessful tenderers in accordance with Article 15.7.

\*3329 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Is action being taken to ensure access to alternative insulins, such as porcine or bovine insulin, for people with diabetes who have significant intolerance to the commonly used human insulin; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

\*3330 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to question No. 3284 (*Notice Paper*, 9 March 2004, page 6370) on the article by Mr Peter Wilmoth titled 'Plans to chop Radio National' in the *Sunday Age* on 7 March 2004, will he make public a copy of the

draft options paper which was prepared by Ms Sue Howard, the Director of ABC Radio, and which was referred to the ABC's Director of Business, David Pendleton; if not, why not.

\*3331 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many letters has he received from Mr Richard Berry of London, United Kingdom, since March 2002.
- (2) Can he confirm that the content of many letters received since this time have included such issues as (a) the election of Mr Mark Latham to lead the Labor Party, (b) the Bali bombing, (c) the war in Iraq, (d) Royal visits to Australia, (e) Australia Day, and (f) shark attacks in Australia.
- (3) Does he appreciate being kept informed on these issues from an expatriate's point of view.
- (4) How many of the letters has he responded to and what was the date of each response.

\*3332 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the protocols to be followed by Members and Senators wishing to visit Australian defence establishments.
- (2) What criteria does the Minister use to determine whether a request to visit a defence establishment is approved or denied.
- (3) In respect of each instance a Member of the Commonwealth Parliament has sought approval to visit a defence establishment since 1 January 2002, (a) which Member or Senator sought approval, (b) which defence establishment was the subject of the request, (c) how long after the first receipt of the request by the Minister's office was a decision made, (d) was the request approved or rejected, and (e) where approval was given, was it conditional on any matters; if so, what were the conditions.

\*3333 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When was the decision made to allocate \$500,000 to Lifeline to assist victims of domestic violence and on what criteria was the decision based.
- (2) Is it a one-off grant or continuing funding and what is Lifeline expected to deliver for this \$500,000.
- (3) Was the \$500,000 for Lifeline sourced from unspent funds; if not, what was the source; if so, (a) from what program, and (b) are there unspent funds in other programs; if so, (i) what process is used to identify these funds, and (ii) where will they be spent.
- (4) What process was used to allocate the \$500,000, in particular, was a tender process involved; if so, who was invited to tender.
- (5) What expertise does Lifeline have to assist victims of domestic violence and have its phone counsellors been specifically trained to provide this type of advice.
- (6) Which other organisations are funded by the Commonwealth to provide similar crisis services.

\*3334 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many countries have signed or ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- (2) What efforts has the Australian Government made to encourage the widest possible adherence to the CTBT.
- (3) Since November 2001, what representations has the Australian Government made to the Government of the United States of America and the US Congress seeking reconsideration of the United States' failure to ratify the CTBT, in particular, when and to whom were any representations made.

\*3335 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Does Geoscience Australia participate in the operation of the joint Australia-United States (US) Geological and Geophysical Research Station at Alice Springs.
- (2) Does the Alice Springs Research Station form part of the International Monitoring System for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.
- (3) Does the Alice Springs Research Station also continue to form part of the US Atomic Energy Detection System which serves US national objectives.
- (4) Is the cooperating US agency involved with the Alice Springs Research Station the US Air Force Technical Applications Centre (AFTAC).
- (5) Does the Alice Springs Research Station send data to the US National Data Centre operated by AFTAC.
- (6) How many staff currently employed at the Alice Springs Research Station are (a) Australian citizens, and (b) US citizens.
- (7) What seismic monitoring equipment is presently operated at the Alice Springs station.

- (8) Are there any plans to upgrade the equipment/capabilities of the Alice Springs Research Station; if so, what is the nature of any current or planned upgrade.
- (9) What are the current funding arrangements for the Alice Springs Research Station.
- (10) What proportion of the operating and capital costs is borne by the US and how long have the current funding arrangements been in place.
- \*3336 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When was the deadline for the submission of security plans for all ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships ahead of the 1 July 2004 deadline for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).
  - (2) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships met the deadline to submit security plans.
  - (3) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.
  - (4) What reasons have been cited by each port, port facility and Australian-flagged ship for not meeting the deadline to submit security plans.
  - (5) What directives have been issued for those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships that did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.
  - (6) What impact does the failure of those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships to meet the deadline to submit security plans have on the meeting by the Australian maritime industry of the 1 July 2004 implementation of the ISPS Code.
- \*3337 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the Bendoc Rural Transaction Centre (RTC), what was the amount of the original grant and did it provide for the employment of people to assist with the running of the centre.
  - (2) Is Mr Leo Dobes employed by his department; if so, in what capacity.
  - (3) Did a departmental officer correspond with anyone concerning the Bendoc RTC; if so, what was the written advice that monies allocated for employment had been used in minor variations in establishing the Bendoc RTC and that the Government grant for wages for two years had been used on variations, thereby suggesting that the RTC would have to be run on a voluntary basis.
  - (4) What were the amounts and nature of the minor variations and did they represent up to 34% of the \$91,560 grant for the RTC.
  - (5) What is the distance from the Bendoc RTC to the nearest RTC.
  - (6) Is the town of Delegate regarded as the service town for Bendoc as Bendoc has no school, shops, bank, hospital or petrol garage.
  - (7) Does the Bendoc RTC meet the Australian standard for access for the disabled; if not, why not.
  - (8) What services are permitted at the Bendoc RTC and what services were to be provided in line with the submission for the grant to establish the Bendoc RTC.
- \*3338 MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What is the status of Government negotiations with representatives of Bathurst City Council and other parties in respect of the Council's request for \$10 million in Federal funding to bring the Mount Panorama motor racing circuit's facilities up to international standard.
  - (2) Will a Federal contribution to match the \$10 million NSW State Government commitment to the Mt Panorama upgrade be forthcoming; if not, why not.
- \*3339 MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is it the case that people with haemophilia, due to the nature of their required treatment, are amongst the first to be exposed to infection when viruses or other pathogens enter the blood supply and that many have died as a result of past blood-borne diseases.
  - (2) Is it the case that there remains a risk of blood-borne diseases entering the blood supply; if not, why not.
  - (3) Can he confirm that (a) most haemophilia sufferers still use plasma derived treatment products, and (b) the use of recombinant treatment products is safer and carries less risk of transmitting blood-borne diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease; if not, why not.
  - (4) Is he aware that some haemophilia sufferers are limiting their use of plasma derived treatment products because of the disease risk, and are therefore suffering severe pain due to joint damage and arthritis.

- (5) Can he explain why the implementation of recommendations in the report of the Government's Factor VIII and Factor IX Working Party to adopt safer recombinant treatment products by 2004 was again deferred by state and federal health ministers in November 2003 and referred to another committee for further inquiry delaying the adoption of this recommendation for another three years.
- (6) Will he support the immediate adoption of the recommendation to adopt recombinant treatment products; if not why not.
- (7) Do all treatment products for haemophilia sufferers meet the benchmarks established by the National Blood Authority; if not, why not.

\*3340 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many people received Newstart during (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003 in the postcode area (i) 3337, (ii) 3338, (iii) 3435, (iv) 3437, (v) 3438, (vi) 3440, (vii) 3441, and (ix) 3442.
- (2) What was the average length of time that individuals were in receipt of Newstart during (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, and (f) 2003 in the postcode area (i) 3337, (ii) 3338, (iii) 3435, (iv) 3437, (v) 3438, (vi) 3440, (vii) 3441, and (ix) 3442.

\*3341 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm comments attributed to him in the *Maltese Herald* on 20 January 2004 to the effect that those Maltese citizens who were formerly Australian, who wanted to reapply for Australian Citizenship should go to the office of the Australian High Commission in Malta and complete an application form.
- (2) Can he confirm that resumption of Australian citizenship is restricted to those under the age of 25 under the *Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment Act 2002*.
- (3) How many requests have been received by the High Commission in Malta from former Australian citizens wishing to resume citizenship since the publication of this article.

\*3342 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—Has the Government previously recognized the situation of some Maltese citizens who were born in Australia and who spent the greater part of their childhood in Australia; if so, why does the Government not allow the resumption of Australian citizenship to a person who was born in Australia, who grew up and went to school in Australia, who left Australia as a minor in order to follow his or her parents, who was compelled to renounce previous citizenship as a requirement of Maltese law at the time, who maintains close and enduring family ties to Australia, and who is over the age of 25 years.

\*3343 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that the Chinese Government has been running a campaign asserting that only those whom China describes as “patriotic”, and who “love the motherland and One Country” can be trusted “with the security, stability, and development” of the country.
- (2) Is he aware that Chinese officials told Mr Donald Tsang, Hong Kong's Chief Secretary, in Beijing in February, that China's definition of “patriotic Chinese” excluded anyone who opposed the 2003 draft national-security legislation under Article 23 of Hong Kong's Basic Law which was withdrawn after 500,000 people demonstrated in Hong Kong in opposition to its provisions.
- (3) Is he aware that democracy activists in Hong Kong claim that the patriotism campaign is an attempt to intimidate Hong Kong voters in the lead-up to the September election and to divert attention from the Chinese Government's determination to reinterpret the Basic Law and prevent direct elections in 2008.
- (4) Can he confirm that the 1984 Joint Declaration on Hong Kong states that Hong Kong will be autonomous in all matters, except foreign affairs and defence until 2047; if so, is he able to say whether the restrictions on candidates are in violation of the Joint Declaration.
- (5) Can he confirm that Mrs Anson Chan, former Civil Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, visited Australia as a guest of the Australian Government in 2000; if so, what were the circumstances that led to that visit.
- (6) Is he aware of (a) Mrs Chan's attitude to China's claim that “only patriots” may be trusted with security, and (b) Mrs Chan's recent statements about the Chinese interpretation of the Basic Law.
- (7) What is the position of the Australian Government in respect of the interpretation of the Joint Declaration and does the Australian Government support and expect full democratic franchise at the Hong Kong elections in 2007.



- (8) Has the Government made any approaches to the Chinese Government about these breaches of the Joint Declaration; if not, why not; if so, (a) to whom, (b) by whom, (c) when, and (d) what was the response.
  - (9) Has the Government raised the issue of electoral freedom in Hong Kong outlined in the Basic Law at the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue; if not, why not; if so, (a) to whom, (b) by whom, (c) when, and (d) what was the response.
- \*3344 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) In respect of the grant to the Tasmanian Environment Centre under the Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) program, is he aware of the massive decrease in funding that the Tasmanian Environment Centre incurred in the 2003-2004 funding year.
  - (2) Is he aware that the Tasmanian Environment Centre provides assistance and support to other environmental organisations in Tasmania, such as Birds Tasmania.
  - (3) How does the Government justify cutting the organisation's funding so severely.
  - (4) What alternatives will the Government make available to organisations like the Tasmanian Environment Centre to ensure that they can continue to operate and provide the much needed resources and information that other environmental groups have come to depend upon them for.
- \*3345 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is he aware of the report from the workshop of June 2001 titled 'Thermal pollution of the Murray-Darling Basin Waterways' which made a number of recommendations designed to tackle a problem now recognised as having serious impacts on native fish populations and the social and economic values along approximately 4,000 kilometres of the waterways of the Basin.
  - (2) Is he aware that at this workshop experts provided evidence that unnaturally cold water discharged from the base of the larger dams within the Basin is a significant contributing factor to the decline of native fish populations to around 10% of their pre-European settlement levels and that viable engineering and operational measures are available now to allow these impacts to be mitigated.
  - (3) What specific actions has he taken to respond to each of the nine priority recommendations formulated by the workshop and presented in the Executive Summary of the report.
  - (4) In particular, can he advise on (a) progress with the investigation, as approved by the Murray-Darling Ministerial Council in March 2001, of options for mitigating thermal pollution from Hume Dam, and (b) how the Government has sought to include within appropriate regional investment strategies and plans under the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality, actions to mitigate thermal pollution from the major dams across the Basin that are the primary cause of the problem.
- \*3346 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is he able to say whether there has been any reduction in the capacity of the Government of (a) Indonesia, (b) Malaysia, (c) Papua-New Guinea, (d) The Philippines, and (e) Singapore to devote resources to combating criminal and illicit activity in its maritime border since 1997; if so, (i) what was the cause of that decline, (ii) has that decline been remedied, and (iii) what steps, if any, has Australia taken to assist that country to police its maritime borders and territorial waters
- \*3347 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he, or has anyone on his behalf, had discussions with a representative or representatives of the Government of (a) Indonesia, (b) Malaysia, (c) Papua-New Guinea, (d) The Philippines, and (e) Singapore in respect of assisting that country to police its maritime borders and territorial waters in respect of (i) pro-active intelligence exchange, (ii) the provision of coastal surveillance technologies, (iii) the institution of joint patrols, and (iv) the establishment of common communication technology.

- \*3348 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 April 1996, what discussions has he had or has anyone on his behalf had with a representative or representatives of the Government of (a) Indonesia, (b) Malaysia, (c) Papua-New Guinea, (d) The Philippines, and (e) Singapore addressing (i) piracy, (ii) unsolicited migration, (iii) the movement of narcotics, and (iv) the movement of guns; if discussions have occurred, when did the discussions occur, who were the discussions between, and what was the outcome of the discussions.

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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 inquiries:*

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 inquiry:*

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 Randall, Mr Sercombe, 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.

*Current inquiries:*

An alternative name for the Main Committee.

Arrangements for joint meetings with the Senate.

Enhancing public knowledge of parliamentary proceedings.

Opportunities for private Members in the Main Committee.

**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 inquiry:*

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 inquiries:*

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 Brandis, Senator Faulkner, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray.

#### *Current inquiry:*

Disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates.

**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 Marshall, 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 Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr C. P. Thompson, Dr Washer, 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:*

Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA).

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.)

Treaties tabled on 2 March 2004 (V&P, p 1463.)

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## APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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