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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 177

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2004

*The House meets this day at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2004—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 2 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPORT CONTROL) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 3 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS (PARTICIPATION EXEMPTION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 4 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2003—Ms Roxon*).
- 5 **EXTENSION OF CHARITABLE PURPOSE BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).
- 6 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mr McClelland, in continuation*).
- 7 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2004—Mr Rudd*).
- 8 **MARRIAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 9 **EXCISE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2004—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- \*10 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 11 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (DIRECT DEDUCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2004—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 12 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AIRPORT, PORT AND CARGO SECURITY) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).
- 13 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).
- 14 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).

\* 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.

- 15 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (PROMOTING SAFER WORKPLACES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **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

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*

- 20 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 21 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 22 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- \*23 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 24 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 407. (*from 11 February 2004*).
- 25 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL (NO. 2) 2004:** Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 12 May 2004*).
- 26 **KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION BILL 2003 [NO. 2]** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 1 April 2004*).
- 27 **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”.

- 28 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 29 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **RESOLVING DEADLOCKS: THE PUBLIC RESPONSE—REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2004—Mr Ruddock*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—A LAST RESORT? NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION—REPORT OF THE 2003 REVIEW OF MIGRATION REGULATION 4.31B—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **TRADE 2004—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: A YEAR ON—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2004—Mr Cameron*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **UPHOLDING THE LAW—ONE YEAR ON: FINDINGS OF THE INTERIM BUILDING INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2004—Mr Cameron*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2002-2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.

- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.

- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.

- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 February 2003—Mr Latham*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.
- 107 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):  
 Customs Tariff Proposals No. 3 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 27 March 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2003)—*moved 17 September 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2003)—*moved 16 October 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Ms Macklin*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2002)—*moved 29 May 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2002)—*moved 26 June 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 17 September 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).

108 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 21 June 2004.*)
- 2 **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 21 June 2004.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.)*

- 6 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 58: OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 2004—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 21 June 2004.*)
- 7 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO 59: TREATIES TABLED IN DECEMBER 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 2004—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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 8 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES FOR AUSTRALIA’S RURAL INDUSTRIES AND COMMUNITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2004—Mrs Elson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 9 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NEAR NEIGHBOURS—GOOD NEIGHBOURS: AN INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA’S RELATIONSHIP WITH INDONESIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004—Mr Jull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 10 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MODERN-DAY USAGE OF AVERMENTS IN CUSTOMS PROSECUTIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004—Mrs B. K. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- \*11 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—RENAMING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

### Notices given for Tuesday, 15 June 2004

- \*1 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the English language is the most common and unifying language amongst Australians;
  - (2) recognises and supports immigrants and indigenous Australians who speak languages other than English and encourages them to retain these languages as they acquire English;
  - (3) recognises the profound and lasting benefits of second language learning for individuals and for the nation: intellectual development, cultural sensitivity, greater equality and enhancement in trade and diplomacy;
  - (4) recognises that despite successive government policies on the matter of language learning we have not really succeeded in reaping the maximum benefits of the multilingual resources of the Australian people;
  - (5) recognises that Australia should base its national policy on languages on the principles of ‘English Plus’ which can be expressed as the four ‘E’s: enrichment, economics, equality and external; and

- (6) recognises that Australia needs to elevate the recognition of the importance of language as a skill and resource, both for individuals and as a nation in domestic and international domains. (*Notice given 3 June 2004.*)
- \*2 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to to remove discrimination against same sex couples in respect of superannuation benefits. (*Superannuation (Entitlements of Same Sex Couples) Bill 2004*) (*Notice given 3 June 2004.*)

### Notices—continued

1 **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 21 June 2004.*)

2 **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 21 June 2004.*)

3 **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 21 June 2004.*)

**4 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 21 June 2004.*)

**5 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 21 June 2004.*)

- 6 **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 21 June 2004.*)

- 7 **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 21 June 2004.*)

- 8 **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 21 June 2004.*)

- 9 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

**Questions from citizens**

**148A** (a) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member’s electoral division.

- (b) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (c) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member’s electoral division. (*Notice given 26 November 2003. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 21 June 2004.*)

- 10 **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 21 June 2004.*)

- 11 **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 21 June 2004.*)

**12 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 21 June 2004.*)

**13 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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)

**14 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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

**15 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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

**16 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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

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

- (1) opposes the recent the majority report by Government members of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties that recommends against ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- (2) concludes that the reluctance to ratify the optional protocol is caused by the Australian Government's indifference to human rights in Australia and that this indifference includes, but is not limited to:
  - (a) the existence of immigration detention centres in Australia and in the Pacific region that imprison over 1,000 men, women and children; and
  - (b) the acquiescence by the Australian Government to the indefinite detention of David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib at Guantanamo Bay by the United States of America; and
- (3) expresses concern that not ratifying this protocol would obviate a system of regular visits to be undertaken by independent international and national bodies to places of detention in order to monitor conditions and ensure that torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment is not used; and
- (4) calls on the Australian Government to ratify this protocol immediately. (*Notice given 25 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

23 **MR KATTER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its regret that Ian Thorpe has not been selected by Australian Swimming to represent Australia in the 400-metres freestyle event at the Athens Olympics;
- (2) calls on Australian Swimming to review its Olympic selection rules, and accept that rules that prevent the selection of the best swimmer to represent Australia in a particular event at the Olympics are clearly obstructing the objectives for which the rules were drafted; and
- (3) calls on Australian Swimming and the Australian Olympics Committee to achieve an equitable solution that will enable Ian Thorpe to compete to earn his right to represent Australia in the 400-metres freestyle event at Athens. (*Notice given 30 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

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

- (1) recognises that education is the foundation stone of opportunity for young people;
- (2) acknowledges that the education of students at Fort Street High School is severely disrupted by the impact of aircraft noise;
- (3) acknowledges that aircraft noise is not confined by lines on a map;
- (4) acknowledges that Fort Street High School, established in 1849, is New South Wales' oldest high school;
- (5) acknowledges that, as the main building was constructed in 1914 and the hall in 1927, aircraft noise filters directly into classrooms; and
- (6) calls upon the Government to immediately provide noise amelioration through insulation for buildings at Fort Street High School. (*Notice given 31 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

25 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 1,800 stateless Vietnamese people have been stranded in the Philippines since 1989 without residency status and are therefore ineligible to work or hold any rights of citizenship;
- (2) commends the Australian Government for granting humanitarian visas in the past 4 years to 68 stateless Vietnamese families comprising 260 people who have parents, children or siblings in Australia;
- (3) notes that a further 201 stateless Vietnamese families comprising 648 people with relatives in Australia remain in the Philippines;
- (4) notes that the United Kingdom and the United States of America have accepted over 300 people and have indicated a willingness to accept additional stateless Vietnamese people; and
- (5) calls on the Government to compassionately consider granting humanitarian visas to the remaining stateless Vietnamese families with relatives in Australia. (*Notice given 31 March 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) the current plight of the dairy industry; and
  - (b) the uncertain future viability of the dairy industry, particularly in relation to milk prices, supermarket power, water entitlements and security, and the barriers to attracting younger people into the agriculture industry; and
- (2) urges the Government to urgently undertake a comprehensive response to address these issues. (*Notice given 24 May 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

27 **MR JULL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its concern over the lost freedom, sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Lebanon;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Syrian presence in Lebanon is an occupation in violation of United Nations Resolution 520 and in defiance of several requests of Lebanese heads of state that were either exiled or assassinated; and
  - (b) the Lebanese people deserve freedom, democracy and should be accorded their natural human rights 14 years after the apparent end of the Lebanese war;
- (3) expresses its support for the restoration of Lebanon's freedom, sovereignty and independence;
- (4) calls on the Government of Syria to:
  - (a) unconditionally withdraw its troops and intelligence agents and remove its undue influence from Lebanon and its institutions;
  - (b) recognise that Lebanon is an independent and sovereign nation; and
  - (c) cease its support for terrorist groups that are outlawed by the Australian Government and are currently operating in both Lebanon and Syria; and
- (5) calls on the Government of Australia to:
  - (a) raise the matter of United Nations Resolution 520 and its implementation at the next sitting of the United Nations General Assembly; and
  - (b) openly lobby its friends and allies in the international community to call for the restoration of Lebanon's freedom, sovereignty and independence. (*Notice given 1 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

28 **MR NEVILLE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the role of Australia's war correspondents in the wars, conflicts and peace-keeping roles in which Australian military personnel have served since the Boer War;
- (2) celebrates the high standard of journalism, reporting, pictorial data and electronic material that has marked the war correspondent in keeping the Australian public well informed at times of heightened national concern;
- (3) records the bravery of these correspondents in compiling their material, often under extreme and life-threatening conditions;
- (4) laments the loss of life in the ranks of Australia's war correspondents;
- (5) believes that their contribution to the national fabric of war-service should be acknowledged beside that of military personnel, coast watchers and wartime merchant mariners; and
- (5) supports the CEW Bean Foundation in its endeavours to build a national memorial to commemorate the service of war correspondents. (*Notice given 2 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

## Orders of the day

1 **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 21 June 2004.*)
- 2 **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 21 June 2004.*)
- 3 **TETANUS:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 2003*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the development and distribution of the tetanus vaccine in developed countries such as Australia has led to the virtual elimination of the disease;
  - (2) notes that tetanus continues to be a major cause of fatalities in many developing countries, with some 100 million people still at risk of contracting the disease;
  - (3) calls for measures to be implemented that will lead to the elimination of tetanus in developing countries; and
  - (4) recognises the efforts of UNICEF and its programs in attempting to reduce tetanus in communities around the world. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 21 June 2004.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)

- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 2004.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 23 **WORLD FOOD PROGRAM**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 2004—Mr Quick, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—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:
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-recorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

**24 FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 2004*) on the motion of Mr Bevis—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 25 **PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 2004—Mr Ciobo, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 26 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GOOD FAITH BARGAINING) BILL 2004** (*Mr Emerson*): Second reading (*from 29 March 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 21 June 2004.*)

- 27 **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2004*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 28 **AFGHANISTAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2004—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rudd—That this House:
- (1) recognises the continued, central importance of Afghanistan as critical to the war against terrorism;
  - (2) recognises that al Qaeda, the Taliban and associated terrorist organisations continue to pose a security threat to the government of Afghanistan;
  - (3) recognises that removing this threat requires both the political transformation and economic reconstruction of Afghanistan with the full support of the international community; and
  - (4) recognises that Australia must play a significant and substantive role, both bilaterally and multilaterally in underpinning a long-term, secure future for the people of Afghanistan. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 29 **TAIWAN AND THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2004*) on the motion of Mr Billson—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 (WHA) 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 WHA 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 30 **SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS (ENSURING EQUALITY) BILL 2004** (*Mr Organ*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2004*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 31 **PHARMACY DEREGULATION**: Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2004—Ms Burke, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That this House:
- (1) commends the role of pharmacy as an integral sector of the Australian health system;
  - (2) recognises the high professional standing of Australian pharmacists as the primary and responsible purveyors of dispensed and restricted medicinal and health aids;
  - (3) calls on all governments to uphold the independent status of pharmacists and their professional advice to health consumers;
  - (4) questions whether further deregulation of pharmacy is in the community interest; and
  - (5) reiterates its view that pharmacy ownership should reside with duly trained and qualified pharmacists. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 32 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR RWANDA**: Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2004*) on the motion of Mr Danby—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 Rwandans were killed in 100 days in April, May and June 1994 after 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 in 2004 hosted a conference on the prevention of genocide and a week of memorial services; and
    - (d) Rwandan officials asked all countries to hold a minute's silence on 7 April to mark the anniversary; and
  - (2) calls on the Government to officially recognise 7 April as International Day of Reflection for Rwanda. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 33 **THE ECONOMY**: Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2004*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (1) commends the Government and the Treasurer on the strong performance of the Australian economy, in particular:
    - (a) the strong rate of growth of the Australian economy which is currently running at 4%;
    - (b) the low rate of inflation, currently just 2.4%; and
    - (c) the low unemployment rate, currently just 5.7%; and
  - (2) recognises that the Government has, through careful economic management, given the Australian economy the strength to withstand:
    - (a) the Asian Economic Crisis of 1997-1998; and
    - (b) the slowing of the world economy and the recession in the United States of America in 2001-2002; and
  - (3) understands that the Government has, through effective government policies:
    - (a) overseen the creation of more than 1.3 million jobs since this government came to office;
    - (b) achieved a massive reduction of mortgage interest rates, which were 17.1% under Labor and are currently just 6.5% under this government; and



- (c) has achieved the repayment of more than \$67 billion of Labor's debt. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

34 **PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of the parliamentary education program for Australian school students which encourages young people to come to Canberra and participate in and learn about our federal democracy and culture;
- (2) supports and encourages utilisation of the educational resources available that complement parliamentary and democracy education;
- (3) provides for the provision of realistic and flexible financial assistance to schools and students planning parliamentary educational programs; and
- (4) calls on the Parliament to make rebate schemes more reflective and considerate of travel distances to the National Capital in order to allow equality of access to the parliamentary education program for all students and that such rebates reflect market pricing for those reliant on air travel. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

35 **FIRST HOME BUYERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) recent statistics show that first home buyers in Australia now make up only 11.6 per cent of all homebuyers, down from 24 per cent two years ago;
  - (b) the drip-feed land release policies of the NSW Carr Labor Government have pushed land prices to unaffordable levels for first home buyers in Sydney;
  - (c) the NSW State Government took \$3.5 billion in Stamp Duty from homebuyers in NSW in the 2002/03 financial year and that all State and Territory Governments took \$8.4 billion from all Australian Homebuyers;
  - (d) the median Sydney house price is now \$460,000 and the stamp duty payable on that purchase value is \$16,190;
  - (e) stamp duty is the single biggest impediment to first home buyers; and
  - (f) the Federal Government is leading the way in home ownership policies by paying out \$3.8 billion in assistance through the First Home Owners Grant and supporting homebuyers with record low interest rates; and
- (2) calls on:
  - (a) the NSW Government to introduce a sensible land release policy that ensures there is enough available land to meet the needs of Sydney's growing population; and
  - (b) all State and Territory Governments to give first home buyers the chance to own their own home by abolishing stamp duty on first home purchases; and
- (3) calls on the Federal Government to:
  - (a) retain the First Home Owners Grant; and
  - (b) review the First Home Owners Grant to ensure it reflects the current costs associated with buying a first home. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)

36 **BRAIN TUMOURS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004*) on the motion of Ms Hall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 2004.*)
- 37 **CARERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2004—Ms George, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That this House:
- (1) recognises the invaluable contribution that carers make to our community;
  - (2) acknowledges that carers need and deserve practical support from the community to meet the significant challenges that they face on a daily basis, whether those challenges be financial, emotional or physical;
  - (3) realises that it is not always desirable, possible or practical for carers and the people they care for to live in the same house and therefore they should be entitled to choose the living arrangements that best suit their individual circumstances;
  - (4) praises the Howard Government for providing carers and the people they care for with a choice as to the living arrangements that best suit their circumstances as part of the 2004 Budget;
  - (5) commends the Howard Government for providing carers receiving the Carers Payment with a one-off payment of \$1000 and \$600 for Carer Allowance recipients for each eligible care receiver they provide care for as part of the 2004 Budget in recognition of their contribution to the community;
  - (6) supports the Howard Government's provision of an in-home respite service of up to 5 hours per school week for young carers at risk of leaving secondary school or equivalent vocational education as part of the 2004 Budget;
  - (7) commends the Howard Government for providing young at-risk carers one fortnight of respite care each year to undertake activities such as study for exams, training or recreation as part of the 2004 Budget;
  - (8) strongly supports the Howard Government for guaranteeing, when matched by States and Territories, up to four weeks a year respite for parents over 70 years of age who are caring for a son or daughter with a disability and, for parents aged 65 to 69 years of age who need to spend time in hospital, two weeks respite as part of the 2004 Budget, and calls on the States and Territories to demonstrate their support for carers by matching this commitment; and
  - (9) commends the Howard Government for initiating a strategy to work with the States and Territories and the carer and disability sectors to develop options to help ageing carers plan for the future when they can no longer provide care for their disabled children. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).



**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE***Tuesday, 15 June 2004**The Main Committee meets at 4 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004*) on the motion of Mr Costello—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:
  - (1) its cynical election driven spending spree which, while spending a record \$52 billion over the forward estimates, failed to deliver crucial services to Australians, including:
    - (a) funding the pneumococcal vaccine for children;
    - (b) funding VET in schools so young Australians can either Earn or Learn;
    - (c) ensuring access to Higher Education without excessive fees or increasing student debt levels;
    - (d) ensuring all Australians can access bulkbilling services; and
    - (e) ensuring adequate measures to respond to Australia’s skill shortage; and
  - (2) also condemns the Government for failing to present a strategy to adequately address the long term fiscal challenges facing the nation”.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2004—Ms Gillard*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2004—Ms Gillard*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2004—Ms Gillard*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2003-2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2004—Ms Gillard*).
- 6 **AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL IN AND AROUND IRAQ—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 2004—Mr Prosser*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Snowdon, viz.*—That the following words be added at the end of the motion: “and the Prime Minister’s and Leader of the Opposition’s speeches of 30 March 2004 to the Prime Minister’s motion relating to ADF personnel in or around Iraq”.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003—Mrs May*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—LEARNING TO WORK: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 2004—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION: REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF SKILLED LABOUR MIGRATION PROGRAMS 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 2004—Ms Grierson*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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 25 March 2004—Mr Charles*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE ADEQUACY OF PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2003—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
- 14 **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.

- 15 **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.
- 16 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Mr Prosser*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the report.
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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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*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.

## 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.

*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.

*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.

*5 June 2003*

2010 **MRLATHAM:** 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.

*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.

*11 August 2003*

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.

*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.

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.

**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.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

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.

*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.

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.

## 6 November 2003

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.

## 3 December 2003

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

*10 February 2004*

- 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.
- 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.

**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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

*11 February 2004*

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.

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.

*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.

*17 February 2004*

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.

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.

*18 February 2004*

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

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

*19 February 2004*

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 3117 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3119 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 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.
- 3123 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3125 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 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.
- 3130 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*1 March 2004*

- 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.
- 3143 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 3145 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3148 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3150 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 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.

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

**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.

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.

## 2 March 2004

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.

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.

## 3 March 2004

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.

*4 March 2004*

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.

*10 March 2004*

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.

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.

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.

*11 March 2004*

3308 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (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 MTAWA 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.

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.

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.

### 22 March 2004

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.

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.

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.

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.

*23 March 2004*

- 3349 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that disabled persons, for example, people with cerebral palsy or permanent intellectual disabilities, are forced to complete a Medical Service Update at regular intervals in order to receive their Disability Support Pension.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that people with cerebral palsy or permanent intellectual disabilities are not likely to experience any change in their conditions during their lifetime.
  - (3) Is the Minister aware of the stress and frustration the ongoing requirement to complete these forms causes to people with permanent disabilities and more particularly to the parents of disabled persons who generally have to complete the forms for their disabled adult children.
  - (4) Would the Minister consider providing an exemption from the ongoing requirement to complete medical forms for those disabled persons who have cerebral palsy or permanent intellectual disabilities and who are not likely to experience any change or improvement in their conditions.
- 3351 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) In respect of the Asia Pacific Space Centre, at what stage are negotiations between the Australian and Russian Governments on the finalisation of the Technology Safeguard Agreement (TSA) and the Technical Recognition Memorandum of Understanding (TRMOU).
  - (2) Has a timeline for finalisation of these negotiations been established; if so, when will the TSA and the TRMOU be finalised.
  - (3) At what stage of the approval phase is the construction Environment Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed space centre on Christmas Island.
  - (4) Is it the case that a space licence application cannot be approved until the TSA and TRMOU with the Construction EMP have been approved.

*24 March 2004*

- 3365 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each month since 1 June 1996, what proportion of Coastwatch's activity has been directed towards suspect illegal entry vessels and what was the cost of that activity.
- 3366 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has Coastwatch undertaken any program performance monitoring in respect of the detection of suspect illegal entry vessels since 1 June 1996; if so, what has that monitoring revealed; if not, which other agencies, if any, conducted that monitoring on behalf of Coastwatch.
- 3367 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs established a time frame for receiving notice from Coastwatch of the arrival in port of suspect illegal entry vessels; if so, (a) what is it, (b) on how many occasions has the time frame been met, and (c) on how many occasions has the time frame not been met.
- 3368 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has Coastwatch undertaken any post-task evaluations in respect of its operations since 1 June 1996; if so, (a) how many have been undertaken, and (b) what have they revealed.
- 3369 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Who makes the decision on whether a boat detected by Coastwatch is to be regarded as a suspect illegal entry vessel (SIEV) and which departments and agencies are represented by that person or those persons.
  - (2) In respect of SIEVs sailing in the Timor Sea, (a) which agency or agencies is responsible for the initial response, and (b) what is the usual initial response.
  - (3) At what point is a decision made to engage a response vessel and which agency or agencies give directions to that response vessel.
  - (4) What are the protocols, general orders and or other directions that apply to the conduct of response vessels and those on board response vessels in respect of SIEVs.
  - (5) What arrangements have applied since 1995 for response teams to intercept and board suspect illegal entry vessels, in particular, (a) at what point is a decision to intercept and board such vessels made, (b) who makes that decision, (c) what is the usual composition of a boarding team, and (d) which departments and agencies are usually represented by members of a boarding team.

- (6) What are the initial steps and processes taken by members of a boarding team when a SIEV is intercepted and boarded.
- (7) Do any of the arrangements vary according to the location of a SIEV when the decision is made to intercept and board it; if so, how.

3371 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What was the initial reaction of Coastwatch to the recommendation in the Auditor-General's report 'The Management of Boat People, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Australian Protective Service and Australian Customs Service – Coastwatch' dated 17 February 1998 that a memorandum of understanding should be developed between the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and Coastwatch incorporating a performance agreement setting out targets, indicators and respective responsibilities.
- (2) Has that recommendation been acted upon; if so, how.

3376 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Has the Minister's department identified risks to the success of the Government's objectives in the management of people who have arrived in Australian territorial waters on board suspect illegal entry vessels; if so, (i) what are they, and (b) what steps have been taken to identify, analyse, assess, rank and control the risks associated with their apprehension and detention.

3383 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What are the performance measures agreed between the Minister's department and Coastwatch which indicate whether or not the service provided by Coastwatch is acceptable.
- (2) In respect of the indications that the service may be not acceptable, has there been any attempt to analyse the cost and benefit of corrective action.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3385 - 3386)—

- (1) Has Coastwatch entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs about surveillance services provided by Coastwatch to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; if so, (a) when, (b) what are its terms, and (c) does the memorandum include a performance agreement.
- (2) Has an analysis been undertaken of Coastwatch operational data to determine the probability that suspect illegal entry vessels have arrived undetected carrying (a) illegal immigrants, (b) narcotics, (c) guns, and (d) other contraband; if so, (i) when, (ii) over what period was data provided, and (iii) what were the conclusions of any such analysis.

3385 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

3386 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3389 - 3391)—Has any agency within the Minister's portfolio analysed information on the method of detection of suspect illegal entry vessels (SIEV) in Australian waters since 1 June 1996; if so, in respect of each SIEV, was it detected by (a) marine surveillance flights; (b) Navy patrol boats, (c) other vessels, and (d) community reports.

3391 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3392 - 3393)—Has the Minister received advice on whether differing functional responsibilities between the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and Coastwatch has inhibited the approach of the department or Coastwatch to the detection and apprehension of suspect illegal entry vessels; if so, (a) what was the advice, (b) when was it received, and (c) what action has been taken in response.

3393 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

3400 **MR SNOWDON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the current status of the Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) Program application from the (a) Nguiu, and (b) Yuendumu community in the Northern Territory (NT), which will have a significant Centrelink presence through the establishment of a Centrelink Remote Areas Service Centre (RASC) within the RTC.
- (2) When was the application for RTC funding received from the (a) Nguiu, and (b) Yuendumu community; and which application is at a more advanced stage and why.

- (3) Can he confirm that his department sends NT Area Consultative Committees (ACC) a short summary of RTC applications from within their regions for their comment on the viability and sustainability of RTC projects; if so, (a) why is a short summary considered adequate for this purpose, and (b) why are copies of the applications not provided.
- (4) Has the ACC RTC project officer from Toowoomba been sent to work with communities in the Torres Strait and Cape regions of Queensland; if so, why.
- (5) Can he confirm that the Torres Strait ACC wanted to employ the previous GRM International Pty Ltd (GRM) RTC Field Officer to finish off outstanding RTC project applications and business plans before 31 March but were advised that an officer from the Southern Inland Queensland ACC based in Toowoomba would travel to the Torres Strait and complete the business plans and applications.
- (6) Are the ACC's which have been funded to staff a position to complete outstanding RTC business plans and applications going to receive a bonus payment of \$10,000 plus GST.
- (7) Does the recent report requested by the Parliamentary Secretary into the viability of RTC projects duplicate the work of the Courage Partners reports carried out during 2002/2003; if not, why not.
- (8) Did the Courage Partners report recommend that the GRM Field Officer Network be engaged past the end of its contract to assist communities to finalise all outstanding business planning activities before the RTC Program end date of 31 March 2004.
- (9) Can he confirm that the new Department of Transport and Regional Services' TRAX system (a) was imported from Canada to facilitate on-line applications, management and tracking of Regional Partnerships Program applications, (b) has never operated properly, (c) was found to be incompatible with other departmental systems, and (d) is still not satisfactorily operational; if so, (e) was his department's First Assistant Secretary of Regional Programs one of two people who went to Canada to attempt to sort out problems with the TRAX system, and (f) when is the TRAX system expected to be fully operational.

*25 March 2004*

3402 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the application of the GST to the State Fire Levy on insurance premiums.
- (2) What sum is collected as a result of applying the GST to the State Fire Levy on insurance premiums.
- (3) Can he explain whether applying the GST to the State Fire Levy on insurance premiums amounts to charging a tax on a tax.
- (4) Does he intend to take any action concerning the GST on the State Fire Levy on insurance premiums.

3403 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) For each of the last three years, what was the Commonwealth's direct financial contribution toward the management of each of Australia's (a) World Heritage sites, (b) Biosphere Reserve sites, and (c) Wetlands of International Importance (excluding those sites that are World Heritage properties or Biosphere Reserves).
- (2) What formal arrangements does the Commonwealth have in place with the respective State and Territory Governments regarding the management of these internationally recognised sites in order to ensure that Australia's obligations are being met.
- (3) Are the (a) funding levels, and (b) management arrangements between the Commonwealth and State or Territory Governments for the three categories of internationally recognised sites the same; if not, will the Minister explain (i) how and why they differ, and (ii) whether he is confident that the existing funding and management arrangements are adequate to ensure Australia is meeting its international obligations in respect of management of these sites.

*29 March 2004*

3413 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2832 (*Hansard*, 24 March 2004, page 26172), will he explain why the Australian Taxation Office does not maintain records of the number or proportion of taxpayers who have been subject to the provisions of paragraph 260-5(b) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

3420 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the Australian Federal Police become aware that drug smuggling operations are being conducted by smugglers sailing south about Australia taking advantage of the low level of marine surveillance south of the line between Broome and Cairns; if so, what reports has the Minister received to that effect and what action has been taken in response.

31 March 2004

3428 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the Bendoc Rural Transaction Centre (RTC), (a) where is it located, and (b) is it accommodated in a building owned by the RTC; if so, what was the cost of purchase; if not, what is the nature of the lease arrangement.
- (2) Is the building housing the RTC classed as an assembly building under the East Gippsland Shire Council planning rules and is there a problem relating to the building use not complying with the Council planning permit.
- (3) Prior to the RTC occupying the building in which it is housed, what checks were made by his department about the local planning permit relating to the use of the building.
- (4) Who is the Bendoc RTC field officer and what are the details of his or her financial management background.

3429 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is or was the proposed federal funding allocation for the Scoresby Freeway project in Victoria for the financial year (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, (c) 2004-2005, and (d) 2005-2006.
- (2) What sum has been expended on the Scoresby Freeway project (a) in total, (b) in each year funding has been allocated, and for what purpose were the funds allocated.
- (3) In respect of the announcement of Federal funding for the Scoresby Freeway on 13 May 2001, can he confirm that (a) most of the funding was proposed to come from the \$1.6 billion road funding package announced in November 2002, and (b) of the \$1.6 billion, \$1.2 billion was to be allocated to the Roads to Recovery program and \$400 million was to be allocated to National Highway and Roads of National Importance (RONI) projects.
- (4) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, and (d) 2004-2005, what is the breakdown of funding, by project, of the \$400 million allocated to National Highway and RONI projects.
- (5) Has the full \$1.2 billion for the Roads to Recovery program been allocated specifically under that program; if not, to which road projects has that funding been allocated.

3431 **MS BURKE:** 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 divisions of (a) Chisholm and (b) Deakin 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 divisions of (a) Chisholm and (b) Deakin 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 divisions of (a) Chisholm and (b) Deakin 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 divisions of (a) Chisholm and (b) Deakin for the quarter ending 31 December 2003.

3433 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many (a) disability pension, (b) aged pension, (c) Common Youth Allowance and (d) Newstart Allowance recipients reside in the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm, and (ii) Deakin.
- (2) For each of the financial years 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the average number of people receiving (a) disability pensions, (b) aged pensions, (c) Common Youth Allowance and (d) Newstart Allowance in the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm, and (ii) Deakin.
- (3) How many (a) disability pension, (b) aged pension, (c) Common Youth Allowance and (d) Newstart Allowance recipients reside in each of the postcode areas within the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm, and (ii) Deakin.
- (4) For each of the financial years 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the average number of people receiving (a) disability pensions, (b) aged pensions, (c) Common Youth Allowance and (d) Newstart Allowance in each of the postcode areas within the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm and (ii) Deakin.

3434 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, how many recipients of (a) Family Tax Benefit, and (b) Child Care Benefit residing in the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm,

and (ii) Deakin received written notification of a debt to the Commonwealth in relation to payment of the benefit.

- (2) How many (a) Family Tax Benefit and (b) Child Care Benefit recipients reside in each of the postcode areas within the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm, and (ii) Deakin.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the average debt to the Commonwealth in relation to (a) Family Tax Benefit and (b) Child Care Benefit in the electoral divisions of (i) Chisholm, and (ii) Deakin.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the average debt to the Commonwealth in relation to (a) Family Tax Benefit and (b) Child Care Benefit in each state and territory.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the (a) average and (b) largest debt to the Commonwealth in relation to (i) Family Tax Benefit and (ii) Child Care Benefit in each postcode area in the electoral divisions of (A) Chisholm and (B) Deakin.

3436 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What sum was spent on the Government's citizenship promotion campaign in (a) 2001-2002, and (b) 2002-2003 and (c) what is the estimated expenditure in 2003-2004.
- (2) Of the total expenditure in each (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004 to date, what sum was spent on (i) paid media advertising, (ii) promotional kits, and (iii) market research and other developmental costs.
- (3) Can he confirm that a 'further burst' to the campaign was planned for 2004; if so, (a) when is this scheduled to occur, (b) what is the proposed duration of the campaign, (c) what sum has been allocated for this purpose, and (d) is it proposed to continue to use the existing campaign materials.
- (4) Why did the Portfolio Budget statement and Additional Estimates statement for 2003-2004 both fail to make any reference to a new citizenship promotional campaign.

*1 April 2004*

3437 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many commercial flights landed at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. during 2003.
- (2) How many commercial flights took off from Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. during 2003.
- (3) How many flights were scheduled to take off or land at Sydney Airport during March 2004 and what was the flight number and the scheduled date and time of each flight.

3442 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is he aware that many Australian industries are now facing serious skill shortages, especially in the traditional trades; if not, why not.
- (2) Is he aware that (a) Commonwealth Australian National Training Authority funding between 1997 and 2001 decreased by 16.3% per curriculum hour while TAFE enrolments grew by 16.3%, and (b) approximately 50,000 people will miss out on TAFE places this year; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he explain how the Government's policies for Vocational Education and Training will address the serious skill shortage in trades.

3443 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In respect of the decision by the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) to award the permanent Community Television Licence for Channel 31 to TV Sydney, can he confirm that a submission containing more than 200 letters of support for the current licence-holder for Channel 31 Community Television (CTS) Sydney was hand-delivered on 31 March 2004 to Mr Garry Dawson, Senior Policy Adviser (Communications) to the Prime Minister.
- (2) Can he confirm that the letters of support included (a) a message from the Hon. Bob Carr, Premier of New South Wales, dated 29 April 2003, stating that he was confident that the people of New South Wales would benefit from a permanent community television licence operated by CTS, (b) a message from Mr John Brogden MLA, New South Wales Leader of the Opposition, dated 10 March 2004, calling on the ABA to consider the current and long term concerns of CTS and stating that CTS has demonstrated a record commitment to news, local issues and community stories, (c) a letter addressed to Professor David Flint, Chairman of the ABA, dated 31 March 2004, from the member for Wentworth Mr Peter King expressing his concern about the future of CTS and calling on the ABA to reconsider this important matter, (d) a letter from the Hon. Ross Cameron MP, Member for



Parramatta, dated 10 March 2004, stating that for over ten years CTS has been providing quality and innovative television meeting the needs of his local community, (e) a letter from Mr Laurie Ferguson, MP, Member for Reid and Shadow Minister for Population, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs advising that he has received comments from his constituents about the admirable coverage by CTS of community events and requesting that application by CTS be sympathetically considered, (f) a reference from the Hon. Dr Meredith Burgmann, MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council, saying that the CTS programs are a source of entertainment and education for each community and very often the only regular coverage of important events within these different communities, (g) a letter from the Member for Fairfield, Mr Joe Tripodi MLA, confirming that CTS provides an invaluable link for many residents within his electorate and the wider community and asking the ABA to consider its application favourably, (h) a letter of support from the Member for Bligh, Clover Moore MLA, dated 12 March 2004, stating that constituents within her electorate are concerned that “their” community television has an uncertain future, (i) a letter of support from the then Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Phillip Ruddock MP, dated 1 May 2003, stating that he is aware of the contribution made by CTS to the viewing public through its various multicultural broadcasts, and (j) letters of support from the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia, the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW the Chairman of the Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW, Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, and several other community organisations and individuals in support of the application lodged by CTS for the permanent licence.

- (3) Can he confirm that according to section 84(2) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* the ABA, when deciding whether to allocate a community broadcasting licence to an applicant, is to have regard to (a) the extent to which the proposed service would meet the existing and future needs of the community within the licence area of the proposed licence, (b) the nature and diversity of the interests of that community, and (c) the capacity of the applicant to provide the proposed service; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that the programming schedule proposed by the awarded licensee, TV Sydney, will reduce the amount of ethnic community broadcasting to 3.5 hours per week, down from the current 18 hours per week; if not, why not.
- (5) Can he confirm that the awarded licensee, TV Sydney, will not be able to broadcast until 2005 at the earliest; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he ensure that the community television broadcasting sector will continue to serve the 1.3 million monthly viewers in Sydney until such time as TV Sydney is able to broadcast; if so, how; if not, why not.

3444 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that the Director of the United States of America (US) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Mr George Tenet, recently told the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that Osama bin Laden had sought to “acquire or develop a nuclear device”.
- (2) Is he aware that the International Atomic Energy Agency has reported 175 nuclear smuggling incidents since 1993, 18 of which involved highly enriched uranium, the key ingredient in an atomic bomb and the most dangerous product on the nuclear black market.
- (3) Is he able to say what proportion of shipping containers arriving in Australian harbours and airports are scanned for radioactive emissions; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm whether containers arriving from parts of the world where terrorists are known to be active, such as the Middle East, are more closely scrutinised for radioactive materials; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he aware of the United Nations (UN) report titled ‘Time to control tactical nuclear weapons’ dated 24 September 2001 which recommended measures such as installing radiation scanners at key facilities such as ports and border crossings.
- (6) Can he say what measures have been taken by the Australian government to comply with the recommendations made in the 2001 UN report; if not, why not.

**MR QUICK:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3449 - 3466)—

- (1) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what sum was spent by the Minister’s department on domestic and overseas air travel.
- (2) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what proportion of domestic air travel by employees of the Minister’s department was provided by (i) Ansett, (ii) Qantas, (iii) Regional Express, and (iv) Virgin Blue.

- (3) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what was the actual expenditure by the Minister's department on domestic air travel provided by (i) Ansett, (ii) Qantas, (iii) Regional Express, and (vi) Virgin Blue.
- (4) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on business class travel on (i) domestic routes, and (ii) overseas routes.
- (5) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on economy class travel on (i) domestic routes, and (ii) overseas routes.
- (6) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, what proportion of the expenditure on air travel by the Minister's department was on the domestic routes (i) Sydney to Canberra, (ii) Melbourne to Canberra, (iii) Sydney to Melbourne, (iv) Sydney to Brisbane, (v) Melbourne to Hobart or Launceston, and (vi) Sydney to Perth.
- (7) For the financial year (a) 2000/2001, and (b) 2002/2003, how many employees of the Minister's department had membership of the (i) Qantas Chairman's Lounge, (ii) Qantas Club, (iii) Regional Express Membership Lounge, and (vi) Virgin Blue's Blue Room paid for by the department.
- (8) Which company provides travel management services to the Minister's department.

3449 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3451 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Treasurer.

3452 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3459 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3465 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3466 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

3467 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that on 23 March 2004 two countries voted against the United Nations Human Rights Commission resolution condemning the Assassination of Sheikk Ahmed Yassin.
- (2) Were Australia and the United States of America the two countries which voted against the motion; if so, can he explain the reasons why Australia voted against this resolution.

### *11 May 2004*

3471 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article titled 'The man who acts as Islam's Ruddock' on the front page of the *Weekend Australian* on 26 July 2003 which: refers to a person registered on the electoral roll as Mr Fouad El Ashwah at an address in Regents Park in the electorate of Reid; features a photograph of Mr El Ashwah in the company of the Attorney General, Mr Ruddock, and other Liberal Party figures; refers to allegations that a message in Arabic from Mr El Ashwah on office stationery of the then Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Mr Ruddock, was being distributed in Western Sydney; quotes the Lebanese Muslim Association as confirming that Mr El Ashwah had, on more than one occasion, personally arranged for Mr Ruddock to visit the Lakemba mosque; states that Mr El Ashwah is president of the Auburn branch of the Liberal Party and that he had been seated next to Mr Ruddock at a Liberal Party fundraiser in Auburn; includes a claim that officers of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs had warned Mr Ruddock about Mr El Ashwah's activities on migration matters; and concludes with a statement from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to the effect that allegations concerning Mr El Ashwah were under investigation.
- (2) Can the Minister explain the basis on which the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs provided written advice to the Senate Committee on Ministerial Discretion on Migration Matters on 14 January 2004 that "DIMIA has not been able to identify the person referred to as Fouad El Ashwah".

3472 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the claim in the article titled 'The man who acts as Islam's Ruddock' on the front page of the *Weekend Australian* on 26 July 2003 that Mr Fouad Al Ashwah is a marriage celebrant, can he confirm whether Mr Al Ashwah is registered as a marriage celebrant with his department.

3473 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many jobseekers commencing Intensive Assistance customised assistance (ISca), either for the first or a second time, in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006 are expected to attract the service fee associated with being highly disadvantaged.
- (2) How many jobseekers commencing the first phase of ISca in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006 are expected to attract the service fee associated with being highly disadvantaged.
- (3) How many jobseekers commencing the second phase of ISca in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006 are expected to attract the service fee associated with being highly disadvantaged.

3474 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—In (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006 how many jobseekers are expected to attend the (i) seven month Intensive Support Review, (ii) 10 month Intensive Support Review, (iii) 20 month Job Search Review, and (iv) 22 month Job Search Review.

3475 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can he explain how the statements made at Senate Estimates hearings on the Employment Innovation Fund by Mr Hade (i.e. “the idea of access to Job Network services by newly retrenched workers has already been tested, and we are looking at other developments for that”) and Ms Taylor (i.e. “we have not done any specific research on early intervention with retrenched workers”) who are employed by his department, can be reconciled.
- (2) Can he explain on what basis the applications by Pathways Employment Services and Westlakes Training for funding under the Employment Innovation Fund to assist retrenched workers from Pasminco’s Cockle Creek Smelter were refused.
- (3) In respect of Mr Hade’s statement that “there is some work being managed by the state manager in New South Wales in relation to matters concerning the Pasminco workers and their families generally”, can he outline the details of this work and how it will assist Pasminco workers and their families.
- (4) In respect of Mr Hade’s statement in relation to the application lodged by Westlakes Training, that “the application which it made for Employment Innovation Fund funding was not approved”, were there further applications for funding lodged, possibly under different funding programs in the Minister’s portfolio, by Westlakes Training in respect of the Pasminco workers; if so, were any applications for funding approved or in line for approval prior to the winding up of Westlakes Training.

3476 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Will he provide a list of all the projects funded under the Employment Innovation Fund including details on (a) the amount granted, (b) the purpose of the project, and (c) the electoral divisions in which the projects are based.

3477 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why a national campaign to discourage violence against women was cancelled in December 2003, only days before it was to commence.
- (2) What sum was spent on production and other associated costs prior to the launch.
- (3) What sum was allocated to fund the campaign.
- (4) Are there unspent funds that were allocated for a national campaign to discourage violence against women; if so, where have those funds been directed.
- (5) Will the Government fund a national campaign to discourage violence against women; if so, when; if not, why not.

**MS HOARE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3478 - 3479)—Is the Minister aware that Telstra will not pay a dividend to a shareholder who does not provide bank account details; if so, can the Minister explain how Telstra is able to withhold dividend payments to shareholders who do not provide bank account details.

3478 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3479 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3480 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is it the case that Macular Degeneration (MD) is the leading cause of blindness and severe vision impairment in Australia and can he confirm that it is estimated that over 800,000 Australians have some form of MD and the incidence is predicted to triple in the next 25 years.

- (2) Can he confirm that the treatment Visudyne Therapy is commonly prescribed for sufferers of one form of MD, Subfoveal Choroidal Neovascularisation (CNV), and that Visudyne Therapy has been shown to close down CNV and slow and stabilise vision loss; if so, can he also confirm that there is no clinically proven alternative treatment for CNV.
- (3) Is it the case that (a) MD most commonly affects the aged, (b) the sooner Visudyne Therapy is started the higher is its success rate in slowing the progression of sight loss, (c) Visudyne Therapy is a multiple therapy typically requiring 6-7 treatments for 3 years to be effective, and (d) Visudyne Therapy is an acute high cost therapy costing around \$2,100 per vial with procedural costs of \$360-\$600 per treatment.
- (4) Has his department investigated, or is he aware of any research that has measured, (a) the extent and impact of MD in Australia and (b) the financial implications for the Government in offering services to those who have lost their sight because of the disease.
- (5) Has Visudyne Therapy ever been considered for a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item number; if so, what were the reasons for not assigning Visudyne Therapy an MBS item number; if not, (a) why not, and (b) will he direct that Visudyne Therapy be considered for an MBS item number; if not, why not.
- (6) Have drugs associated with Visudyne Therapy ever been considered for addition to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); if so, what were the reasons for not listing drugs associated with Visudyne Therapy on the PBS; if not, (a) why not, and (b) will he direct that drugs associated with Visudyne Therapy be considered for addition to the PBS; if not, why not.

3481 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many requests for a redress of grievance have been made since 1 June 2003 by personnel in the (a) Royal Australian Army, (b) Royal Australian Air Force, and (c) Royal Australian Navy.
- (2) In respect of each request, (a) how long after it was made was a case officer appointed, (b) how long after it was made was a determination made, and (c) how many grievances were decided in favour of the person lodging the grievance.

3482 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Has the Hon. Richard Alston been retained by his department or by Telstra to provide advice on any matter; if so, (a) by whom has he been retained, (b) what services is he providing, (c) what matter or matters is he working on, and (d) for what remuneration.

**MR TANNER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3483 - 3484)—

- (1) In respect of the Government's strategy to advertise the state of telecommunications services in regional Australia and, in particular, the strategy provided by Universal McCann tabled on 24 March 2004 (*Hansard*, 24 March 2004, page 15271), (a) who commissioned the strategy from Universal McCann; (b) who made the decision to commission Universal McCann; and (c) who liaised with Universal McCann on behalf of the Government with respect to completion of the contract.
- (2) Are there any Government guidelines on the use of Government advertising to induce favourable editorial comment in a newspaper; if so, what are they.
- (3) In respect of the decision not to proceed with the Universal McCann proposal to obtain favourable editorial comment from regional newspapers in return for additional advertising; (a) when was the decision made; (b) who made the decision; (c) when was Universal McCann advised of the decision, (d) how was Universal McCann advised prior to 24 March 2004; and (e) were any newspaper advertisements proposed in this campaign placed; if so, (i) in which newspapers were these advertisements placed, and (ii) was any editorial comment provided in return.
- (4) Which organisations were informed of the contents of the Universal McCann strategy and has any subsequent advice varying or revoking that strategy been provided to those organisations.

3483 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3484 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3485 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Have any studies been undertaken into the incidence of cancers, particularly pancreatic cancers, suffered by Korean Veterans; if so, by whom and what were the results.
- (2) Has the incidence of cancer been linked to exposure to DDT; if so, when.
- (3) Is it the case that the veterans of 3RAR experienced the most exposure to DDT and also suffer a higher incidence of cancers.

- (4) Has action been taken to alert Korean War veterans and their medical advisers to the possibility that they may have contracted cancer; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 3486 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the cost of a cochlear ear implantation.
  - (2) For each state and territory, for those who cannot afford the operation, (a) how many operations per year are performed at public expense, and (b) how long is the waiting list.
- 3487 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia—national security public awareness campaign”, what sum of the additional funding has been spent during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
  - (2) What further sums are to be allocated during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 for (i) material mailed directly to Australian households, and (ii) television, radio and press advertising.
  - (3) What sum has been spent on (a) developing material for further mailing or advertising campaigns, and (b) market testing of this material.
  - (4) In respect of each contract for further mailing or advertising campaigns, (a) with whom has it been made, (b) what is its date and duration, (c) what is its value, and (d) what services are to be provided.
- 3488 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A more informed public—improved research capabilities and accessibility to the website” disclosed in the 2003-2004 Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, what sum has been spent during 2003-2004 on “improved research capabilities aimed at creating community awareness of the international and national security work of the Government”.
  - (2) Has the Commonwealth entered into any contracts for the provision of this research; if so, in respect of each contract (a) with whom has it been made, (b) what is its date and duration, (c) what is its value, and (d) what services are to be provided.
  - (3) On what other initiatives or programs has funding been spent to improve research capabilities and how much has been spent on each program or initiative.
- 3489 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the National Security Division, (a) how many (i) full-time, and (ii) part-time, staff are employed, (b) what are their broad-banded classifications, (c) how many are (i) ongoing, and (ii) non-ongoing, (d) what are their job titles, and (f) in respect of each secondee, what is the home agency.
  - (2) What was the actual expenditure on the National Security Division for 2003-2004.
  - (3) What are the current responsibilities of the National Security Division.
- 3490 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the Science Engineering and Technology Unit for Counter-Terrorism, (a) how many (i) full-time, and (ii) part-time, staff are employed, (b) what are their broad-banded classifications, (c) how many are (i) ongoing, and (ii) non-ongoing, (d) what are their job titles, and (f) in respect of each secondee, what is the home agency.
  - (2) What was the actual expenditure on the unit for 2003-2004.
  - (3) How many organisations or companies have registered capabilities with the unit.
  - (4) How many existing technological solutions have been (a) registered with, and (b) analysed by, the unit.
  - (5) How many solutions requiring further development have been (a) registered with, and (b) analysed by, the unit.
- 3491 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the Budget measure “Policy co-ordination—increased activities and new taskforces” disclosed in the 2003-2004 Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, what sum was spent in 2003-2004 for the purpose of “increasing the capacity to develop and implement whole-of-government approaches for critical elements of the Government’s national security agenda”.
  - (2) On what initiatives were the funds spent.
  - (3) Were the funds used to employ additional staff; if so, (a) how many, (b) what are their job titles and classifications, and (c) where are they located.

- (4) What sum will be allocated for the purpose of “increasing the capacity to develop and implement whole-of-government approaches for critical elements of the Government’s national security agenda” in (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, and (c) 2006-2007.

3492 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “E-security national agenda”, what sum has been spent by the National Office for the Information Economy (NOIE) during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on improving e-security.
- (2) On what e-security initiatives has funding been spent by the NOIE.

3494 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia—upgrade of the Australian Secure Network (ASNET) communications infrastructure”, (a) what sum has been spent during 2003-2004 upgrading ASNET, and (b) of this, what sum has been spent on direct staff costs.
- (2) Has the Commonwealth entered into any contracts for the upgrading of ASNET; if so, in respect of each contract (a) with whom has it been made, (b) what is its date and duration, (c) what is its value, and (d) what services are to be provided.

3495 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia—enhanced counter-terrorism training”, what sum has been spent on counter-terrorism training during 2003-2004.
- (2) Have any counter-terrorism training exercises been conducted during 2003-2004; if so, in respect of each exercise (a) what are the details, (b) when did it occur, (c) which agencies participated, and (d) what was the cost.

3496 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “E-security national agenda”, what sum has been spent by his department during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on improving e-security.
- (2) On what e-security initiatives has funding been spent by his department.

3497 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia—enhanced Diplomatic and Australian Office Holder guarding services”, what sum has been spent on increased Diplomatic and Australian Office Holder guarding services during 2003-2004.
- (2) How many additional hours of guarding services have been provided in 2003-2004.

3498 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia—National Security Hotline”, what sum has been spent on the National Security Hotline during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.

3499 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures for enhanced checking of aviation security identification card holders, what sum has been (a) raised, and (b) spent, during 2003-2004 on additional background checks.
- (2) How many additional background checks were conducted during 2003-2004.

3500 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Since his answer to question No. 2276 (*Hansard*, 9 October 2003, page 21133), (a) which additional groups have been constituted in the Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN), (b) when was each of these groups constituted, and (c) which Commonwealth agencies were responsible for coordinating the creation of these groups.
- (2) In respect of the groups still being constituted, (a) which groups are they, (b) when does the Government aim to have them constituted, and (c) which Commonwealth agencies are responsible for coordinating their creation.
- (3) On what dates has each group in the TISN met.

3501 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will he update the answer to question No. 2508 (*Hansard*, 22 March 2004, page 26864).

3502 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “E-security national agenda”, what sum has been spent by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on improving e-security.

- (2) On what e-security initiatives has funding been spent by the AFP.
- 3503 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “Provision of five boats to the Indonesian Police”, what sum was spent during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004, on providing these boats.
  - (2) How many boats have been delivered to the Indonesian police.
  - (3) In respect of each boat, (a) when was it delivered, (b) what is its (i) length, (ii) draught, (iii) beam, and (iv) displacement, (c) what is its maximum speed, (d) what is its range, (e) how far off-shore can it safely conduct patrols, (f) what is its complement, (g) what weapons, surveillance and communications equipment does it carry, and (h) who constructed it.
- 3504 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “Increased number of explosive detector dogs at Australian airports”, what sum has been spent during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on additional explosive detector dogs at Australian airports.
  - (2) How many additional dogs were deployed during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
- 3505 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measures titled “Expansion of the Law Enforcement Cooperation Program” (LECP), what sum was spent during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 expanding the LECP.
  - (2) How many additional officers were deployed through the LECP during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
- 3506 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measures titled “Australian Federal Police (AFP) rapid response capability”, what sum was spent during (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004 on providing the AFP with enhanced access to telecommunications infrastructure in remote locations.
  - (2) What equipment and services remain to be delivered.
- 3507 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measures titled “Double the strike team capacity of the Australian Federal Police” (AFP), what sum was spent during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on increasing the strike team capacity of the AFP.
  - (2) How many additional officers were deployed to strike teams during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
- 3508 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “National Illicit Drugs Strategy—prevention of illicit drug manufacturing strategy”, what sum has been spent during 2003-2004.
  - (2) In respect of each program that has been funded through this Budget measure, what is its (a) name, (b) purpose, and (c) what sum has been spent on it.
- 3509 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Will he update the answer to question No. 2296 (*Hansard*, 26 November 2003, page 23090) and say how much National Crime Prevention program funding remains (a) unallocated, and (b) unspent.
- 3510 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Will he update the answer to question No. 2969 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2004, page 25950).
- 3511 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the proposed Australian Transactions Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) cost recovery model been implemented; if so, (a) when, and (b) what is the budgeted revenue from this model for each financial year from 2004-2005 to 2007-2008; if not, on what date is it expected that it will be implemented.
- 3512 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures titled “A Safer Australia—additional funding for financial monitoring by the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre”, what sum of the additional funding has been spent during 2003-2004.
  - (2) In respect of additional staff, (a) how many have been employed, (b) what are their classifications, (c) what are their functions, and (d) what has been the cost of employing them.
  - (3) What additional equipment has been purchased and installed to support the new staff and what was its cost.

- 3513 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures titled “A National Illicit Drugs Strategy - enhanced financial intelligence to target illicit drug trafficking and related activities”, what sum of the additional funding has been spent during 2003-2004.
  - (2) In respect of additional staff, (a) how many have been employed, (b) what are their classifications, (c) what are their functions, and (d) what has been the cost of employing them.
  - (3) What additional equipment has been purchased and installed to support the new staff and what was its cost.
- 3514 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures titled “Proceeds of Crime legislation—additional funding for implementation”, (a) what sum has been spent during 2003-2004 by (i) the Insolvency and Trustee Service, Australia (ITSA), and (ii) the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on implementing the proceeds of crime legislation.
  - (2) What was the cost of legal aid provided during 2003-2004 in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.
- 3515 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of the Budget measure “Combating trafficking in persons—whole of government strategy” disclosed in the 2003-2004 Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, how many additional AFP officers will be employed in each financial year with this funding.
- 3516 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of each court proceeding that has been commenced under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, (a) what was the name of each party, (b) in which court was the matter conducted, (c) what was the matter number, (d) on what date was the matter commenced, (e) what was the value of the proceeds recovered in the matter, (f) what was the cost of conducting the matter, and (g) was there a grant of legal aid in the matter; if so, (i) to whom, and (ii) what sum in legal aid was granted.
- 3517 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What was the total cost of the integration of the National Crime Authority, the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence and the Office of Strategic Crime Assessments into the Australian Crime Commission.
  - (2) In respect of the integration cost, (a) which agency or agencies met the cost, (b) what sum was borne by each agency, and (c) how was the cost funded by each agency.
- 3518 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What is the total cost to date of the integration of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Protective Service.
  - (2) In respect of the integration cost, (a) what sum has been met by (i) the AFP, (ii) the Attorney-General’s Department, and (iii) other agencies, and (b) how was the cost funded by each agency.
- 3519 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For the financial year (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004, how many requests for assistance were received by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for assistance under the Charter of the United Nations (Terrorism and Dealings with Assets) Regulations 2002.
  - (2) How many hours did the AFP attribute to handling these requests.
- 3520 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measure “A Safer Australia - continued funding for enhanced protective security”, what sum has been spent during 2003-2004 on enhanced security measures for Defence personnel and facilities, including increased guarding, patrolling and protective searches.
- 3521 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “E-security national agenda”, what sum has been spent by his department during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 on improving e-security.
  - (2) On what e-security initiatives has funding been spent by his department.
- 3523 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the 2002-2003 Budget measure “Increase in the price of the Australian passport”, for the year (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004, (i) what additional revenue was raised by this measure, and (b) what sum was spent on research into passport biometrics.



- 3525 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What are the selection criteria for selecting representatives for the Council on Australia Latin American Relations and do those criteria include efforts to attract Australians of Latin American background.
- 3529 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures “A Safer Australia—enhanced border protection processing systems”, what sum has been spent in 2003-2004 to enhance and develop systems to more accurately verify the identity of persons of concern.
  - (2) Has the Commonwealth entered into any contracts to implement this measure; if so, in respect of each contract (a) what is its purpose, and (b) what is its value.
  - (3) Has the Commonwealth undertaken any scoping studies in relation to enhanced border protection systems; if so, in respect of each study (a) what is its purpose, (b) who is conducting it, (c) what is its budgeted cost, (d) what is its reporting date, and (e) what were the outcomes.
  - (4) In respect of the proposed common information technology platform, (a) what is its current status, (b) what is the budgeted cost of its development, (c) what amount has been spent to date on its development, and (c) when it is due to be operational.
- 3530 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In which foreign countries can persons apply electronically for a visa to enter Australia.
  - (2) For each of these countries, (a) does the government maintain a database or list of persons potentially involved with terrorism, (b) what is the name of the list or database, (c) which authority maintains the list or database, and (d) is the information on the list or database provided to the Australian Government, if so, how often is that information provided to Australia and under what arrangements.
- 3531 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) In respect of the 2003-2004 Budget measures “A Safer Australia—enhanced security for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation”, what sum of additional funding has been spent in 2003-2004 to enhance security at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre and the Replacement Research Reactor construction site.
  - (2) What was the (a) budgeted, and (b) actual cost of replacing the front gate.
  - (3) On what date did the new front gate become operational.
- 3532 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What was the actual expenditure on the National Suicide Prevention Strategy for each financial year since 1999-2000.
  - (2) On which programs and initiatives were funds spent and what sum was spent on each program or initiative.
  - (3) What is estimated expenditure on the strategy for each financial year over the forward estimates.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3533 - 3535)—
- (1) On how many days did marine patrols operate in the Southern Ocean during (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004.
  - (2) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, (i) which vessel or vessels conducted patrols in the Southern Ocean, and (ii) for how many days did each vessel conduct patrols.
  - (3) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, how many personnel undertook Southern Ocean patrol duties and which government agency employed them.
  - (4) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, what was the total cost to each agency of operating Southern Ocean patrols, and of this, what sum was attributable to (i) leasing or chartering costs, (ii) operating and maintenance costs, (iii) personnel costs, and (iv) other costs.
  - (5) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, which vessels in the Southern Ocean were (i) intercepted, (ii) subject to administrative seizure, and (iii) apprehended.
  - (6) For the year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, in respect of each vessel intercepted in the Southern Ocean, (i) where was it registered, and (ii) what was the nature of the illegal activity it was engaged in.
- 3533 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- 3534 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 3535 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3536 - 3538)—What number of days has the Government set as a target for marine patrols in the Southern Ocean in (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-2006.
- 3536 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 3537 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 3538 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3541 - 3548)—
- (1) What is the full list of groups, divisions, branches and other work units (however named) in the Minister's department.
  - (2) How many full-time equivalent staff currently work in each work unit.
  - (3) In respect of each work unit, how many staff are (a) ongoing, and (b) non-ongoing, and what are their broad-banded classifications.
  - (4) What was the operating cost of each work unit for 2002-2003.
  - (5) What is the budgeted operating cost for (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005.
- 3541 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 3542 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 3543 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 3544 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3545 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 3546 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3547 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 3548 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3549 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is he aware of the plight of Mr Greg Martin in Adelaide in whose street three trees have been cut down to make way for a six-storey commercial building without plans to shield the building's west-facing windows from the sun.
  - (2) Does he recall his statement in 1997 that the Government would implement mandatory energy efficiency standards within 12 months if voluntary methods did not achieve results.
  - (3) What has the Government done about implementing mandatory energy efficiency standards.
  - (4) What does the Government intend to do about implementing mandatory energy efficiency standards.
- 3550 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What present powers or controls are in place in respect of the importation of timber products which have been produced illegally.
  - (2) What powers and obligations does the Government have in respect of the importation of (a) illegally logged timber, and (b) timber products made from illegally logged timber.
  - (3) Is he able to say how many countries have taken action in respect of the importation of timber illegally logged, or products made from timber illegally logged, in Papua New Guinea; if so, which countries have taken action and what action was taken.
- 3551 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2792 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2004, page 24321), was the sighting of the Coxens Double-eyed Fig Parrot on the Burnett River confirmed.
  - (2) Has he considered (a) mass plantings of figlets grown from existing trees to form a new riparian zone at the edge of the new lake, (b) implementing an extensive marcotting program on as many as possible of the large number of mature trees that will be lost to flooding, and (c) mass plantings of Callistemon and Melaleuca and other hard wood trees to replace extensive stands growing in the impoundment zone, to prevent the extinction of this species.

- (3) What other possibilities is he investigating in order to prevent the extinction of this species.
- 3552 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is he aware that the endangered species, *Cycas Megacarpa* (cycad), is located within the impoundment area of the Burnett River Dam Project.
  - (2) What possibilities is he investigating in order to prevent the extinction of this species.
- 3553 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Will he be reviewing the status of the (a) Black-Browed Albatross, (b) Fleshly-Footed Shearwater, (c) Indian Yellow-Nosed Albatross, and (d) Sooty Albatross, all threatened seabirds, following the release of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Red List review; if not, what action will he take to ensure the continuation of these species.
- 3554 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Can he confirm that porcine insulin was withdrawn from the Australian market about 10 years ago.
  - (2) Are there concerns that Mad Cow Disease may cause problems with continued sourcing of bovine insulin.
  - (3) Can he say how many people there are who cannot tolerate synthetic insulin.
  - (4) Can he say how many people are currently importing porcine insulin from the United Kingdom.
- 3555 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each of the last ten financial years, what was the total expenditure on scheduled air fares and Comcar travel undertaken by former Governors-General.
- 3557 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the Internal Audit Review (IAR) of the Northern Rivers Area Consultative Committee (ACC) referred to in Senate Estimates Hearings on 19 February 2004, (a) when was the IAR conducted, (b) why was the Northern Rivers ACC selected to be the subject of an IAR, (c) were any complaints received by his department about the administration or operation of the ACC, (d) what were the terms of reference of the review, (e) what were the (i) findings, and (ii) recommendations, of the review, (f) can he provide a copy of the Internal Audit Report, and (g) what changes have been made to the administration and the operation of the ACC since the review was undertaken.
  - (2) What projects were approved for funding from the Regional Assistance Program for the Northern Rivers region during 2002-2003.
  - (3) What projects have been approved for funding from the Regional Partnerships Program for the Northern Rivers region since 1 July 2003.
  - (4) For each of the projects identified in parts (2) and (3), (a) who were the proponents of these projects, and (b) are any of the proponents (i) members of the Northern Rivers ACC, (ii) related to members of the Northern Rivers ACC, (iii) employers of members of the Northern Rivers ACC.
- 3558 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the Internal Audit Review (IAR) of the GROW Area Consultative Committee (ACC) referred to in Senate Estimates Hearings on 19 February 2004, (a) when will the IAR be conducted, (b) why was the GROW ACC selected to be the subject of an IAR, (c) were any complaints received by his department about the administration or operation of the ACC, (d) what are the terms of reference of the review, and (e) has the review been completed; if so, what were the (i) findings, and (ii) recommendations, of the review, and (iii) will he provide a copy of the Internal Audit Report.
  - (2) What projects were approved for funding from the Regional Assistance Program for the GROW region during 2002-2003.
  - (3) What projects have been approved for funding from the Regional Partnerships Program for the GROW region since 1 July 2003.
  - (4) For each of the projects identified in parts (2) and (3), (a) who were the proponents of these projects, and (b) are any of the proponents (i) members of the GROW ACC, (ii) related to members of the GROW ACC, (iii) employers of members of the GROW ACC.
- 3559 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) have been subject to an Internal Audit Review since 1996.
  - (2) Which ACCs are scheduled for review during 2004-2005.
- 3560 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme, for each financial year since its introduction, (a) what was the total number of visas granted (i) onshore, and (ii) offshore, (b) what

was the total number granted for each region, and (c) what monitoring is done to determine whether migrants (i) have remained in the area for the two year contract of employment with the sponsoring employer, and (ii) have remained in the area at the expiration of the two year contract of employment.

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- 3562 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What will the Australian delegation report to the United Nations (UN) Commission for Sustainable Development when it meets in New York next month about actions and resources that the Australian Government has committed towards meeting the water and sanitation targets of the UN Millenium Development Goals.
  - (2) What action is the Government taking to build momentum and contribute to the international effort to meet these targets.
  - (3) Will the Australian Government announce any initiatives to the Commission; if not, why not.
- 3563 **MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—For each of the last five financial years, will the Minister list the current and former Members of Parliament and the occasions on which they have travelled on (a) *The Ghan*, (b) the *Indian Pacific*, (c) the *Overland*, and (d) the *Spirit of Tasmania*, at Government expense.
- 3564 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) When was the reciprocal agreement on age pensions between Australia and the United Kingdom (UK) signed.
  - (2) How many recipients of a UK Pension reside in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, and (c) the electoral division of Chifley.
  - (3) How many residents of the UK are entitled to an Australian pension.
  - (4) Under the agreement is either party able to cap the pension entitlement; if so, why.
  - (5) Is the agreement subject to review; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 3565 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What assistance do agencies in his portfolio provide in upholding the Charter of the United Nations (Terrorism and Dealings with Assets) Regulations 2002 and Australia's obligations to freeze terrorist assets under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373.
  - (2) In respect of each agency involved in providing this assistance, (a) how many staff are involved in this work, (b) in which group, division, branch or other work unit are they located, (c) what is the nature of the assistance they provide, (d) what are their classifications, (e) what are their other duties, and (f) what was the cost in (i) 2002-2003, and (ii) 2003-2004 of employing these staff.
- 3566 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What proportion of all school teachers in Australia is male.
  - (2) What proportion of all primary school teachers in Australia is male.
  - (3) What proportion of all high school teachers in Australia is male.

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- 3567 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Can he confirm that in August 2003 the then Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, launched Professor Flint's book titled *The Twilight of the Elites*; if not, why not.
  - (2) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled "Watchdog that's programmed to kill" in *The Australian* on 29 April 2004 in which he stated that *Media Watch* remains the personal opinion program of whoever is the host and is unrestrained by the media ethics it purports to uphold.
  - (3) Has he seen the letter by Professor Flint titled "When war is our business" in the *Financial Review* on 20 April 2004 in which he stated that most Australians would agree with the Rt Hon. Sir Robert Menzies that, if in spite of all our efforts to live at peace, a war does come, the business of Australian foreign policy is to see that we enter it with great and powerful friends.
  - (4) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled "Our alliance with Uncle Sam is crucial" in the *Financial Review* on 13 April 2004 in which he stated that the US State Department was right to correct Mr Latham.

- (5) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Latham coy on detail of his republic” in *The Canberra Times* on 12 December 2003 in which he stated that it seems it is not so much whom Mr Latham has attacked, insulted or abused, but whom he hasn’t.
- (6) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Framework for post-Hussein Iraq already exists” in the *Financial Review* on 2 December 2003 in which he stated that it is now clear that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden were in cahoots.
- (7) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “To these thought police, mainstream is a dirty word” in *The Australian* on 25 August 2003 in which he stated that those who dare present the traditional views of most Australians are inevitably branded as conservative and that the Prime Minister has spoken not only for, but with, the mainstream.
- (8) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Balancing act of the media is based on accuracy and fairness” in *The Canberra Times* on 19 August 2003 in which he stated that journalists are now more powerful than ever before while the power of the proprietors, when you can actually find one, has never been so weak.
- (9) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Victors should hold the reins in rebuilding Iraq” in the *Financial Review* on 8 April 2003 in which he stated that it is ironic that the very people who most opposed the armed intervention to liberate Iraq are precisely those who now insist that their prescriptions on the future governance of that country be followed to the letter.
- (10) Has he seen the letter by Professor Flint titled “Everyone’s favourite victim” in *The Daily Telegraph* on 13 February 2003 in which he stated that no matter what Governor-General Peter Hollingworth does, he is attacked.
- (11) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Let’s not forget who the bad guys are” in the *Financial Review* on 23 January 2003 in which he wrote that Rt Hon. Sir Robert Menzies stated the principle that must surely guide all Australian governments, namely, if in spite of all our efforts to live at peace, a war does come, the business of Australian foreign policy is to see that we enter it, with great and powerful friends.
- (12) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Let’s not wait for the bombs to fall” in the *Financial Review* on 4 December 2003 in which he stated that pre-emptive strikes have a legitimacy in certain circumstances and that the Prime Minister’s answer was hedged with restrictions entirely consistent with international law.
- (13) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Australia sans frontiers is out of the question” in *The Australian* on 16 May 2003 in which he stated that there is clearly a difference between those who flee directly from actual persecution, as the Vietnamese did, and those who come from a safe haven, for example, Muslims in Indonesia.
- (14) Has he seen the letter by Professor Flint titled “ABA chief’s right to public consistency” in the *Financial Review* on 18 March 2002 in which he claimed that Mr Tony Harris concluded that the Prime Minister and he have similar views in a number of areas.
- (15) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Wharfie ploy won’t work for detainees” in *The Australian* on 31 January 2002 in which he stated that going soft on illegal immigrants would throw open the floodgates.
- (16) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Why Howard is more than just a politician” in *The Age* on 9 November 2001 in which he stated that Curtin, Menzies and Chifley were statesmen and that the Prime Minister is also and Australia today is very well governed.
- (17) Has he seen the article by Professor Flint titled “Why media ownership laws should be scrapped” in *The Age* on 4 May 2001 in which he stated that journalists have taken over from proprietors in terms of influence and those aspects of the Broadcasting Services Act regulating ownership should be reviewed.
- (18) Can he confirm that a professional Public Service must be (a) responsive to the aims of the Government of the day, and (b) measured by its impartiality and objectivity; if not, why not.
- (19) Can he confirm that the professionalism of Australia’s Public Service relies on administrative expertise rather than political agreement; if not, why not.
- (20) Will he seek Professor Flint’s resignation from the Board of the ABA; if not, why not.
- (21) Will he introduce a merit-based system for appointments to statutory bodies to promote an independent and objective Australian Public Service; if so, when, if not, why not.

- 3568 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can he confirm that the Chairperson of the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) Professor David Flint received more than \$250,000 in remuneration for 2002-2003; if not, why not.
  - (2) What component of Professor Flint's remuneration represents payment for performance above his base salary of \$187,770.
  - (3) How much performance pay did Professor Flint receive in (a) 1997-1998, (b) 1998-1999, (c) 1999-2000, (d) 2000-2001, (e) 2001-2002, and (f) 2002-2003.
- 3569 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can he confirm reports that the leaked minutes of an Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) meeting of 3 March 2004 reveal that a number of ABA Board members canvassed new conflict of interest concerns relating to ABA Chairperson, Professor David Flint; if not, why not.
  - (2) Can he also confirm that Professor Flint (a) is on the public record supporting the Iraq war and criticising the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) coverage of the Iraq war, and (b) initially refused to remove himself from the ABA inquiry into the former Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts' claims of bias by the ABC in its coverage of the Iraq war before stepping down from the ABA inquiry into the ABC's Iraq war coverage on 29 April 2004; if not, why not.
  - (3) Has he seen the media release by Senator Faulkner dated 4 May 2004 and Senator Faulkner's letter dated 4 May 2004 to Professor Flint (a) outlining a formal complaint lodged with the ABA about an alleged breach of licence conditions by Prime Television (Southern) Pty Ltd in respect of its *Landscape* program, (b) requesting that Professor Flint disqualify himself from any involvement in the handling of this complaint because he is an active member of the Liberal Party, and (c) requesting that Professor Flint disqualify himself from any involvement in the handling of any matter before the ABA in relation to the next federal election because he is an active member of the Liberal Party; if not, why not.
  - (4) Will he dismiss Professor Flint; if not, why not.
- 3571 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3233 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28231), since June 1999 how many non-citizen permanent residents of Australia have had their visas cancelled following a determination by the Minister that they did not pass the character test on the grounds specified in subsections 501(6)(a), (b), or (c) of the *Migration Act 1958*.
  - (2) How many of these people have been deported to date, to which countries were they deported and how many remain in detention or in the community pending deportation.
  - (3) What review rights do people have if they are subject to a visa cancellation by the Minister on these grounds.
- 3572 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the last three financial years, how many Subclass 547 Business (Long Stay) visas were issued to intending employees of (a) Denmark Developments Pty Ltd, (b) Nader & Ishak Pty Ltd, (c) ASI Constructions Pty Ltd, (d) Nader & Ishak Holdings Pty Ltd, (e) CAE Consulting Pty Ltd, (f) N & I Investments Pty Ltd, (g) N S I Group Pty Ltd, (h) NSI Management Pty Ltd.
  - (2) What were the specific skilled occupations for which these visas were issued and what were the nationalities of the visa holders.
- 3573 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to my question without notice (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28136) and his subsequent letter to me, at the time of the execution of the ComLand Share Sale Agreement on 22 January 2004, was the size of the central park (the location of the sporting complex) on the ADI site less than 100 hectares; if so, what was its area.
  - (2) Is expanding the central park to 100 hectares dependent on excising land from the regional park; if so, how much land needs to be excised.
  - (3) Is excising land from the regional park dependent on state government approval; if so, has he written to the Premier of NSW; if not, why not.
  - (4) Does the above ComLand Share Sale Agreement stipulate that \$10 million be spent on the park, as claimed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, or \$6 million.

- (5) Does the \$6 million include expenditure on roads and other infrastructure other than sporting facilities.
- (6) In respect of the sporting facilities to be provided, (a) how many outdoor playing fields are planned and for which sports are they intended, (b) how many synthetic all-weather playing fields are planned and for which sports are they intended, (c) how long will the cycleway and walking trails be, (d) what facilities will be provided in the picnic and barbecue areas, and (e) what is the individual cost of each facility planned.

3574 **MR DANBY:** 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 Melbourne Ports, (a) in total, and in the post code area (b) 3161, (c) 3162, (d) 3163, (e) 3182, (f) 3183, (g) 3184, (h) 3185, (i) 3205, (j) 3206, and (k) 3207 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 B, (x) Childcare Benefit, and (xi) Rent Assistance.
- (2) At 31 December 2003, what proportion of the total population in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports was receiving income assistance.

24 May 2004

3575 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In the period since 1 January 2003 to date, how many foreign vessels engaged in illegal fishing in Australia's exclusive economic zone have been identified by Australian Customs, the Royal Australian Navy, Coast Watch, or any other Government agency.
- (2) How many vessels have been detained, which vessels were detained and how many crew were arrested in respect of each vessel.
- (3) In respect of the vessels that were identified and inspected but not detained, how many were there and was a bond or other security requested or provided.

3576 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Will Job Network member organisations with multiple sites in the same ESA have each site assessed separately and given individual star ratings at the next milestone; if not, why not.

3577 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 445 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 5015) which stated that “as part of the new investigation, the Department of Defence has agreed to re-examine the possibility of assisting with the collection of DNA samples”, what was the outcome of the new investigation.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of a private expedition in July 2002 to the location where Lance Corporal Parker and Private Gillson went missing.
- (3) Has the Department of Defence taken any action in response to the findings of that expedition; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (4) Is the Government contributing any resources to the search for these missing servicemen; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (5) What cooperation has taken place over the last two years between the Australian Government and relevant authorities of the United States of America in respect of the missing servicemen.

3578 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has he seen the editorial titled “Howard must act to sack biased Flint” in *The Courier-Mail* on 1 May 2004 which stated that Professor Flint is an active member of the Liberal Party and was involved in the recent preselection for the electoral division of Wentworth; if so, is he able to say whether this public activity by the holder of a senior Commonwealth office is regarded by the Government as acceptable.

3579 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has he seen the article by Ian Royall titled “Telstra late fee faces legal fight” in the *Herald-Sun* on 25 November 2003 which reported that Telstra had announced that in March 2004 the penalty for the late payment of bills would rise from \$5.50 to \$11 for bills of \$130 or more.
- (2) Has he seen the article by Kirsty Needham titled “Push to lift electricity late fees” in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 8 December 2003 which reported comments by the Chair of the Australian Consumers Association, Mr Chris Field, to the effect that the Telstra late-payment fee might be unlawful and that companies can only charge a fee that represents the actual cost to them of the consumer's default, rather than an amount that would be construed as a penalty.

- (3) Can he confirm that Telstra has recently doubled its late-payment fee for bills exceeding \$130; if so, from what date was the increase applied; if not, why not.
- (4) Does Telstra's late-payment fee increase correspond to a doubling in the real cost of managing late-paying customers; if so, what evidence has Telstra provided to confirm the increased cost; if not, what part of the late-payment fee represents a penalty for late payment.
- (5) Will he ensure that any part of the late-payment fee above the actual cost of managing late-paying customers is (a) not charged in future bills, and (b) refunded to those customers who have already paid late-payment penalties; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he ensure that Telstra gives its customers at least three weeks notice of the due date for bill payments; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he ensure that Telstra does not charge late-payment fees that exceed the cost of managing late-paying customers; if not, why not.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3580 - 3581)—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (a) of question No. 2059 (*Hansard*, 3 December 2003, page 23742), is the Minister able to say what the former occupations were of each of the bankrupts whose occupations had been recorded by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as (a) invalid pensioner (10 bankrupts), (b) other pensioner (23 bankrupts), (c) retired (1 bankrupt), and (d) unemployed (29 bankrupts).
- (2) In respect of each occupational category of bankrupts in part 1, how many had previously reported to the ATO that their occupation was barrister, lawyer or solicitor.
- (3) Further to the answer to parts (b) to (i) of question No. 2059, is the Minister able to say what the former occupations were of each of the bankrupts whose occupations had been recorded by the ATO as (a) invalid pensioner, (b) other pensioner, and (c) unemployed.
- (4) In respect of each occupational category of bankrupts in part 3, how many had previously reported to the ATO that their occupation was barrister, lawyer or solicitor.

3580 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3581 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

#### *25 May 2004*

3582 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to the answer to question No. 2568 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2004, page 24250), will the evaluations of the Government's \$9 million media campaign titled "Here's the prescription for a healthy Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)", featuring Dr James Wright, be made available to the public before the federal election; if not, why not.

3583 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What evidence is there to support the view that a significant number of Australians do not understand the health services available under Medicare.
- (2) What is the cost of the Government's (a) electronic media, (b) print media, and (c) pamphlet campaign titled "Strengthening Medicare".
- (3) How will the effectiveness of this campaign be measured.
- (4) Will details of this evaluation be made available to the public before the next federal election; if not, why not.

#### *26 May 2004*

3584 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware that regional litigants are unable to place reverse charge telephone calls to the Family Court because of the telephone menu and queuing system used by the Family Court and the refusal of Telstra's operators to wait longer than a minute or operate the menu selection system.
- (2) Is there any additional funding in the Budget for regional litigants involved in Family Court cases for purposes such as the provision of local call dialling.
- (3) Does the Budget provide additional funds for the Magistrates Court and the Family Court.
- (4) Is there any provision in the Budget for implementing the recommendations of the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation undertaken last year by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs.



- (5) Is there any provision in the Budget for tiered funding targeting specific policy objectives for the Family Court.
- 3585 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What role did the Australian Defence Science and Technology organisation have in developing the Strategic Maritime Information System (SMIS).
  - (2) In respect of this database, (a) what was its nature, (b) what geographical areas did it include, and (c) did it include (i) maps, (ii) maritime boundaries, (iii) reports of incidents at sea, and (iv) port details.
  - (3) Did the database contain data on merchant ships; if so, (a) how many merchant ships were included, and (b) what were the criteria under which they were included.
  - (4) Is the SMIS still operational; if not, (a) when did it cease to be operational, and (b) has it been replaced by any other system; if so, what are the details of the new system.
- 3586 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What is the impact of the intellectual property provisions associated with the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
  - (2) Does the AUSFTA impact on patent licences such as patents extensions; if so, how; if not, why not.
  - (3) Could the AUSFTA delay the entry onto the market of generic drugs; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 3587 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2817 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2004, page 28869), why is the information available to the Government about the financial or pecuniary interests of airport operator companies and airports, commercially sensitive and confidential.
- 3588 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the development of the Army's sustainability model, (a) when was the need to develop it identified, (b) when was the proposal developed and formally adopted as an authorised project, (c) was a timeline set; if so, how much time was allowed; if not, why not, (d) how many personnel at what rank have been dedicated to the project, (e) how many man-hours have been expended to date, (f) how many hours are required to complete the project, and (g) when will Army's sustainability model be completed.
- 3589 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Is the Army's sustainability model predicated on guidance provided in the White Paper that the Army should be capable of deploying a brigade and a concurrent battalion group; if so, (a) how many months can the Army sustain such deployments, and (b) are the deployments predicated on a rotational system of two's; one deployed and one training up.

27 May 2004

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3590 - 3591)—

- (1) Has the Minister read the transcript of the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee hearing on 25 May 2004 which raised numerous instances of perceived or apprehended bias concerning the Professor David Flint's chairmanship of the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA).
- (2) Has the Minister read the article in *The Australian* on 26 May 2004 titled, (a) "Flint won't sit out political ad cases" by Misha Schubert which concluded that Professor Flint said he would not excuse himself from judging political advertising and that he would decide on a 'case by case basis' whether he felt he was compromised, and (b) "Just an absent-minded professor" by Matt Price which reported that Professor Flint reckoned his support for invading Iraq and membership of the Liberal Party didn't necessarily bar him from ruling on political advertisements in the forthcoming election campaign or determining whether the ABC's war coverage was biased.
- (3) Has the Minister read the article titled "I dismissed legal advice says Flint" in *The Age* on 26 May 2004 which reported that Senator John Cherry said he was astounded that Professor Flint can take an active part in Liberal Party affairs in Sydney and see little wrong in judging matters of political bias in reporting.
- (4) Has the Minister read the articles reporting on the appearance by Professor Flint before the Senate Committee on 25 May 2004 by Andrew Fraser in *The Canberra Times* on 26 May 2004.
- (5) Has the Minister read the article titled "Flint ignored legal advice" by Toni O'Loughlin in the *Financial Review* on 26 May 2004.

- (6) Has the Minister read the article titled “Flint forgot letter” by Luke McIlveen in the *Herald Sun* on 26 May 2004.
- (7) Has the Minister read the article by Cosima Marriner in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 26 May 2004 which reported that the Opposition Shadow Minister for Communications, Mr Lindsay Tanner believed Professor Flint was hopelessly compromised and that he should stand down from the authority.
- (8) Does the Minister have full confidence in Professor Flint; if so, why; if not, will he encourage Professor Flint to resign from the ABA.

3590 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3591 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3592 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many staff were working at the Centrelink office in Moreland in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that all applications for Age and Disability Pension are processed within 28 days; if not, how long does it take to process the applications.
- (3) Where are new applications for Age and Disability Pension processed.
- (4) What happens to the Age and Disability Pension applications which are not processed in that 28 days period.
- (5) Can the Minister guarantee that the Moreland Centrelink Office will not close.

3593 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—How many reports of illegal activity have been made to the Australian High Tech Crime Centre since its inception and what has been the nature of those reports.

**MR DANBY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3594 - 3595)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of reports that al-Qaeda may have invested in companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX).
- (2) Which Commonwealth laws apply to the Australian assets and investments of listed terrorist organisations and individuals.
- (3) Is any agency in the Minister’s portfolio investigating these allegations; if so, (a) which agency, and (b) when did the investigations commence; if not, why not.
- (4) Has any agency in the Minister’s portfolio contacted British intelligence agencies about these allegations; if so, (i) which agency, (ii) when, (iii) who was contacted, and (iv) what was the response.
- (5) Does the Government have any information on al-Qaeda backed investments in Australia; if so, is the Minister able to say (a) how much has been invested, (b) when the investments were made, (c) in which companies the investments were made, (d) which front organisations, companies or individuals are being used, and (f) whether any accounts or assets have been frozen following investigations.
- (6) How many accounts or assets have been frozen under the UN requirement that assets of terrorists and terrorist organisations be frozen.

3594 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer.

3595 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3596 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many Australians are currently detained or imprisoned overseas.
- (2) How many of these people (a) are sentenced prisoners, (b) are being held without charges having been laid, (c) have been held without charges having been laid for over two years, (d) have no access to legal representation, and (e) are facing trial before a questionably constituted military commission.

*31 May 2004*

3597 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Under what circumstances does the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs organise, and meet the cost of, public citizenship ceremonies as a means of promoting the value of citizenship.

- (2) How many such ceremonies were organised by the department in (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 to date.
- (3) In respect of each ceremony, (a) what was the (i) date, (ii) venue, (iii) federal electoral division, and (iv) total cost to the department, and (b) what were the names of all the Commonwealth and State Members of Parliament who were in attendance.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3598 - 3599)—

- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled “Pigged out on delicious diet of rumour and innuendo: Farewell, Flint: a foolish man; forgetful, misguided and blinded by his own pomposity” by Mark Day in *The Australian* on 27 May 2004 which stated that nothing about Professor Flint matters any more and the Prime Minister will sack him or he will go on his appointed date, discredited and best forgotten.
- (2) Will the Minister ask Professor Flint to reconsider his position with a view to resigning from the Board of the Australian Broadcasting Authority.

3598 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3599 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3600 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Since his appointment as Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority, what are the full details of the cost of travel undertaken by Professor Flint in the year (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999, (d) 2000, (e) 2001, (f) 2002, (g) 2003, and (h) 2004.
- (2) What are the full details and cost of other taxpayer-funded benefits Professor Flint has received since 1997.

3601 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3373 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 2895) will the Minister advise which entity, agency or instrumentality is responsible for the management of detention centres for asylum seekers on (a) Nauru and (b) Papua New Guinea.
- (2) What arrangements are in place to ensure that appropriate performance standards and indicators are being met, what steps are being taken to monitor the achievement of the standards and indicators and what has the monitoring of those standards and indicators revealed.

#### 1 June 2004

3602 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 2763 (*Hansard*, 11 February 2004, page 24555) are the amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* introduced into the House of Representatives on 5 December 2003 retrospective enabling relief for the creditors of Mr Jodee Rich and Mrs Maxine Rich; if so, which of the amendments provides retrospectivity; if not, why not.

3603 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) Has the Minister read the editorial titled “No-violence campaign ‘debacle’” in *The Canberra Times* on 25 May 2004 which stated that a government anti-domestic violence campaign, due to feature in the media in December 2003, was delayed after the intervention of the Prime Minister.
- (2) Has the Minister read the article titled “Late, over-budget campaign ready” by Emma Macdonald in *The Canberra Times* on 28 May 2004 which reported that the delay cost \$1.1 million in cancellation fees and more than \$2.7 million has been spent on campaign materials that might not get used.
- (3) What are the reasons for the campaign’s delay and when will it be launched.
- (4) What is the total cost to date of the delay in launching the campaign.

3604 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—How many price increases have there been on standard Telstra residential telephone line rentals since 1997.

#### 2 June 2004

3605 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the commencement of Jetstar operations from Avalon Airport, has either Avalon Airport or Jetstar provided the Government with anticipated passenger figures for (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005; if so, what are they.

- (2) Has Avalon Airport contacted the Government in respect of aviation rescue and fire fighting services; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Has Avalon Airport been granted an exemption by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority from the usual regulatory provisions relating to aviation rescue and fire fighting services.
- (4) Does he intend to allow Jetstar services to operate from Avalon Airport for 12 months before an aviation rescue and fire fighting service is established.
- (5) Is he aware that (a) the nearest fire fighting response to Avalon Airport is 30 minutes away, and (b) the local brigade tasked with the responsibility is not accredited to respond to aircraft incidents.
- (6) Is a 30 minute delay in aviation rescue and fire fighting services acceptable for an airport that will accommodate at least seven Boeing 717 flights each day.

3606 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister's Department contracted the services of a (a) business adviser, (b) financial adviser, (c) probity adviser, (d) legal adviser, and (e) probity auditor to assist with the next tender round for the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of this advice.
- (3) Which firms have been contracted to provide this advice and what is the precise nature of the services to be provided by each.

3607 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government have a dedicated research program addressing issues to do with population, citizenship, migrant settlement services and multiculturalism; if so, (a) what is the Budget allocation for this purpose in 2004-2005, and (b) what sum was spent in (i) 2001-2002, (ii) 2002-2003, and (iii) 2003-2004.
- (2) What are the details of current or completed studies under this program since June 2001 including (a) the topic, (b) the researcher(s) or organisation(s) contracted to conduct the research, (c) the cost, (d) the completion date, and (e) the publication date, where applicable.

3608 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3309 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28246), will he provide a copy of the advice that was forwarded to the Ramsar Secretariat in which the Government detailed the threats posed to the ecological character of the Macquarie Marshes, Narran Lakes and Gwydir Wetlands of International Importance.
- (2) Does he intend to place these three sites on the Convention's Montreux Record of sites where changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring or are likely to occur; if not why not.
- (3) In respect of the Gwydir Ramsar site, can he explain why the Commonwealth Government has not fulfilled the commitments it gave as a signatory to the Memoranda of Understanding signed on World Wetlands Day in 1999 in relation to the future management of this site, in particular, what actions has he taken to (a) fulfil the undertakings made by both the NSW and Commonwealth governments to remain committed to maintaining appropriate hydrological regimes in the Gingham and Lower Gwydir Watercourses, particularly the provision of adequate, ecologically appropriate environmental flows to the wetlands; (b) make operational the Management Group for the Ramsar site which has met only twice since 1999, and (c) activate the Dispute Resolution mechanism to address the concerns communicated to his Department over 12 months ago by Mr Howard Blackburn, one of the private landholders involved.
- (4) Will he provide details of the activities that have been funded or are proposed for funding through the Border Rivers-Gwydir 2003-2004 Investment Strategy that will benefit the Gywdir Ramsar site and address the threats to its ecological character; if no funding decisions have been made, will he give a commitment that the Commonwealth will ensure that some of these funds will go to addressing the threats to the ecological character of this Ramsar site.

3609 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Government sold land formerly known as Gan Gan Army Camp in the electoral division of Paterson; if so, (a) at what price, (b) to whom, and (c) has the transaction reached settlement.

3610 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he allocated Roads to Recovery Program funding to a one kilometre section of road known as Gan Gan Road in the electoral division of Paterson; if so, what sum has been allocated.

- (2) Will the Port Stephens Council make a financial contribution to the roadworks; if so, is he able to say whether the funds will be raised under Section 94 of the NSW Local Government Act.
- (3) Will any landholder(s) on or around Gan Gan Road contribute to the cost of the road; if so (a) who, and (b) what sum(s).
- 3611 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many families reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) NSW, and (ii) the electoral division of Chifley.
- (2) How many families registered for the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2002 and (b) 2003 in (i) NSW, and (ii) the electoral division of Chifley.
- 3612 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency in (i) NSW, and (ii) the electoral division of Chifley have a Child Support Liability.
- (2) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency in (i) NSW, and (ii) the electoral division of Chifley receive a Child Support Payment.
- 3613 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) In respect of the sale without prescription of the drug Postinor-2, which contains the active ingredient levonorgestrel, is he aware of the article titled “Adverse reactions and emergency contraception” in *The Lancet* on 14 April 2001, which states that (a) several writers in the United Kingdom have remarked on the scarcity of safety data regarding the adverse reactions from use of the drug levonorgestrel, (b) 5% of women have a genetic susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancer and another 5% have a genetic susceptibility to thromboembolic disease, and (c) the relevant tests will not generally be done before a pharmacist supplies levonorgestrel to women who may have stopped taking daily hormones because they had adverse reactions.
- (2) Can he explain how the women who take levonorgestrel without prescription will be protected against the potential side-effects of the drug.
- (3) Is he able to say what scientific evidence his department relies on when deciding on the sale without prescription of products containing levonorgestrel; if not, when will he require the withdrawal from sale of Postinor-2 and, if he will not, why not.
- (4) Can he explain how the precautionary principle applies to the supply without prescription of levonorgestrel to women; if not, why not.
- 3614 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) In respect of the sale without prescription of the drug Postinor-2, which contains the active ingredient levonorgestrel, is he aware of the article by Professor Richards titled “An important drug interaction: an alternative mechanism” in the *British Medical Journal* volume 321, December 2000, which concluded that there is potential for serious harm which must be taken into account if levonorgestrel is to be supplied without prescription.
- (2) Can he explain how the precautionary principle has been applied to consider the risks described by Professor Richards to women who purchase Postinor-2 without prescription and without undergoing a medical examination, and what measures has he taken to mitigate against the harm as identified by Professor Richards.
- (3) When will the precautionary principle be applied to prevent the sale without prescription of Postinor-2.
- 3615 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) In respect of the sale without prescription of the drug Postinor-2, which contains the active ingredient levonorgestrel, is he aware of the article titled “Drug Points” in the *British Medical Journal* volume 321, December 2000, which states that women receiving warfarin treatment may be at risk of an interaction between warfarin and levonorgestrel if they are prescribed the progestogen only regimen because of its apparent safety.
- (2) What procedures are in place for pharmacists to ensure that women who are currently taking warfarin treatment are not sold Postinor-2 or other levonorgestrel drugs without prescription.
- (3) Are pharmacists medically competent to make decisions about the impact on women of the sale of Postinor-2 or levonorgestrel without prescription.

- (4) Will he impose regulatory controls to ensure that the drug Postinor-2, and other drugs containing levonorgestrel, cannot be prescribed without prescription and before a full medical examination; if so, when; if not, why not.

3616 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the sale without prescription of the drug Postinor-2, which contains the active ingredient levonorgestrel, is he aware of the article titled “Emergency Contraception” in *Archer Family Medicine*, Volume 9, July 2000, which states that emergency contraception does not interrupt an established pregnancy and that women who obtain emergency contraception should undergo a pregnancy test first.
- (2) Did his department consider this finding and can he explain how a pharmacist will determine whether a woman has an established pregnancy at the time of the supply without prescription of Postinor-2 or another drug containing levonorgestrel.
- (3) Will he provide a copy of the evidence which supports the claim that emergency contraception drugs can prevent pregnancy by damaging the lining of the womb preventing the implantation of an embryo; if not, why not.

3617 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that Clause 1.3 of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia’s Policy – Code of Conduct states that pharmacists must exercise professional judgment to prevent the supply of products likely to constitute an unacceptable hazard to health or the supply of unnecessary and/or excessive quantities of medicines and other products, particularly those which have a potential for abuse or dependency.
- (2) Can he confirm that Clause 1.4 states that pharmacists must ensure that all reasonable care is taken when disposing of medicinal products and chemicals.
- (3) Can he confirm that Clause 1.5 states that pharmacists shall accept responsibility for their own professional activities and for all activities undertaken under their direct supervision.
- (4) Can he explain how pharmacists can protect themselves against the foreseeable and non-negligible risk of harm from the supply without prescription of Postinor-2 and other drugs containing levonorgestrel.
- (5) Is he aware that there is authoritative medical opinion to the effect that Postinor-2 and other drugs containing levonorgestrel pose a serious risk to the user when supplied without prescription and a full medical examination and therefore constitute an unacceptable health hazard to women.

3 June 2004

3618 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2490 (*Hansard*, 24 November 2003, page 22669), will the Minister clarify the current stage of negotiations with the (a) National Library, (b) Victoria University, (c) Maritime Museum of Sydney, (d) Migration Museum in South Australia, and (e) Migration Museum in Melbourne regarding the offer and acceptance of culled departmental library resources.
- (2) Will the Minister account for the current location of the departmental library resources which have already been culled.
- (3) Is there a centralised system for members of the public to locate and access former departmental library resources which are now scattered around Australia.
- (4) Has the Minister or the department considered establishing a committee of former immigration officials from the era of the culled resources to advise upon the ongoing relevance of particular departmental library resources and to decide upon their retention or relocation; if so, (a) was a committee established, and (b) what is its current status; if not, why not.
- (5) Can the Minister explain how information used to develop immigration policies can be adequately delivered by electronic means to officers of the department while maintaining their access to precedents established and recorded before electronic records were commonplace.

3619 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3157 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28217), what are the locations of the Medicare-funded MRI services he described as being “relatively close access” for people attending Concord Hospital.

- (2) Will he grant Concord Hospital a Medicare-funded MRI service before the next federal election; if not, why not.

3620 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answers to question Nos 2999 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28199) and 2958 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28551), is he able to say whether the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 will be put to a vote before the Senate rises for the winter recess; if not, why not.

3621 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) currently researching systems for use on (a) military, and (b) civilian aircraft to protect against surface-to-air missiles; if so, (i) when was the research started, (ii) how advanced is the research, and (iii) when is it expected that systems will be ready for installation.
- (2) Has the DSTO previously researched systems for use on (a) military, and (b) civilian aircraft to protect against surface-to-air missiles; if so, when was the research (i) started, (ii) finished, and (iii) why was it terminated.

**MR DANBY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3622 - 3623)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of reports that Israel is planning to install 'Flight Guard' on civilian aircraft to protect against shoulder-fired surface to air missiles.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the 'Flight Guard' system; if so, is he able to say (a) who developed it, (b) how it works, (c) what it protects against, and (d) what it costs per aircraft.
- (3) Has the Minister or his Department evaluated this system for possible use in Australia; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say whether any commercial airlines in Australia have expressed interest in the system or evaluated it.
- (5) Is the Government evaluating anti-missile systems for civilian aircraft and has it provided advice to Qantas on the installations of anti-missile systems.

3622 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3623 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

3624 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm whether Mr Magnus Johansson, an Australian resident, was killed in the attack by al Qaida in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Khobar terrorists went from room to room killing foreigners who were not Muslims; if so, how many people were killed.
- (3) Is he able to say whether Mr Johansson was killed by the terrorists or in the shootout with Saudi Arabian troops during the rescue.
- (4) Can he confirm reports that three of the four terrorists were deliberately released by Saudi security forces.
- (5) Is he aware of instances in which Saudi security forces have released suspected terrorists.
- (6) Is he able to say how many suspected terrorists or people who support or fund terrorism have been (a) arrested, (b) charged, and (c) convicted of terrorism offences in Saudi Arabia.
- (7) Does the Government share the view of other western governments that the government of Saudi Arabia has not taken sufficient action against terrorists operating in Saudi Arabia; if so, is he able to say whether (a) Saudi Arabia currently supports terrorism or terrorist organisations, (b) Saudi Arabia currently harbours terrorists or terrorist organisations, (c) Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry has repeatedly failed to take action against al-Qaida terrorists operating in Saudi Arabia, and (d) what actions the government of Saudi Arabia has taken against Islamic charities which fund terrorist groups.
- (8) Has the Government made any representations to the government of Saudi Arabia about its actions in relation to (a) the terrorist attacks in Khobar, (b) the release of three suspected perpetrators of the attacks in Khobar, and (c) its failure to crack down on terrorists in Saudi Arabia or any other aspect of terrorism against westerners in Saudi Arabia; if so, (i) by whom, (ii) to whom, and (iii) what was the response; if not, why not.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3625 - 3627)—

- (1) In respect of the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Services titled *Every Picture Tells a Story*, which recommendations impact on the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (2) What steps were taken to consider the recommendations and how many officers, at which levels, were engaged in preparing the Government's response.
- (3) When was consideration of the Government's response (a) commenced, and (b) completed; and, if it is not completed, when will it be completed.
- (4) Has a cabinet submission been prepared; if so, when was it lodged and when was it considered.
- (5) What sum was allocated in the Budget for 2004-2005 to implement the recommendations of the report.

3625 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3626 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3627 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

3628 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Was an inter-departmental committee established to coordinate the Government's response to the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Services titled *Every Picture Tells a Story* presented out of session in December 2003; if not, why not.
- (2) Has Cabinet considered submissions in response to the report; if so, when.
- (3) When does he expect the Government to have finalised its response to the report.

3629 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his department considered the proposal to establish a tribunal as recommended in the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Services titled *Every Picture Tells a Story* presented out of session in December 2003.
- (2) Has he sought legal advice on the constitutionality of the proposed tribunal; if so, (a) when, (b) when was it received, and (c) what was the advice.
- (3) Has he sought an estimate of the cost of the tribunal from his department; if so, (a) when, (b) when was it received, and (c) what is it.
- (4) Has he seen newspaper reports suggesting that the cost would be \$650 million and is this estimate consistent with the estimate of his department.

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\*3630 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that on 12 September 2003 almost 400 employees of the Pasmenco Cockle Creek Smelter lost their jobs as a result of the plant's closure.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the decision by Pasmenco to close the plant was taken because the company was in financial difficulties.
- (3) Is it the case that requests for \$60,000 from the Commonwealth to assist the retrenched employees following the closure of Pasmenco's Cockle Creek smelter in Lake Macquarie were refused.
- (4) Can he confirm that a \$50 million assistance package was arranged to assist employees about to be retrenched following the decision by Mitsubishi to close its Lonsdale plant in Adelaide on 21 May 2004.
- (5) Can he explain why a request for \$60,000 to assist 400 sacked workers was refused and \$50 million to assist 700 sacked workers was approved.
- (6) Will he reconsider the request to assist the former workers of the Pasmenco Cockle Creek Smelter; if not, why not.

\*3631 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is his department aware of claims of human rights abuses in Bangladesh and that there is a degree of government tolerance of violence towards minorities and the non government organisation (NGO) sector.
- (2) Is the Australian Government aware that (a) the Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities has relayed accounts of beatings, extortion and looting in minority areas of the Kalia municipality during the period 6 to 8 May; if so, has the Australian High Commission received an account of these



events, (b) the British High Commissioner was injured in a bombing in Sylhet on May 21, (c) Awami League MP, Robbani Ahshan Ullah, was murdered two months ago and that despite eye witness accounts no arrests have eventuated, (d) Dr Kazi Faruq Ahmed and David William Biswas of the NGO, Proshika, were arrested on 21 May and that the latter was refused bail despite suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure, and (e) at least ten people have been killed in District 17, seemingly on political, sectarian grounds in the past few months.

- (3) Has Australia made any representations to the Bangladesh Government in regards to the perceived climate of fear in the country.

\*3632 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) To which Members and Senators has he issued a standing delegation to preside at Australian citizenship ceremonies
- (2) Does a standing delegation entitle a Member or Senator to preside, without further approval, at (a) a ceremony conducted under the auspices of a local Council, (b) a ceremony conducted under the auspices of a community group or service club, (c) a public ceremony organised by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and (d) a private ceremony.
- (3) Does anything prevent a Member or Senator from conducting a ceremony at (a) their electorate office, (b) a private residence or farm, or (c) a place of business.
- (4) Since the release of the revised Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code in August 2003, how many community organisations and service clubs have received approval to conduct a citizenship ceremony.
- (5) Which community organisations and service clubs have received approval to conduct a citizenship ceremony and, in respect of each ceremony, (a) when was it conducted, (b) in which electoral division was it conducted, (c) how many applicants were conferred citizenship, and (d) which federal and state Members of Parliament were in attendance.
- (6) Did officers of the department attend all the ceremonies referred to in part (5); if not, for which ceremonies were they not in attendance.

\*3633 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many (a) male and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency in (i) Tasmania and (ii) the electoral division of Franklin, have a Child Support Liability.
- (2) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency in (i) Tasmania and (ii) the electoral division of Franklin, receive a Child Support Payment.

\*3634 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many families reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Tasmania, and (ii) the electoral division of Franklin.
- (2) How many families registered for the Medicare Safety Net threshold (a) 2002, and (b) 2003 in (i) Tasmania, and (ii) the electoral division of Franklin.

\*3635 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What sum was allocated to Homecare Services in (a) Australia, and (b) the electoral division of Hunter for 2003-2004.
- (2) When was this sum allocated and how often are allocations made for Homecare Services.
- (3) When will the next funding allocation be made to Homecare Services in the electoral division of Hunter.
- (4) Of the funds already allocated for 2003-2004 in the electoral division of Hunter, what sum is currently available for new assessments or reassessments.
- (5) How many people in the electoral division of Hunter are currently on a waiting list for (a) assessment, and (b) reassessment.

\*3636 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Further to the answer to question No. 3276 (*Hansard*, 12 May 2004, page 28419), for each financial 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, incurred a debt to the Commonwealth due to the overpayment of the Family Tax Benefit.

\*3637 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) For each financial or calendar year since 1998, how many individuals in the electoral division of Chifley have participated in the Work for the Dole program.

- (2) For each financial or calendar year since 1998, how many individuals 15 to 19 years of age in the electoral division of Chifley have participated in the Work for the Dole program.
  - (3) What is the average duration of the participation in the Work for the Dole program for individuals in the electoral division of Chifley.
  - (4) What is the average duration of the participation in the Work for the Dole program for individuals 15 to 19 years of age in the electoral division of Chifley.
  - (5) How many individuals in the electoral division of Chifley have been (a) registered, and (b) voluntarily registered with the Work for the Dole program on more than one occasion since 1998.
  - (6) How many individuals 15 to 19 years of age in the electoral division of Chifley have been (a) registered, and (b) voluntarily registered with the Work for the Dole program on more than one occasion since 1998.
- \*3638 MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) When were FA18 aircraft first brought into service in the RAAF.
  - (2) Has the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) been tasked to develop a program to combat corrosion for the aircraft; if so, when; if not why not.
  - (3) Has the DSTO been tasked to develop an ageing program for the FA18 similar to that for the F111; if so, when; if not, why not.
- \*3639 MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does the Australian Government make a regular financial contribution to the Royal Family; if so, what is the amount.
- \*3640 MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many complaints have been made to the Australian Communications Authority about Telstra MessageBank 101 offering no option for callers to end the call before call charges are incurred.
  - (2) How much revenue has Telstra raised from the MessageBank 101 system.
- \*3641 MR ORGAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) As a consequence of resolution 1544 of 2004 by the United Nations Security Council, will the Australian Government join in condemning the demolition of homes and the attacks on unarmed protestors and others by the Israeli military.
  - (2) Will the Australian Government join in condemning the continued occupation by the Israeli military of the West Bank and Gaza and East Jerusalem.
  - (3) Since January 2000, what were the (a) form, (b) extent and (c) occasions of co-operation between the Israeli and Australian Defence forces.
- \*3642 MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016, where does the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 focus on the current activities of barristers and solicitors.
  - (2) How is the ATO's relationship with the Bar Association addressing the incidence of the non-compliance by barristers and solicitors.
  - (3) Will he ensure that the new process for identifying people including barristers and solicitors and other professional groups who are not complying is reported in the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Report.

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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 Quick, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr Tuckey, Mr Windsor.

*Current inquiries:*

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

The impact on agriculture of pest animals.

**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.

**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:*

Crime in the community.

Exposure draft of the Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-Avoidance and Other Measures) Bill 2004.

**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:*

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.

Some measures to improve train visibility and reduce level crossing accidents.

**Select**

**RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES** (*Formed 26 March 2003*): Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr Causley, Ms Ellis, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hawker, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Mr Organ, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Schultz (*Final report presented 5 November 2003; Committee dissolved.*)

**Joint Statutory**

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

*Current inquiries:*

Listing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of the administration, expenditure and financial statements of ASIO, ASIS and DSD.

**AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION:** Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Dutton, Mr Kerr, Mr Sercombe, Mr C. P. Thompson, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator Hutchins, Senator McGauran.

*Current inquiry:*

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.

**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 Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

*Current inquiries:*

Indigenous law and justice.

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:*

Darwin, NT—Development of land at Lee Point for Defence and private housing.

Parkes, ACT—Refurbishment of ANZAC Park East and ANZAC Park West buildings and fit-out of ANZAC Park West building.

Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, NSW.

Wellington, New Zealand—Mid-life upgrade of existing Chancery building for the Australian High Commission.

**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:*

Portfolio annual reports for 2002-2003.

Australia's defence relations with the United States of America.

Australia's human rights dialogue process.

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.

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.

**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:*

Adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program.

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.

Sustainability of Government Arrangements on Norfolk Island.

**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).

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

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

Treaties tabled on 30 March 2004 (V&P, page 1553).

Treaties tabled on 12 May 2004 (V&P, page 1600).

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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*).