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TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2004

The House meets this day at 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

- *1 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (WINE PRODUCER REBATE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- *2 **INDIRECT TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- *3 **ANTI-TERRORISM BILL (NO. 3) 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *4 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *5 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *6 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (APPLICATION FEES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *7 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (TRANSITIONALS AND CONSEQUENTIALS) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *8 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2004 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 9 **SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 10 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 11 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 12 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- *13 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ANTI-SIPHONING) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- *14 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).

* 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 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS (MANAGED FUNDS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (OIL, GAS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- *17 **WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING AND STANDARDS BILL 2004** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 18 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2004** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 19 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).
- 20 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 May 2004—Mr Swan*).
- 21 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2003—Mr McClelland*).
- 22 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 2004—Mr Cox*).
- 25 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 30 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).

Notices—*continued*

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

When want of quorum noticed, House counted – House adjourned

- 45 If any Member takes notice that a quorum of Members is not present, the Speaker shall count the House; and, if a quorum is not present within four minutes, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day: Provided that if the Speaker is satisfied there is likely to be a quorum within a reasonable time the Speaker shall announce that he or she will take the Chair at a stated time; but if at that time there is not a quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day and provided further that on the second or any subsequent occasion during a sitting day on which any

Member takes notice that a quorum is not present the Speaker shall have discretion whether to proceed with business or to count the House. (*Notice given 19 June 2003.*)

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

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 31 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2003:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 407. (*from 11 February 2004.*)
- 32 **KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION BILL 2003 [NO. 2]** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 1 April 2004.*)
- 33 **IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2003—Mr Evans, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Andren, viz.*—That the following words be added to the motion: “and insists that in the absence of specific, unambiguous and unanimous support of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, Australian defence forces not be involved in any military action in Iraq”—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland to the proposed amendment, viz.*—That all words after “and” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:
- “(1) condemns the Government for forward-deploying Australian troops to a potential theatre of war with Iraq in the absence of any United Nations authorisation and without revealing to the Australian people the commitments on which that deployment was based;
- (2) declares its opposition to a unilateral military attack on Iraq by the United States;
- (3) insists that the disarmament of Iraq proceed under the authority of the United Nations;
- (4) expresses its full support and confidence in our servicemen and women, while expressing its opposition to the Government's decision to forward-deploy them;
- (5) expresses its total opposition to any use of nuclear arms and declares that Australian support should not be provided to any operation where such weaponry may be used; and
- (6) declares that it has no confidence in the Prime Minister's handling of this grave matter for the nation”.
- 34 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 December 2002, a.m.*).
- 35 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 258 (*from 15 May 2003*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **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*).
- *38 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS: JULY TO DECEMBER 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *39 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JULY TO DECEMBER 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *40 **FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JULY TO DECEMBER 2003—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *41 **EXPENDITURE ON TRAVEL BY FORMER GOVERNORS-GENERAL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 42 **INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS—COMMUNICATIONS—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE—REPORT FOR 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 2004—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT FOR THE 2004-2006 TRIENNIUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.

- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.

- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.

- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Slipper):**
- Customs Tariff Proposals No. 3 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 27 March 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2003)—*moved 17 September 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2003)—*moved 16 October 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Ms Macklin*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2002)—*moved 29 May 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2002)—*moved 26 June 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2003)—*moved 25 June 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).

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Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003)—*moved 17 September 2003*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sidebottom*).

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 2 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 3 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 6 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 7 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 8 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 9 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 10 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO 60: TREATIES TABLED ON 2 MARCH 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 11 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY: EYES ON THE ROAD AHEAD—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 12 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SHIP SALVAGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 13 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE SENATE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 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 9 August 2004.*)
- 14 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GETTING WATER RIGHT(S): THE FUTURE OF RURAL AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 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 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 15 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE ACCC ANNUAL REPORT 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—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 9 August 2004.*)
- 16 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIA'S MARITIME STRATEGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 17 **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Baldwin, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—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 9 August 2004.*)

- 18 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE GULF STATES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Baird, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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 9 August 2004.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

17 **MS VAMVAKINO:** 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.)

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

- (1) 18 August is the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and Vietnam Veterans Day;
- (2) following the Battle of Long Tan in 1966, the South Vietnamese Government decided to award gallantry award medals to several members of D Company and also a Unit Citation to the Company;
- (3) at the last minute the then Australian Government requested that they not be awarded and the soldiers were instead given dolls and cigarette cases;
- (4) that approval to have the awards presented was to be sought at a later date; and
- (5) as the Minister for Veterans Affairs has the authority to approve the wearing of these awards, and given that sufficient documented evidence exists to support such a decision, that approval should be granted. *(Notice given 15 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.)*

19 **MR RUDD:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, and for related purposes. *(Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment (Review of Decisions) Bill 2004) (Notice given 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.)*

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

- (1) recognises the increasing difficulty faced by the citizens of Australia in obtaining proper access to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal as a source of proper redress from the impact of administrative decisions by Government that affect their interests and those of their communities;
- (2) recognises that a particular problem presented by recent decisions concerning the Administrative Appeals Tribunal relates to the legal ‘standing’ of applicants seeking to bring matters before the Tribunal for decision;
- (3) recognises that for the residents of Brisbane’s Southside this has created a particular impediment in their dealings with the Howard Government and the Brisbane Airport Corporation and their decision to construct a new western parallel runway at Brisbane Airport - given that when the relevant decision was challenged before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal by the Federal Member for Griffith, that ‘standing’ was denied in 2000-2002, thereby preventing the case from being heard on its merits;
- (4) recognises that in response to this failure to have the matter heard on its merits by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Federal Member for Griffith has given notice of his intention on 23 June 2004 to introduce a private members’ bill with the object of amending section 27.1 of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* to enable members of Parliament to argue such matters before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal where the interests of their communities have been aggrieved by an administrative decision by government; and
- (5) calls on the Parliament of Australia to support this private members’ bill in order to enhance the Australian community’s access to affordable justice on matters of direct relevance to the interests of their communities. *(Notice given 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.)*

21 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

22 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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 23 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 24 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 25 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 26 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 27 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 28 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 29 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 30 **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 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 31 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that:
- (a) the University of NSW (UNSW) and Monash University bookshops were joint winners of the 2003 Australian Tertiary Bookshop of the Year award;
- (b) being a winner, the UNSW bookshop also recognises that students will be losers when the Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme ceases on 30 June and has been trying to meet the demand of students wanting to purchase textbooks before prices rise;
- (c) the UNSW Bookshop is concerned about the effect of the closure of the Scheme upon students' access to educational resources at a time of increasing HECS and is saddened by the discontinuation of a successful Scheme;
- (d) booksellers will soon face the additional cost of updating or modifying their software, as they did four years ago, to accommodate the closure of the Scheme; and
- (e) there is support from the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee for the extension of the Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme beyond 30 June 2004; and
- (2) urges the Government to reverse its decision to terminate the Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme effectively introducing a new tax from 1 July 2004 which will result in a price hike for students of up to ten per cent on the cost of their textbooks. (*Notice given 23 June 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 2 **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 9 August 2004.*)

- 3 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 4 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 5 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 6 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 7 **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 9 August 2004.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 August 2004.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 15 **BATTLE OF VINEGAR HILL—20TH 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 20 **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-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

21 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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 29 **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 10th 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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 33 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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 34 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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 35 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 2004** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 21 June 2004*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Mr Wilkie*): Second reading (*from 21 June 2004*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 August 2004.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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

- 1 **SCIENCE AND INNOVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SCIENCE OVERCOMING SALINITY: COORDINATING AND EXTENDING THE SCIENCE TO ADDRESS THE NATION'S SALINITY PROBLEM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2004—Mr Nairn, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MANY WAYS FORWARD: REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cobb*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—FROM REEL TO UNREAL: FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIA'S FILM, ANIMATION, SPECIAL EFFECTS AND ELECTRONIC GAMES INDUSTRIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2004—Mr Cobb*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **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.

- 14 **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.
- 15 **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.
- 16 **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.
- 17 **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.
- 18 **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.
- 19 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2003—Mr Prosser*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **TRIBUTE TO JIM BACON—COPY OF MEDIA RELEASE BY TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 2 **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”.
- 3 **SPEAKER’S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004—Mr Georgiou*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 4 **RESOLVING DEADLOCKS: A DISCUSSION PAPER ON SECTION 57 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003—Mr Quick*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 5 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALI TRAGEDY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2003—Mr Bartlett*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 6 **SOLOMON ISLANDS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2003—Mrs Elson*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 7 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003—Mrs May*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the House take note of the paper.



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.

6 November 2003

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.

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

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.

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.

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

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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.

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.

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

- (1) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003, what payments were made by the Minister's department to (i) registered unions of employees, (ii) registered unions of employers, (iii) unions of employees peak body, and (iv) unions of employers peak body.
- (2) In respect of each payment, (a) how much money was provided, and (b) what was its purpose.

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

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.

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.
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 - (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.
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- (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

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- (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.
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- (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.
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- (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 VAMVAKINO**: 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

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.
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- (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.
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- (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.

10 March 2004

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

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.

23 March 2004

- 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

1 April 2004

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.

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

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".

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 (d) when it is due to be operational.

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.

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.

3537 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

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.

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.

3548 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

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.

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.

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.

12 May 2004

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.

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.

13 May 2004

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.

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

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.

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.

26 May 2004

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.

27 May 2004

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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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 Pasminco Cockle Creek Smelter lost their jobs as a result of the plant's closure.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the decision by Pasminco 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 Pasminco'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 Pasminco Cockle Creek Smelter; if not, why not.

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 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.
- 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.
- 3642 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), 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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- 3643 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), what ownership conditions did the Indian Government impose on Telstra, or its subsidiaries, before it granted Telstra permission to operate in India.
 - (2) Is it the case that the Government of India requires that it own a controlling interest in a company before it allows it to operate in India.
 - (3) What action is he taking to ensure that employees of Telstra, or of its subsidiaries or affiliates operating in India, are being afforded industrial rights and privileges equivalent to those enjoyed by workers in Australia; if no action is being taken, why not.

3644 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3445 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29872), which issue did the Commissioner fail to consider.
- (2) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) considered that issue regarding the tax loss transfer; if so, what was the outcome; if the ATO has not fully considered the issue, when does he expect a decision to be made.

3645 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2997 (*Hansard*, 31 March 2003, page 26637), has his department or the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee (NDPSC) relied on expert opinion to arrive at the definition of pregnancy; if so, who provided the expert opinion and what are their qualifications; if not, on what advice or information has his department or the NDPSC relied on to arrive at the definition of pregnancy.
- (2) Can he explain why his department and the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee have accepted the definition of pregnancy they have adopted.
- (3) What arguments were put in support of the definition of pregnancy which has been adopted by his department and the NDPSC.
- (4) What was the source of the legal opinion referred to in part (2) of the answer to question No. 2997 and will he make the legal opinion available; if so, when; if not, why not.

3646 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware of the article by Kate Woods titled “Controversial Rescheduling Committee to be Scrapped” in the *Medical Observer Weekly* on 7 May 2004 which raised concerns about the lack of a prescribing clinician on the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee (NDPSC).
- (2) Can he confirm that there is no prescribing clinician on the NDPSC; if so, will he explain why.

3647 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to the answer to question No. 2997 (*Hansard*, 31 March 2003, page 26637), is he able to say whether there is a relationship between Medipharm Pty Limited and Intensive Care Products Pty Limited and, if there is no relationship between the two companies, will he explain how the sponsor referred to in part (3) of his answer can be different from that named in the consumer medicine information pamphlet for Postinor-2.

3648 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2997 (*Hansard*, 31 March 2003, page 26637), what is the current poison classification or rating of Postinor-2.
- (2) Was Postinor-2 classified as an S4 Poison at the time of the decision by the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee to permit the supply without prescription of Postinor-2.
- (3) Does the packaging of Postinor-2 state on the exterior ‘Prescription Only Medicine’.

3650 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of the claim made in the report by US General Antonio Taguba into mistreatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq that third country nationals were involved in the mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq.
- (2) Can he confirm that an employee of CACI International Incorporated, Mr Steven Staphanovic, who is mentioned in the report as being involved in abuses at Abu Ghraib, is an Australian citizen.
- (3) Is he able to say whether Mr Staphanovic, as an employee of a private company operating in Iraq, has committed offences in Iraq which are punishable under Australian law.
- (4) Can Australian citizens face prosecution before the International Criminal Court for crimes committed in other countries.
- (5) What obligations does the Australian Government have in relation to offences committed by Australian citizens which may be the subject of prosecution in the International Criminal Court.

3652 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of clause 26.2 of the standard lease between the Commonwealth Government and airport lessee companies which states “the Lessee must promptly pay to the relevant Governmental Authority such amount as may be notified to the Lessee by such Governmental Authority as being equivalent to the amount which would be payable for rates as if such rates were leviable or payable in respect of those parts of the airport site which are sub-leased to tenants or on which trading or financial operations are undertaken”, on what basis did his department advise airport lessee companies (a) “where it can be shown that the services normally funded through rates are not

provided at the local airport, we would expect a reasonable approach to make an appropriate adjustment to rate assessments”, and (b) “the airport lease envisages for local governments to effectively discount some portion of rates to take account of the fact that some services may not be provided to the airport”.

- (2) Can he say which Commonwealth and State laws apply to the payment of rates to local governments by airport lessee companies.
 - (3) Has he or his department received legal advice to support the statements made by his department in relation to the payment of rates to local governments by airport lessee companies; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) Is it Government policy that airports do not have to pay the same level of local government rates as other large commercial sites; if so, can he explain why airports should enjoy a competitive advantage over other commercial ratepayers.
 - (5) Is he aware that an airport lessee company has withheld large sums of money from local government rates levied on it and that other airport lessee companies are threatening to do the same based on the advice they have received from his department.
 - (6) Can he confirm that his department’s advice in respect of clause 26.2 of the standard lease is correct; if not, will he direct his department to write to (a) the various airport lessee companies and withdraw its advice in respect of discounts on rates in recognition of local government services not being provided and advise them that they are required to pay full rates as notified by the relevant local government authority, and (b) the affected local governments to advise them that airport lessee companies are liable for full rates.
- 3653 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did Australian officials attend the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Iraqi Cultural Heritage (ICC) convened by the Director-General of Unesco in Paris on 24 and 25 May 2004; if so, (a) what are their names and positions, and (b) what was the outcome of the meeting.

3656 **MRL. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the \$47.96 million appropriation for 2004-2005 for departmental output 2.1.2 (Humanitarian Settlement Services), what sum is expected to be spent on (a) initial information and orientation assistance, (b) accommodation support, (c) household formation, (d) early health assessment and intervention, (e) community support for refugees, (f) proposers’ support, and (g) service support element of the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS).
- (2) What sum represents the department’s expected administrative and staffing costs for the management of the IHSS.
- (3) Are there any other activities funded under this output item; if so, what are the details.

3657 **MRL. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the \$10.5 million appropriation for 2004-2005 for departmental output 2.1.1 (Settlement Planning and Information Delivery), what sum is expected to be spent on the (a) settlement services needs based planning framework, and (b) publication of the Beginning a New Life in Australia booklets and other settlement information for new migrants.
- (2) Are there any other activities funded under this output item; if so, what are the details.

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3660 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Can he confirm the statement made by his spokesperson reported in *The Age* on 24 May 2004 to the effect that Commonwealth legal aid funding was not based on population but on demographic and socio-economic need, to explain why Victoria did not receive a proportionate share of legal aid funding over the next four years.
- (2) What are the demographic and socio-economic data for (a) Victoria, and (b) the electoral division of Jagajaga which are considered when determining the allocation of legal aid funds.
- (3) Will he provide the documentation indicating why Victoria is not receiving a proportionate share of legal aid funds.

3661 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—What sum has been allocated in the budget for (a) existing operational beds, and (b) new beds yet to become operational.

3662 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What sum has been spent each year since 1997 to maintain RCS review/audit teams and offices.

- (2) Has this process resulted in a saving to the Government; if so, what sum has it saved.
- (3) Is there a correlation between the savings delivered to the Government and the expenditure budgeted for 2004-2005.

3663 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—What was the net effect of coalescence on money lost on aged care facilities.

3664 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) For (a) Lake Macquarie, (b) Central Coast, (c) Newcastle, and (d) Port Stephens, what is the total bed day availability of (i) high, and (ii) low care respite beds.
- (2) For (a) Lake Macquarie, (b) Central Coast, (c) Newcastle, and (d) Port Stephens, what is the utilisation rate of respite beds as a proportion of the bed days booked.

22 June 2004

3667 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Will he grant Wollongong Hospital a Medicare-funded MRI service; if not, why not.

3670 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is he aware that research in the humanities, arts and social sciences is repeatedly overlooked under existing research funding parameters which favour the sciences and research that has an obvious economic outcome.
- (2) Can he explain how researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences can present their research proposals to meet the Government's national research priority areas that focus solely on: An Environmentally Sustainable Australia; Promoting and Maintaining Good Health; Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries; and Safeguarding Australia.
- (3) Will he ensure that the humanities, arts and social sciences become national research priority areas; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he explain how researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences can obtain funding to undertake research that is vital to the cultural well-being of Australia.
- (5) Can he explain why researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences have to spend so much time fitting their research proposals to the Government's scientific parameters at the expense of time spent on their research; if not, why not.

3671 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Will he review the operation and interaction of Commonwealth and NSW planning and environmental laws so that Commonwealth land use, such as land affected by the *Airports Act 1979* and 'works' and 'activities' as defined in the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on other Commonwealth land, are developments made subject to the NSW Forward Planning Scheme, under the NSW Act; if not, why not.

23 June 2004

3672 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can he confirm that thousands of Defence Force Personnel have served since 1946 without their service being recognised by the award of a medal, in particular, (a) regular officers who served between 1946 and 1972 with no medal awarded in recognition, (b) female personnel who were compelled to leave the service when they were married and were not able to complete the 15 year service period required for awards as then existed, (c) personnel retrenched through no fault of their own after periods of service often exceeding 10 years, and (d) personnel who were injured in non-operational military service.
- (2) Can he confirm that representations have been made and supported by approximately 60 service and ex-service organisations requesting that medals be issued to personnel in these categories so that their service may be recognised and they can participate with dignity and recognition in events such as Anzac Day.
- (3) Can he explain the Government's policy on the prospective and retrospective recognition of the service of personnel in these categories and whether they should be awarded medals.
- (4) What action is he taking to shorten the period for long service awards to 10 years to make them comparable with State awards for police, fire and ambulance service or to issue a new medal in recognition of service not covered by current awards.

- 3673 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) When did he last meet with representatives of the government of the Republic of Maldives and what topics were discussed.
 - (2) When did officials of his department last meet with representatives of the government of the Republic of Maldives and what topics were discussed.
 - (3) What assessment has his department made of the human rights situation in the Republic of Maldives.
 - (4) What (a) bilateral treaties, (b) agreements, and (c) protocols are current between the Australia and the Republic of Maldives.
 - (5) How many Australian citizens visited the Republic of Maldives during 2003 on (a) official business, (b) commercial missions, and (c) privately.
 - (6) What is the value of trade between Australia and the Republic of Maldives.
 - (7) What is the total value of Australian aid provided to the Republic of Maldives and how is it distributed.
 - (8) How many AusAid scholarships have been awarded to Maldivian nationals and what is the total value of these scholarships.
 - (9) Can he explain the extent of the current relationships, training programs and other links, between the Australian Defence Forces and Australia's police forces and the Republic of Maldives' National Security Service.
- 3675 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What contact is there and has there been previously between the Maldives National Security Service and the Australian Defence Force.
- 3677 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1356 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29849) where in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 does it say how many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) judges, and (d) magistrates failed to lodge a tax return during the financial year ended 30 June (i) 1992, (ii) 1993, (iii) 1994, (iv) 1995, (v) 1996, (vi) 1997, (vii) 1998, (viii) 1999, (ix) 2000, (x) 2001, and (xi) 2002.
- 3678 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO did not detect the members of the legal profession who were operating for many years outside of the taxation system.
 - (2) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
 - (3) Can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO employed Mr Clarrie Stevens over a period of eight years during which he did not lodge an income tax return.
 - (4) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
- 3679 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), which jobs is Telstra proposing to move offshore and what are the details.
- 3680 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Will he explain why his letter dated 26 May 2004 titled 'Strengthening Medicare' delivered to Australian households was not printed on recycled paper and on both sides of one sheet.

24 June 2004

- 3681 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Defence Science and Technology Organisation been tasked to undertake projects in relation to the F111; if so, in respect of each project, (a) what is it, (b) how many personnel have been assigned to it, (c) what is its cost, (d) when was it commenced, (e) which are ongoing, and (f) when is it programmed to finish.
- 3682 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the decision to retire the F111's, was the Defence Science and Technology Organisation asked to provide detailed advice to the Government; if not, why not; if so, what were the areas covered and what was the date of the advice.
- 3683 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did he see that the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 was listed for debate on 23 June 2004 in the Draft Senate Legislation Program issued for Week 3 of the Budget Sittings (21-24 June 2004).
 - (2) Can he say why this Bill was not called on in the Senate for debate or a vote on 23 June 2004.

- (3) Has the Government decided not to put this Bill to a second vote in the Senate; if so, why; if not, why not.
- 3684 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 3435 (*Hansard*, 1 June 2004, page 29466) can he explain why it is desirable to allow further concentration of media ownership in Australia by Australia's two principal media proprietors owning both newspapers and television stations in Australia's metropolitan markets.
- 3685 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2836 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003, (a) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 1 December 2003, and (b) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 3 March 2003 or at the time of the last review by the Commissioner of Taxation.
- 3686 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2857 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 how many barristers failed to lodge one or more tax returns for the financial year ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- 3687 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2864 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), can he say what were the factors that contributed to the failure of HHH and FAI.
- 3688 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 3158 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28553), can he explain why the Government will not change its superannuation policy to enable Australia's police officers to retire at the age of 55 years with access to superannuation entitlements.
- 3689 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Does the Commonwealth Government own Fortuna Villa; if so, are there plans to sell it if it becomes superfluous to Defence needs upon the relocation of the Defence Imagery Geospatial Organisation; if not, can he say (a) who owns Fortuna Villa, (b) what is the tenure of ownership of Fortuna Villa, and (c) whether there are any caveats in place regarding the ownership of Fortuna Villa.
- 3690 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will he increase national legal aid funding to provide for duty solicitors at the Family Court to represent litigants who have been refused legal aid and who have no option other than to represent themselves in court.
 - (2) Is there any provision in the Budget to provide regional litigants with better access to the Family Court Registries in metropolitan areas.
 - (3) For each of the last five years, (a) how many people (i) applied, and (ii) received legal aid in the New England region, and (b) what sum was (i) allocated and (ii) spent on legal aid assistance in the New England region.
 - (4) For each financial year since 1996, what sum was provided for legal aid.
 - (5) Has Commonwealth funding for legal aid decreased since 1996; if so, will he restore funding for legal aid.
 - (6) Will he increase the number of Magistrates within the Federal Magistrates Court and increase funding for the Court.
 - (7) Will he consider introducing measures to ensure Magistrates in the Federal Magistrates Court are appointed from other regions to ensure there are no conflicts of interest with litigants who appear in the Court.
- 3692 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware that a Muswellbrook resident has identified 675 examples of the Australian flag being displayed in other than in its correct form and that many examples are on Liberal Party material.
 - (2) Will he take action to protect the design integrity of the Australian flag.

3 August 2004

- *3693 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Which individuals, organisations and agencies were represented at the business-government ministerial forum on national security held on 23 June 2004.
- *3694 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) On what date and through which port did Saleh Jamal exit Australia.

- (2) Has the Government inquired into the circumstances which enabled Saleh Jamal to exit Australia; if so, (a) who conducted those inquiries, (b) to whom were the results of those inquiries reported in the Government, and (c) when were the results reported.
- *3695 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of the Government’s announcement on 16 June 2004 of a new anti-corruption body, (a) what date has the Government set to have it established, (b) what will be its name, (c) what will be its budget, (d) how many staff will it employ and what will be their classifications, (e) where will it be physically located, (f) in which portfolio will it be established, and (g) as part of this reform, will all Commonwealth law enforcement agencies be brought under a common integrity regime.
- *3696 **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 28974), which person within which agency is responsible for the management of asylum seekers seeking entry to Australia at (a) Nauru, and (b) Papua New Guinea.
 - (2) Which document sets out the obligations of the person or agency responsible for the management of asylum seekers seeking entry to Australia at Nauru and Papua New Guinea and does that document set out performance standards and indicators.
 - (3) What steps have been taken to monitor the achievement of standards and indicators and what has monitoring of those standards and indicators revealed.
- *3697 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Further to the answer to question no. 3395 (*Hansard*, 12 May 2004, page 28431), would he make available the guidelines referred to in that answer.
- *3698 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Does the Commonwealth Government have any responsibility for the direct funding of public hospitals or specific public hospital services in Australia; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is he familiar with the Western Australian Statewide Obstetric Services Review (April 2003).
 - (3) Does he have any specific plans to provide funding or other resources to continue obstetric services at any public hospital in Western Australia; if not, why not.
- *3699 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3624 (*Hansard*, 23 June 2004, page 30552), what action has he taken to obtain further information about the death of Mr Magnus Johansson and what further information has he received.
 - (2) Has he made representations to the Saudi Arabian authorities on the apprehension of those responsible for Mr Johansson’s murder; if so, what are the details; if he has not, why not.
 - (3) What action has he taken to confirm the veracity of reports that (a) three of the four terrorists were deliberately released by Saudi security forces, and (b) there have been instances in which Saudi security forces have released suspected terrorists; if he has not taken action to verify these reports, why not.
 - (4) Is the Government satisfied with (a) the actions of the Saudi Arabian authorities in this matter, and (b) the policies and practices of the Saudi Arabian authorities in apprehending terrorists and bringing them to justice.
 - (5) Can he explain why the Australian Government has not made representations to the Saudi Arabian authorities on this issue.
- *3700 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he 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 he aware that ‘Flight Guard’ was recently tested and that the radar automatically spotted the Strella SA7 missile, launched flares, and that the missiles chased after the flares.
 - (3) Has he or his Department evaluated this system for possible use in Australia; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether any commercial airlines in Australia have expressed interest in the system or evaluated it.
 - (5) Is the Government evaluating any other anti-missile systems for civilian aircraft and has it provided advice to Qantas on the installation of anti-missile systems.

- (6) Is the Defence Science and Technology Organisation involved in research on anti-missile systems for Australian military or commercial aircraft.

*3701 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can he confirm that there is a ban on the inclusion of fish meal and fish derived products in the feed of ruminants.
- (2) Has a link between the use of European Carp in the feed of ruminants and the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy been established and what risk does the use of European Carp as a source of fish meal in ruminant feed pose.
- (3) Which regulating body is responsible for determining whether European Carp is suitable as a feed supplement for ruminants.

*3702 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Has he considered including the European Championships (Euro 2004) on the anti-syphoning register; if so, will they be included.

*3703 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of the report in the *Bulletin* on 13 July 2004 by Mr Tony Wright concerning the activities of ministerial staff whose salaries are paid by taxpayers.
- (2) Is it correct that extra media advisers are being paid to monitor media for any statements made by Labor or non-government Members of Parliament, and, in particular, that monitoring of the media in (a) Adelaide is carried out by an adviser in the office of the Minister for Finance and Administration, (b) Tasmania is carried out by an adviser in the office of the Special Minister of State, (c) Victoria is carried out by an adviser in the office of the Minister for Family and Community Services, (d) Sydney is carried out by an adviser in the office of the (i) Attorney General and (ii) Assistant Treasurer, and (e) Queensland is carried out by an adviser in the office of the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- (3) Is the article correct in claiming that “The Howard Government advisers spend long hours devising tactics designed to diminish the Latham team’s credibility”.
- (4) Are such activities consistent with his Code of Conduct or with his election promises made prior to the 1996 Federal election in respect of the use to which taxpayer funded ministerial staff could be put.

*3704 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of the report in the *Weekend Australian Financial Review* on 3-4 July 2004 which reported “coalition staff member Ian Hanke will cheerily tell anyone that he has been occupied digging up dirt on Latham’s history”.
- (2) Is ‘digging dirt’ on the Leader of the Opposition or other members of the Australian Labor Party by ministerial staff members consistent with his Ministerial Code of Conduct.
- (3) Has he spoken to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations about this matter; if not, why not.

*3705 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Is he aware of the report in the *Weekend Australian Financial Review* on 3-4 July 2004 which reported “coalition staff member Ian Hanke will cheerily tell anyone that he has been occupied digging up dirt on Latham’s history”.
- (2) Is it included in Mr Hanke’s job description that he ‘dig dirt’ on the Leader of the Opposition, other opposition figures or other members of the Australian Labor Party.
- (3) Is ‘digging dirt’ on the Leader of the Opposition or other members of the Australian Labor Party by ministerial staff members consistent with the Government’s Ministerial Code of Conduct.
- (4) Has he spoken to Mr Hanke about this matter; if not, why not.

*3706 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Can he outline the extent of the problem of coastal acid sulphate soils in Australia.
- (2) What action has the Government taken to address the problem of coastal acid sulphate soils in Australia.
- (3) Is he aware of the identification by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries of acid sulphate soils in key development areas on Victoria’s coast, in particular, on the Bass Coast in Victoria at Venus Bay and Anderson’s Inlet.

- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure drainage or excavation work at popular coastal development sites does not create significant negative environmental externalities for the indigenous ecosystem, such as disturbances in water quality, and to the built environment.
- (5) Is the Government aware of any species of flora or fauna listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) located in Venus Bay and Anderson's Inlet in Victoria.
- (6) Is the Government aware of any species of flora and fauna that could potentially be subject to the conservation provisions of the EPBC Act located in Venus Bay and Anderson's Inlet in Victoria.
- (7) What action will the Government take to ensure that any species, either already identified or potentially subject to the EPBC Act, are protected in Venus Bay and Anderson's Inlet and other areas subject to the disruption of coastal acid sulphate soils.
- *3707 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he revisit the legislation governing the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefit Scheme and the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme which provides that the spouse of a deceased service person, who was not living with, but was still legally married to that person at the time of death, is denied any benefit from the deceased's superannuation entitlements unless dependence on the deceased can be adequately demonstrated; if not, why not.
- *3708 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What has been the total cost to date of Australia's involvement in the War in Iraq.
- *3709 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—What has been the impact, in Australian dollars, of the War in Iraq on Australia's trade with Iraq.
- *3710 **MR TUCKEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What proportion of persons do not comply with subsections 101(4) and 101(5) or other relevant provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* by failing to register to vote or notify a change of address within 21 days of becoming eligible to enrol or changing address.
 - (2) How many people are subsequently prosecuted.
 - (3) Does the Electoral Commission include clear advice on the legal responsibilities involved and the penalties imposed in its pre-election advertising; if not, why not.
- *3711 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—How many Members used their printing entitlement to print their how to vote cards for the House of Representatives elections held in (a) 1996, (b) 1998, and (c) 2001 and which political parties did those Members represent at each election.
- *3712 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What was the average sum spent by Members of the House of Representatives on personalised stationery and newsletters during the (a) 2003-2004 financial year, and (b) 2003 calendar year.
 - (2) What was the average sum spent by (a) government, (b) opposition, and (c) independent and minority party Members for the (i) 2003-2004 financial year, and (ii) 2003 calendar year.
- *3713 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) In respect of Act of Grace Payments and Waiver of Debts under sections 33 and 34 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, how many times have the discretionary powers available under (a) s 33 and (b) s 34 been used since the Act commenced.
 - (2) In respect of each case where an Act of Grace provision has been used, (a) under which portfolio did the case fall, (b) what sum was involved, and (c) in which House of Representatives electoral division did the person receiving the payment reside.
 - (3) In respect of each case where a Waiver of Debt provision has been used, (a) under which portfolio did the case fall, (b) what sum was involved, and (c) in which House of Representatives electoral division did the person for whom the debt was waived reside.
- *3714 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the offer by the Member for Eden-Monaro on 30 June 2004 of Commonwealth land in the Majura Valley to the ACT Government for a prison, (a) who authorised the Member for Eden-Monaro to offer the land and (b) what are the conditions of the sale of the land to the ACT Government.
 - (2) What is the date of the Minister's or the Department's letter to the ACT Chief Minister offering the land and can a copy of the letter be made available.

- (3) In respect of the report referred to by the Member for Eden-Monaro justifying the offer of Commonwealth land, (a) what is the basis of the report, (b) who conducted the inquiry which led to the report, (c) who was consulted, and (d) what are the itemised costs of preparing the report.

*3715 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What are the itemised costs of developing the National Airspace System incurred by the Department of Transport and Regional Services and other agencies in his portfolio.

*3716 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2172 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2003, page 21847), what is the estimated unfunded liability in respect to Judge's pensions at 30 June 2004.
- (2) What (a) salary increases have been awarded to Judges, and (b) what was the increase in the Consumer Price Index, since the 9 per cent increase for Judges salaries was awarded in 2003-2004.
- (3) What (a) salary increases have been awarded to Judges, (b) what was the increase in the Consumer Price Index, and (c) what was the increase in average weekly earnings since November 2002.
- (4) In respect of the most recent increase granted by the Remuneration Tribunal for Judges, did the Commonwealth make a submission to the Tribunal; if so, did the submission support an increase in judicial salaries and, if it did, what increase did the Commonwealth support.
- (5) What is (a) the Australian Government Actuary's estimate of the Commonwealth's notional contribution to Judge's pensions at 30 June 2004, and (b) the estimated total remuneration, including superannuation, for (i) High Court Justices, including the Chief Justice, (ii) Federal and Family Court Justices, including the Chief Justices of these Courts, and (iii) the judicial members of the Workplace Relations Commission.
- (6) Was the Australian Government Actuary's estimate of a notional pension contribution considered by the Remuneration Tribunal when it made its determination on the most recent salary increases for judicial officers; if not, why not.
- (7) What personal contributions do judicial officers make to their judicial pensions.
- (8) What are the domestic and international travel entitlements for judicial officers and their partners and, in respect of international travel, are judicial officers required to seek approval for international travel and required to report to him or some other office on the nature and purpose of the travel.

*3717 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the obligations of Migration Agents to inform their clients of the probability of a successful outcome with their case, can the Minister explain the responsibilities of the Migration Agents under the Migration Agents Code of Conduct in relation to unsubstantiated or unjustified prospects of success when advising clients.
- (2) For the financial year 2003-2004, (a) how many requests did the Minister receive to exercise her Ministerial discretion, and (b) how many of these requests were lodged by each Migration Agent.
- (3) Are procedures in place in respect of cases where Migration Agents lodge multiple requests for intervention in the same case; if so, what are they.
- (4) What is the penalty for Migration Agents who have misled clients about the prospects of the success of their case and what recourse is available to the client in such cases.
- (5) Are Migration Agents required to be frank about the prospects of success when they assess a client's request for assistance in preparing a case.
- (6) Have sections of the Migration Agents Code of Conduct been revised since 1998; if so, what are the details.
- (7) Is the Government considering toughening the Migration Agents Code of Conduct; if so, what issues have been considered.

*3718 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that there is no longer a section or unit within his Department dedicated to the handling of child health and inequality issues; if so, (a) why was the decision taken to abolish the section or unit, (b) what has happened to the staff from that section or unit, and (c) what has happened to the functions of that section or unit.
- (2) Will the funds previously provided by this section or unit to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to periodically produce reports on child health in Australia still be provided to the Institute now that this section or unit no longer exists; if so, from where will the funds be sourced.

- *3719 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the proposed Treaty between Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom, can he say what forces and armaments are at present deployed by Greece, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United Nations in the island of Cyprus.
- *3720 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did Cyprus (a) accede to the UNESCO Convention and Protocol on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954) on 9 September 1964 and (b) ratify the Second Protocol (The Hague, 1999) on 16 May 2001.
 - (2) Did Greece ratify the UNESCO Convention and Protocol on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague 1954) on 9 February 1981.
 - (3) Did Turkey accede to the UNESCO Convention and Protocol on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague 1954) on 15 December 1981.
 - (4) Does Greece have forces and armaments in Cyprus and has Australia had consultations with Greece concerning its accession to the Second Protocol.
 - (5) Does Turkey have forces and armaments in Cyprus and has Australia had consultations with Turkey concerning its accession to the Second Protocol.
 - (6) Does the United Kingdom have forces and armaments in Cyprus and has Australia had consultations with the United Kingdom concerning its accession to the Convention, Protocol and Second Protocol.
 - (7) What consideration has been given to Australia's accession to the Protocol and Second Protocol.
- *3721 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Do personal medical monitoring system devices such as the Vitalcall Medical Monitoring system incur the GST; if so, when will he remove the GST from personal medical monitoring devices; and, if he will not remove the GST from these devices, why not.
- *3722 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What proportion of medical practitioners in Australia are (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.
 - (2) In respect of the incurred but not reported liability for United Medical Protection, what proportion of the liability is attributable to specialists.
 - (3) in respect of the sum of the levies being paid by all medical practitioners, what proportion is being paid by (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

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 inquiry:

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 inquiry:

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 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:

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:

Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training Report for 2002-2003.

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 inquiry:

Privatisation of regional infrastructure and government business enterprises.

Select

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

Joint Statutory

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

Current inquiry:

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.

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 inquiry:

Australia's insolvency laws.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Mrs Hull, Mrs Ley, Mr McMullan, Mr Secker, Mr Snowden, 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 inquiry:

Indigenous law and justice.

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:

Barton, ACT—Proposed fitout of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department.

Barton, ACT—Proposed fitout of new leased premises for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Canberra—Proposed new East Building for the Australian War Memorial.

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

Hume, ACT—Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia.

McDowall, Qld—Proposed development of land for Defence housing.

Port Wakefield, SA—Ordnance breakdown facility, proof and experimental establishment site.

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 role in the United Nations.

Australia's role in the World Trade Organisation.

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:

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

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

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

Treaties tabled on 22 June 2004 (V&P, page 1723).

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 Evans (*appointed 23 June 2004*).