

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 1968

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITION: Mr Everingham presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will make a survey of the full requirements of pensioners of all types and adopt a policy for the progressive liberalisation of the means test resulting in its removal within three years.  
Petition received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Papua—Report for year 1966-67.  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-sixth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1967-68.  
Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—First Annual Report, for year 1967-68.  
Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twentieth Annual Report, for year 1967-68.  
Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report of the Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board.
- 5 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.  
Question—put and passed.
- 6 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Amounts of Weekly Payments of Compensation payable to, and in respect of, Employees of the Commonwealth.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 INCOME TAX BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Income derived from Partnerships and Trusts.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSION OF SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, COCKATOO ISLAND, N.S.W.: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Extension of submarine maintenance facilities, Cockatoo Island, N.S.W.  
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TELEVISION TRANSMITTING STATION, MOUNT BELLENDEN KER (CAIRNS), QLD: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of television transmitting station, Mount Bellenden Ker (Cairns), Qld.  
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
- 11 PIER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, PERTH—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Proposed extension of Pier Telephone Exchange, Perth.  
Question—put and passed.
- 12 R.A.A.F. BASE, DARWIN—ERECTION OF HOUSES—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, it is expedient that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Erection of seventy-six houses at R.A.A.F. Base, Darwin.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1968–69: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Affairs, \$63,950,000—debated.

Ordered—That Mr James be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$14,217,000—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Benson\*, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Bury, Mr Collard, Mr Gibson, Mr Graham, Mr Haworth, Mr Holten, Mr Lee, Mr Luchetti, Mr McEwen, Mr Peters and Mr Wentworth.

\* On leave

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A. G. TURNER,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives