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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2005

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs), for Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent questions without notice being called on at 2.30 p.m. for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

3 **SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE BILL 2005**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr G. M. O'Connor rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs May	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Mr Wood

NOES, 61

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mr Katter	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Danby*	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Mr Edwards	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the bill now be read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 73, 16 May 2005, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved Opposition amendment (1).

Debate continued.

Ms Macklin rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Mr Wood

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That Opposition amendment (1) be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

NOES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr Tollner
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr Vasta
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Scott	
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Vocational and Technical Education) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr Hardgrave moved the Government amendment.

Mr Andren rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 59

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Government amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Windsor
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Hardgrave asked leave to move—That the bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Abbott, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Scott	

NOES, 57

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a third time.

4 SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE (REPEAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Robb	
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Scott	

NOES, 56

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Ripoll
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Robb	
Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Scott	

NOES, 56

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Ripoll
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the bill be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
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Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Scott	
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker	

NOES, 57

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
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Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Vocational and Technical Education) moved—That the bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker	

NOES, 57

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
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Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowden
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a third time.

5 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) creating a skills crisis through its continued failure to provide the necessary opportunities during their nine long years in office for Australians to get the training they need to get a decent job and meet the skills needs of the economy;
- (2) failing to train enough Australians in areas of skill shortage and relying on skilled migration;
- (3) exacerbating this crisis by failing to introduce Budget measures to train more Australians now, including Labor's Trade Completion Bonus for traditional apprentices;
- (4) making Australian business wait until 2010 for the Technical Colleges to produce their first qualified tradesperson;
- (5) failing to double the number of school-based traditional apprentices and provide extra funding to support schools in taking up the places;
- (6) failing to further invest in our world-class school and TAFE systems to create opportunities for young Australians to access high quality vocational education and training at all schools, not just 24 Australian Technical Colleges;
- (7) its uncooperative and hostile attitude towards the States and Territories in establishing these Colleges, despite the central role the States and Territories will play in any successful operation;
- (8) failing to provide new support to other regions that also have high youth unemployment, an industry base and skill shortages, but are not listed for a Technical College; and
- (9) inappropriately using vocational education and training as a vehicle through which to drive their ideological industrial relations agenda which bears no relation to successful student outcomes”.

Debate continued.

It being 2.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to today, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

7 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 51 of 2004–2005—Performance audit—DEWR's oversight of Job Network services to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

8 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Higher Education Funding Act—Report detailing determinations made under the Act in respect of 2003.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 30—Inquiry into a complaint by Mr William Mayne of age discrimination in the Australian Defence Force.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASYLUM AND PROTECTION OBLIGATIONS

The House was informed that Mr Rudd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to properly implement Australia's asylum and protection obligations".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Document

Mr McGauran (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs) presented the following document:

Setting the record straight—Contact with the PRC Consulate—Copy of media release, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, 8 June 2005.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

10 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following document:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 20 June 2005.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 110, 14 June 2005, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the following resolution agreed to by the Senate:

That the following matters be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade for inquiry and report:

- (a) the ability of the Australian Defence Force to maintain air superiority in our region to 2020, given current planning; and
- (b) any measures required to ensure air superiority in our region to 2020.

12 FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Billson (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs and Trade), the bill was read a third time.

13 FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Billson (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs and Trade), the bill was read a third time.

14 MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES (INDICIA AND IMAGES) PROTECTION BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training), the bill was read a third time.

15 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET MEASURE) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mrs D. S. Vale was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2005

Message No. 111, 15 June 2005, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

Mr Costello (Treasurer) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Member directed to leave

At 6.41 p.m. the Member for Rankin (Mr Emerson) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Mr Douglas Wood—Statement by the Prime Minister

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, made a statement on the safe return of Mr Wood, who had been held hostage in Iraq.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement on the matter.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Causley, in the Chair)—

AYES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Mr Edwards	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Costello presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendments 1 to 5

These amendments significantly change the legislation. They would mean there is no tax cut on 1 July 2005 as was passed by this House. They would mean that the bottom marginal tax rate is 17 per cent rather than 15 per cent.

The amendments do not provide tax cuts for the top two marginal tax thresholds until 1 July 2006 and provide for a complicated tax offset which only comes fully into effect on 1 July 2008—after the next federal election.

The amendments will result in additional complexity in the tax system. The staged introduction of a low income and welfare to work tax offset from 1 January 2005 with various withdrawal rates and thresholds will confuse taxpayers. Senior Australians would suffer under these amendments. They

would have lower ‘effective tax free thresholds’ in 2005-06 and 2006-07 under the amendments than the package originally passed by the House.

The amendments detract from the international competitiveness of Australia’s personal income tax system compared to the original package. The lower top threshold as proposed by the amendments would mean that Australia would have the 12th lowest top marginal rate threshold in the OECD (below the average), rather than 16th lowest, which compares well with the 29 other OECD countries. Australia’s top marginal rate threshold would apply at 1.7 times the average production wage in 2006-07, rather than over 2 times the average production wage, as passed by the House.

Substantially raising the thresholds for the top two marginal tax rates is necessary to more closely align Australia’s top threshold with international practice in the OECD. This will increase incentives to work and improve Australia’s competitiveness compared with other developed countries. The proposal in the original package is absolutely consistent with the tax reform proposals urged on Australia by the OECD.

The House considers that the legislation originally passed by the House is the best to provide incentives to participate in the workforce, reward effort and increase the international competitiveness of Australia’s personal income tax system.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

Mr Costello moved—That the reasons be adopted.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Causley, in the Chair)—

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Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 15 June 2005, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 112—Social Security Amendment (Extension of Youth Allowance and Austudy Eligibility to New Apprentices) 2005.

No. 113—Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) 2005.

18 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET MEASURE) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 15 June 2005:

Defence Act—Determinations under—

Section 58B—2005 Nos 17, 18.

Section 58H—2005 Nos 4, 5.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, for extension of approval for the temporary vehicle barriers around Parliament House to remain until 31 December 2005.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Jull*, Mr Richardson and Ms Roxon*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2005

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements commenced.

Suspension of sitting

At 9.31 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 9.44 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Statements continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 9.46 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.01 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.02 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.40 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2005-2006—BUDGET DEBATE**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for a Budget which:

- (1) delivers grossly unfair tax relief which favours the highest income earners at the expense of ordinary Australian families;
- (2) ignores the crippling effect of punishingly high effective marginal tax rates on workforce participation;

- (3) imposes harsh conditions on the income of the most vulnerable members of the community;
- (4) fails to invest in skills and infrastructure disregarding repeated warnings from the RBA and OECD about skills shortages and infrastructure bottlenecks;
- (5) exposes Australians to the risk of higher interest rates as a result of capacity constraints and escalating economic imbalances;
- (6) predicts a significantly slowing rate of real GDP growth to below the Australian long-term average and considerably below world GDP growth;
- (7) confirms continuing unsustainable current account deficits into the future;
- (8) predicts a continuing increase in Australia's foreign debt;
- (9) predicts import growth to exceed export growth; and
- (10) contains a proposed Future Fund which is focused on offsetting the superannuation liability of Commonwealth employees at the expense of sensible long-term investment in vital infrastructure"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditure for the services in Schedule 1 be considered in the following order:

Family and Community Services Portfolio

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Defence Portfolio (*Department of Veterans' Affairs*)

Education, Science and Training Portfolio

Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio

Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

Defence Portfolio (*continued*)

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio

Attorney-General's Portfolio

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

Finance and Administration Portfolio (*Department of Human Services*)

The Environment and Heritage Portfolio

Health and Ageing Portfolio

Finance and Administration Portfolio (*continued*)

Transport and Regional Services Portfolio

The Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

The Treasury Portfolio.

Suspension of sitting

At 1.20 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 4 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Proposed expenditures—

Family and Community Services Portfolio, \$2 537 191 000—debated and agreed to.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio, \$2 147 750 000—debated and agreed to.

Defence Portfolio (*Department of Veterans' Affairs*), \$16 438 838 000—debated—

Debate adjourned.

Education, Science and Training Portfolio, \$2 523 257 000—debated—

Suspension of sitting

At 6.58 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 7.12 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio, \$1 454 822 000—debated—

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport), the Main Committee adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee