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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 147

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2010

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

**2 HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2010**

Ms Roxon (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments consequential on uniform legislation relating to the regulation of health practitioners, and for related purposes.

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Ms Roxon presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Roxon moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**3 ANTI-PEOPLE SMUGGLING AND OTHER MEASURES BILL 2010**

Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to combat people smuggling, and for other purposes.

*Document*

Mr McClelland presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McClelland moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**4 NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL 2010**

Mr M. J. Ferguson (Minister for Resources and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to the selection of a site for, and the establishment and operation of, a radioactive waste management facility, and for related purposes.

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Mr M. J. Ferguson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr M. J. Ferguson moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**5 FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD CARE) BILL 2010**

Ms K. M. Ellis (Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth), pursuant to notice, presented A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to family assistance, and for related purposes.

*Document*

Ms K. M. Ellis presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms K. M. Ellis moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**6 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip) presented the following document:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report—73rd Annual report, February 2010.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Price and Mr Lindsay, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2009-2010—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Combet (Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**8 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2009-2010—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Combet (Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CENSURING THE GOVERNMENT**

Message No. 391, 23 February 2010, from the Senate was reported informing the House that the Senate had agreed to a resolution concerning the censure of the Government.

Question—That the message be considered at the next sitting—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Adams	Mrs D' Ath	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Debus	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse
Mr Bevis	Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea
Mr Bidgood	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Saffin
Mr Bowen	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bradbury	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Sullivan
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Mr Butler	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr Symon
Mr Byrne	Mr Garrett	Mr Marles	Mr Tanner
Ms Campbell	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Champion	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Gibbons	Mr Neumann	Mr Trevor
Mr Clare	Mr Gray	Mr Oakeshott	Mr Turnour
Ms Collins	Ms Grierson	Ms Owens	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Combet	Mr Griffin	Ms Parke	Mr Zappia
Mr Crean	Mr Hale	Mr Perrett	
Mr Danby	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	

## NOES, 60

Mr Abbott	Mr Forrest	Ms Ley	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrews	Mr Georgiou	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Fran Bailey	Mr Haase	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker
Mr Baldwin	Mr Hartsuyker	Ms Marino	Mr Simpkins
Mr Billson	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Markus	Mr Slipper
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs May	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mr Briggs	Mrs Hull*	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hunt	Ms O'Dwyer	Dr Stone
Mr Chester	Mr Irons	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mrs Vale
Mr Coulton	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mr Fletcher	Mr Laming	Mr Robert	Mr Wood

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

#### 10 SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE REFORM AND REINSTATEMENT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT) BILL 2009

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 Zappia addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Zappia was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

#### 11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

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*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Warringah moving immediately—That the House:

- (1) notes that the:
  - (a) Minister for the Environment has failed repeatedly to answer vital questions regarding when he was warned of critical safety flaws inherent in his Home Insulation Program; and
  - (b) Prime Minister has failed to require the Minister for the Environment to provide information about the program required by the House, on behalf of the thousands of concerned and at-risk homeowners across the country;
- (2) acknowledges that the Senate has censured the Rudd Government for its failings, including in connection with the Home Insulation Program, but that the Government has suppressed debate on the Senate resolution in the House; and
- (3) censures the Prime Minister and Government for failing in their responsibilities in the management of this program, for their failure to provide information reasonably sought in the House and for failing to abide by the doctrine of ministerial responsibility that is a bedrock of our Westminster system.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Abbott	Mr Fletcher	Ms Ley	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Georgiou	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker
Mr Baldwin	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Slipper
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Somlyay
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Dr Southcott
Mr Briggs	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mrs Hull*	Ms O'Dwyer	Mr Truss
Mr Chester	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Ciobo	Mr Irons	Mr Ramsey	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mrs Vale
Mr Coulton	Mr Johnson*	Mr Robb	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robert	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 81

Mr Adams	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Mr Bidgood	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Ms Bird	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Mr Bowen	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bradbury	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Marles	Mr Sullivan
Mr Butler	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr Symon
Ms Campbell	Mr Gibbons	Ms Neal	Mr Tanner
Mr Champion	Ms Gillard	Mr Neumann	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Gray	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Clare	Ms Grierson	Ms Owens	Mr Trevor
Ms Collins	Mr Griffin	Ms Parke	Mr Turnour
Mr Combet	Mr Hale	Mr Perrett	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price	
Mrs D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse	
Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

## 12 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

Innovation Australia—Report for 2008-09.

Ministerial statements—Ensuring access to Australia's National Archives—Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig, Special Minister of State—23 February 2010.

Treaties—*Bilateral*—

*Explanatory statement*—2010 No. 1—Amendment to the agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the provision of medical treatment, of 5 April 1991 [1992] ATS 3.

*Text, together with national interest analysis*—

Agreement concerning the provision of health care between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, done at Canberra, 11 March 2009.

Agreement on cooperative enforcement of fisheries laws between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic in the maritime areas adjacent to the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Heard Island and the Macdonald Islands, done at Paris, 8 January 2007.

and moved—That the House take note of the documents.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hartsuyker), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HIGHER EDUCATION

The House was informed that Mr Pyne had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to ensure equal access to higher education for all Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Pyne addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**14 SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE REFORM AND REINSTATEMENT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT) BILL 2009**

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.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Adams	Mr Dreyfus	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mrs Elliot	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Ms Bird	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Mr Bowen	Dr Emerson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bradbury	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr Sullivan
Mr Butler	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr Symon
Ms Campbell	Mr Gibbons	Mr Neumann	Mr Tanner
Mr Champion	Mr Gray	Mr Oakeshott	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Clare	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr Trevor
Ms Collins	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Mr Turnour
Mr Combet	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mr Hayes*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	Mr Zappia
Mrs D'Ath	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse	
Mr Debus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea	

NOES, 52

Mr Andrews	Mr Forrest	Ms Ley	Mr Robert
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gash	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Slipper
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Somlyay
Mr Briggs	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Dr Stone
Mr Chester	Mrs Hull*	Ms O'Dwyer	Mr Truss
Mr Coulton	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Dutton	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mrs Vale
Mr Farmer	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Fletcher	Mr Laming	Mr Robb	Mr Wood

\* Tellers

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 296, 25 November 2009, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Ms Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

**15 AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY BILL 2009—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**16 AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2009—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**18 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE) BILL 2009—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS**

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—  
*Statement by Deputy Speaker*

The Deputy Speaker made a statement reminding the House that on 24 November 2009, it was informed of constitutional questions raised by the Senate amendments to the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009.

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved*

Mr Bowen (Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent him from moving an amendment to the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009 during the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate to the bill.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Bowen moved—That the House insist on disagreeing to amendments Nos 1 and 10 insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 78

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Ms Bird	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Mr Bowen	Dr Emerson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bradbury	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr Sullivan
Mr Butler	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr Symon
Ms Campbell	Mr Gibbons	Mr Neumann	Mr Tanner
Mr Champion	Mr Gray	Mr Oakeshott	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Clare	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr Trevor
Ms Collins	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Mr Turnour
Mr Combet	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mr Hayes*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	
Mrs D'Ath	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse	

## NOES, 56

Mr Andrews	Mr Fletcher	Mr Laming	Mr Ruddock
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest	Ms Ley	Mr Schultz
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Somlyay
Mr Briggs	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Dr Stone
Mr Chester	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull*	Ms O'Dwyer	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mrs Vale
Mr Coulton	Dr Jensen	Mr Ramsey	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Johnson*	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mr Farmer	Mr Keenan	Mr Robert	Mr Wood

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Documents*

Mr Bowen presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum and a correction to the explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, the Government amendment was made, after debate.

**19 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN) BILL 2010**

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.



**20 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 24 February 2010:

*Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2009-2010*—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2009-10 No. 5 [F2010L00493].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2010 Confidentiality No. 3 [F2010L00512].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2009—Nos 0912182, 0916497, 0919374, 0920466, 0922179, 0922187, 0922202, 0922295, 0922441, 0922442, 0922449, 0922726 [F2010L00465], [F2010L00462], [F2010L00467], [F2010L00460], [F2010L00313], [F2010L00322], [F2010L00320], [F2010L00314], [F2010L00316], [F2010L00315], [F2010L00317], [F2010L00319].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instruments under section 303DC—19 February 2010 [2] [F2010L00517], [F2010L00519].

Migration Act—Statements under—

section 46A—1 July to 31 December 2009 [29].

section 48B—1 July to 31 December 2009 [22].

section 91Q—1 July to 31 December 2009.

section 195A—1 July to 31 December 2009 [25].

section 197AB—1 July to 31 December 2009 [14].

section 197AD—1 July to 31 December 2009 [10].

section 351—1 July to 31 December 2009 [79].

section 417—1 July to 31 December 2009 [169].

Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Act—Rules—2010 [F2010L00531].

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Neville and Ms Rishworth.

**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008-09-10

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 147

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2010

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements being made—

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*Suspension of meeting*

At 9.49 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of meeting*

At 10.02 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Members' constituency statements continued.

3 **AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY BILL 2009**

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 the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 **AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2009**

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.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 287, 21 January 2010, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

5 **PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT 2010—CLOSING THE GAP—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Snowdon—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 11 February 2010*), viz.—

Prime Minister's report 2010—Closing the gap—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Thomson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr C. R. Thomson, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.04 p.m.

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



**DAVID ELDER**  
Clerk of the Main Committee