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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 May 2005

- 1 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and report by 9 August 2005:
 - (a) whether the new National Heritage List is protecting places of national significance given that only seven places have so far been entered on the list;
 - (b) the reason behind the National Heritage Council being granted extensions of time, beyond the initial 12 months, to assess 10 sites nominated for the list, including Recherche Bay and ANZAC Cove;
 - (c) the need to apply the precautionary principle when considering emergency listings of a place; and
 - (d) the damage or threatened damage to ANZAC Cove and the north-east peninsula of Recherche Bay and the need for any action to stop further degradation.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 11 May 2005

- *1 **Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

- *2 **Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.
- *3 **Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Social Security Amendment (Extension of Youth Allowance and Austudy Eligibility to New Apprentices) Bill 2005, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—**
(*Minister representing the Minister for Ageing, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Patterson, 9 March 2005*).
- 2 **National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—**(*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Senator Vanstone*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Vanstone, 16 March 2005*).
- *3 **Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005—**(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 May 2005*).
- 4 **Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005]—**(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*8 December 2004*).
- 5 **Family Law Amendment Bill 2005—**(*Senate bill*)
In committee (*11 May 2005*).
- 6 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004—**(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 10 May 2005*).
- 7 **Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005—**(*Senate bill*)—
(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).
- 8 **Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment Bill 2005—**(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 March 2005*).
- 9 **Budget statement and documents 2005-06**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans), 10 May 2005*).

- *10 **Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 May 2005*).
- *11 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 May 2005*).
- 12 **AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004**
AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*10 February 2005*).
- 13 **Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 March 2005*).
- 14 **Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).
- 15 **Statute Law Revision Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).
- 16 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 17 **Fisheries Legislation Amendment (International Obligations and Other Matters) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 March 2005*).

**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from the Philippines**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferris—That the Senate take note of the report (*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cherry, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge—Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

4 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Indigenous education funding

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 17 March 2005*).

5 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports entitled: CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—Parts 1 and 2—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Chapman—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The administration of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of the Environment and Heritage

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Regulation of Commonwealth radiation and nuclear activities: Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Payment of goods and services tax to the states and territories

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

***4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's administration of the Superannuation Contributions Surcharge**

Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

***5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Edge Project: Department of Family and Community Services; Centrelink**

Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

- *6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2004-05—Protective security audit—Administration of security incidents, including the conduct of security investigations**

Consideration (11 May 2005).

- *7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Commonwealth debt management follow-up audit: Australian Office of Financial Management**

Consideration (11 May 2005).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2004

- 10 **Senator Harradine:** To move—That Budget estimates supplementary hearings by legislation committees for the 2004-05 estimates meet, where senators give notice of matters in accordance with standing order 26(10), as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Legal and Constitutional

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Tuesday, 30 November, from 8 pm to 11 pm; and

Group B:

Community Affairs

Economics

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Wednesday, 1 December, from 8 pm to 11 pm.

Notice given 9 December 2004

- 56 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to investigate the potential for a World Heritage nomination for Tasmania's Tarkine wilderness.

Notice given 7 March 2005

- 80 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) congratulates the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues on reaffirming at the United Nations, during the week beginning 27 February 2005, the Government's ongoing commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its refusal to agree to proposals from the United States of America that would have explicitly omitted women's right to safe and legal abortion;
- (b) affirms reproductive health rights as fundamental human rights; and

- (c) calls on the governments of other states and the Northern Territory to follow the Australian Capital Territory's lead in removing pregnancy termination from the criminal code.

Notice given 16 March 2005

113 **Senator George Campbell:** To move—That the Senate notes that:

- (a) the Howard Government's training policies since 1996 have contributed to Australia's current skills shortages in the traditional trades; and
- (b) the Government's inaction in addressing this national skills crisis is hurting Australian businesses, families, young people and the economy.

Notice given 11 May 2005

*129 **Senators Ridgeway, Carr and Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 26 May 2005 is National Day of Healing, and that this date commemorates the anniversary of the handing down of the *Bringing Them Home* report on 26 May 1997,
 - (ii) National Day of Healing, previously National Sorry Day, is an opportunity for all Australians to acknowledge and help heal the wounds of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who suffered as a result of the forced removal policies of successive Australian Governments between 1910 and the 1970s, and
 - (iii) National Day of Healing recognises that the journey of healing for the stolen generations depends on and contributes to healing within the wider Indigenous community and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians;
- (b) congratulates those involved in the 'Journey of Healing' and other community-based organisations who are holding events across the country to help all Australians understand the ongoing impact of the removal policies and to rebuild relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the spirit of reconciliation;
- (c) acknowledges that despite the efforts of many individuals, communities and community organisations, the progress of reconciliation in Australia remains an ongoing challenge for all Australians; and
- (d) urges the Government to finally implement the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report and the subsequent Legal and Constitutional References Committee report of the inquiry into the Stolen Generations in 2000, in particular the recommendation for the establishment of a national Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal to deliver a humane and compassionate alternative to the adversarial, expensive and traumatic process of litigation.

*130 **Senator Carr:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2005, the following documents:

- (a) all correspondence between the Minister for Education, Science and Training (Dr Nelson) and all office-holders and members of the Board, Council or Executive of the former Melbourne University Student Union (MUSU) in 2002 and 2003, including all correspondence between the Minister and Mr Nathan Barker, elected in late 2002 as the incoming MUSU House and Services Officer; and

- (b) all correspondence between the Minister and others who may not have been office-holders and members of the Board, Council or Executive of the former MUSU in 2002 or 2003 but who subsequently became office-holders of MUSU.

*131 **Senator Wong:** To move—That the Senate notes the Howard Government's cuts to the incomes of the most vulnerable families in Australia, its introduction of a parents' dole and a disability dole, and its failure to effectively tackle the need for real welfare reform.

*132 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2005, copies of all reports provided by the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services to the Department of Health and Ageing as part of their reporting requirements, including financial statements.

*133 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Bush Administration's proposed 2006 budget for the United States of America (US), includes:
- (i) \$US4 million to fund a study for enabling nuclear warheads to penetrate deeper underground before exploding, known as Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrators,
 - (ii) \$US606 billion to fund the weapons activities of the US Energy Department's National Security Administration, and a total of \$US9.4 billion for the agency for 2006, an increase of \$US233 million on current spending,
 - (iii) \$US786 million to power nuclear navy vessels,
 - (iv) \$US35 million for retiring and dismantling excess warheads, the same as the current spending,
 - (v) \$US25 million to ensure nuclear weapons testing can take place within 18 months of a decision to do so, having previously been 24 to 36 months,
 - (vi) \$US7.7 million for a Modern Pit Facility to build new warhead cores known as 'pits' to replace those whose plutonium has degraded over time, a facility expected to process 125 pits per year; and
- (b) urges the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) and the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) to express concern at the current Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty conference in New York at the lack of serious nuclear disarmament that these budget proposals imply.

*134 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—

- (1) That the Senate:
- (a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;
 - (b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the

Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and

- (c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

*135 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 27 May 2005 marks the 15th anniversary of the last election in Burma;
- (b) expresses:
 - (i) concern at the recent bomb blasts in Rangoon and the deteriorating conditions of the Burmese people, and
 - (ii) continued support for the Committee Representing the People's Parliament to implement the democratically-elected parliament of Burma;
- (c) calls on the Burmese ruling regime to:
 - (i) resume the reconciliation process with the National League for Democracy and ethnic nationalities in cooperation with the United Nations Special Envoy for Burma, Mr Razali Ismail, and
 - (ii) cease the military offensive against the ethnic minorities in the Shan, Karen and Karenni states;
- (d) restates its call for the unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners in Burma; and
- (e) calls on the Government to express concerns with our regional neighbours regarding the Burmese regime's imminent qualification for the chair of the Association of South East Asian Nations in 2006.

*136 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to regulate the unauthorised installation of computer software, to require the clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, and for related purposes. *Spyware Bill 2005*.

*137 **Senator Conroy:** To move—That the order of the Senate providing for estimates hearings be amended by adding at the end of paragraph (2) the following:

“and (b) that officers of the ACCC responsible for communications matters, including telecommunications matters, are required to appear before the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee considering Budget estimates during May 2005”.

*138 **Senator Brown:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on 16 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Minister, his staff and department with Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

2 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

3 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2003-04, including reports pursuant to the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

4 Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

5 Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

6 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

7 Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

8 *National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) Act 1998*—Report—Independent review by Baker and McKenzie

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

9 Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

10 Productivity Commission—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

11 National Environment Protection Council and NEPC Service Corporation—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

- 12 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 13 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2004**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 14 **List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at March 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 15 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements— Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 16 **Australian Electoral Commission—Election 2001—Funding and disclosure report**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 17 **States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2003**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 18 **Customs Act 1901—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958—Permissions granted under regulation 7 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2004**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- *19 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Native Title (Report no. 1/2005)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ridgeway, in continuation, 11 May 2005*).
- *20 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Social justice (Report no. 2/2005)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ridgeway, in continuation, 11 May 2005*).
- *21 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 33—Review of national competition policy reforms, 28 February 2005**
Consideration (*11 May 2005*).
- *22 **Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum**
Consideration (*11 May 2005*).
- *23 **Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (*11 May 2005*).
- *24 **Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

- *25 **Indigenous education and training—National report to Parliament 2003**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- *26 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by Ms Susan Campbell that the human rights of her daughter were breached by the Commonwealth of Australia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (HREOC report no. 29)**
Consideration (11 May 2005).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 2 **Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 3 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Murray and Stott Despoja)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 4 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 5 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett and Senator Stott Despoja)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bishop, in continuation, 10 February 2005) (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 6 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 7 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 8 **Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 9 **Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
- 10 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

- 11 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 12 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Murray*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 13 **National Animal Welfare Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 14 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 15 **Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 16 **Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]**—
(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 17 **Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ridgeway*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 18 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 19 **Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Greig*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 20 **Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Greig*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 21 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 22 **Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 23 **Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 24 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [2004]**—
(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).

25 Communications—Telstra

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Conroy—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Government has failed to ensure that telecommunications service standards are up to scratch in rural and regional Australia,
- (ii) the chief of the Government's telecommunications inquiry, Mr Dick Estens, has said that telecommunications services in the bush remain a 'shemozzle', and
- (iii) selling Telstra will cost the budget \$255 million over the next 4 years; and

(b) calls on the Government to keep Telstra in majority public ownership to ensure reliable telecommunications services for all Australians—(*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 18 November 2004*).

26 Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Nettle)

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 30 November 2004*).

27 Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

In committee (*committee to consider the bill as reported by the committee of the whole on 15 May 2003*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 1 December 2004*).

28 Senate Voters' Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 9 December 2004*).

29 Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Marshall)

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 9 December 2004*).

31 Economy

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate—

(a) notes the deterioration in the economy including the record current account deficit of 7.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), record net foreign debt of \$422 billion, the negative household savings ratio and among the lowest GDP growth rates of the advanced economies; and

(b) calls on the Government:

- (i) to acknowledge that there are severe economic imbalances in the economy that threaten to push interest rates still higher,
- (ii) to implement policies that will lift the productive potential of the economy,
- (iii) to invest in skills development to ease skill shortages which are now at 20 year highs, and
- (iv) to support infrastructure investment to ease capacity constraints and inflation pressures and promote exports—(*Senator Lundy, in continuation, 10 March 2005*).

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BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 13 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).

Next day of sitting (14 June 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2004

- 1 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the proposed accreditation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Management Plan (as amended), dated 10 November 2004 and made under subsection 33(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be opposed.

Two sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the proposed accreditation of the plan will be deemed to have been opposed.*

Notice given 17 March 2005

- 2 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 August 2005:

Matters arising from the holding of the Australian resident Ms Cornelia Rau in immigration detention, with particular reference to:

- (a) the adequacy of the legal regime to enable and ensure proper duty of care for people in immigration detention;
- (b) the adequacy of health assessment and treatment of people in immigration detention;
- (c) the impact of the management regime of immigration detention centres on the short-term and long-term health of detainees; and
- (d) the appropriateness of ‘management units’ and placing detainees in isolation.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

Report to be presented on unfair dismissal laws and the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 May 2005

123 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) affirms:
 - (i) its support for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and, in particular, Article 12 that refers to the need to ensure ‘access to health care services, including those related to family planning’,
 - (ii) the principle that health decisions should be made by those most closely involved with them, and
 - (iii) its respect for the right of women to make decisions regarding their fertility, including unplanned pregnancies, based on their life situations, personal values and beliefs;
- (b) notes that in the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes (2003), 81.2 per cent of Australians agreed that women should have the right to choose an abortion, 9 per cent disagreed and 10 per cent were undecided;
- (c) encourages:
 - (i) the provision of unbiased, relevant and accurate information for women experiencing unwanted pregnancy, without coercion,
 - (ii) accurate advice and support for women to act on their own values in making reproductive decisions, whether they be adoption, motherhood or termination of pregnancy, including non-directive, all-options counselling,
 - (iii) improvements in the evaluation of, and access to, advice and support on contraceptive choices,
 - (iv) measures to ensure a wide variety of contraceptive measures are accessible and affordable, and that the privacy of women and men accessing such measures is protected,
 - (v) the more ready availability of emergency contraception from a variety of settings, and
 - (vi) lifelong sexuality and health education;
- (d) calls on the Government to work with state and territory governments to develop:
 - (i) a thorough and inclusive national framework of evidence-based and age-appropriate sex education in all schools, and
 - (ii) national standards for pregnancy counselling services; and
- (e) supports the privacy of medical records for reproductive health, including abortion and access to Medicare rebates for termination services.

On 15 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2004

- 1 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the terms of reference for the Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*, be amended as follows:

Paragraph (b), after “effectiveness”, insert “, including how privacy principles and processes should interact with the need for access to records,”.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Privileges—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on whether, and if so what, acts of unauthorised disclosure of parliamentary committee proceedings, evidence or draft reports should continue to be included among prohibited acts which may be treated by the Senate as contempts.

- 2 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

- 3 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

Report to be presented on Indigenous education.

Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Hill*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Hill, 7 March 2005*).

On 16 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on compensation for wheat growers.

- 2 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

Report to be presented on student income support.

- 3 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2004

27 **Senator Lees:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) acknowledges the threats facing the endangered Asian elephant throughout its natural range, including live trade, human-elephant conflict and poaching for ivory tusks, hide and meat;
- (b) notes that:
 - (i) the Asian elephant is listed as an Appendix I species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES),
 - (ii) Appendix I species are those whose trade must be subject to particularly strict regulation, and only authorised in exceptional circumstances,
 - (iii) Australia has been a party to CITES since 1976,
 - (iv) implementation of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* serves as Australia's way of meeting its international obligations as a CITES party,
 - (v) under the Act, CITES Appendix I species cannot be imported for the purpose of exhibition, and zoos must prove that they are able to meet the biological and behavioural needs of the animals if importation is for reasons such as conservation breeding,
 - (vi) Australian zoos have requested permission from the Australian Government to import nine Asian elephants from Thailand as part of a captive breeding program,
 - (vii) research undertaken by Oxford University in 2002 and supported by peers has identified that zoos are unable to meet the biological and behavioural needs of elephants in captivity, as elephants in captivity suffer from stress and boredom leading to abnormal behaviours and have a greater incidence of infant mortality and early death, and
 - (viii) the proposed captive breeding program offers no conservation benefit to the Asian elephant species as no offspring will ever be returned to the wild and elephants do not breed successfully in captivity; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) reject the proposal that would allow the impending and any future importation of elephants from Thailand to Australian zoos,
 - (ii) work with the zoo association and non-government organisations to undertake an assessment of welfare conditions for elephants currently held in Australian zoos, and
 - (iii) earmark funding from the Regional Natural Heritage Program addressing biodiversity hotspots in the Asia Pacific region, for in situ conservation projects that will help to address the threats facing the Asian elephant in Thailand and other range states.

On 20 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2005-06 Budget estimates.

Five sitting days after today (21 June 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 7 March 2005

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Administrative Guidelines, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, be disallowed.

Six sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Guidelines will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 21 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on duties of Australian personnel in Iraq.

Six sitting days after today (22 June 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 March 2005

- 1 **Senators Marshall and Nettle:** To move—That the Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed.

Seven sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Guidelines will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed.

Seven sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Determination will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 22 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on government advertising.

***2 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 23 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on aged care.

2 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer.

3 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime.

On 30 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the proposed agreement relating to US nationals and the International Criminal Court.

2 Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Report to be presented on the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

***3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

On 9 August 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

***1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***2 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 15 August 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on Regional Partnerships program.

By the first sitting day in September 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2005 (7 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005.

On 15 September 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's relationship with China.

On 6 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Mental Health—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 13 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment.

By the last sitting day in March 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on the operation of the wine-making industry.

By the last sitting day in June 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- *1 **National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 13 June 2005*).

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 9 March 2005; reporting date varied 11 May 2005; reporting date: 15 June 2005*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004‡

AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*).

Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date varied 11 May 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*).

Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005‡

Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee (*referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: 14 June 2005*).

‡Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Department of the Senate's Bills to Committees Update.

‡Pursuant to adoption of report of Selection of Bills Committee.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 544 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 16 November 2004

- 29 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate—When will the Minister respond to Senator Allison's letter of 7 April 2003 concerning orders for the production of documents.
- 31 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What monitoring has taken place of the Kanella Aged Care Home since the audit report of February 2004, which found non-compliance with 14 expected outcomes.
 - (2) Which of these non-compliant outcomes has been made compliant.
 - (3) What monitoring took place between the audit report of 2003 and the subsequent decision to accredit this aged care home, and the 2004 audit.
 - (4) Why were the non-compliant outcomes not identified before February 2004.
- 36 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Does the data provided to the Aged and Community Services Association survey of December 2003 in the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales show that: (a) an estimated 8 800 people have their names on nursing home (high care) waiting lists and 11 800 on hostel (low care) waiting lists; (b) a further 1 700 people are estimated to have their names on waiting lists for Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs); (c) the average waiting time for: (i) nursing homes is 24 weeks (up from 19 weeks in 2001), (ii) hostels is 36 weeks (up from 32 weeks in 2001), and (iii) CACPs is 18 weeks (up from 13 weeks in 2001), and (d) areas with particularly long waiting lists, compared to the number of available places, include the Australian Capital Territory, the Central Coast, the Hunter region, Western Sydney and Far North Queensland.

- (2) Is more recent data on waiting lists in any or all of these areas available; if so, can it be provided.
- (3) Can data on waiting lists for the other states and territories in any or all of these areas be provided.
- (4) Can the latest data be provided on the number of non-operational residential care places in each state and territory.
- (5) For each state and territory, what is the average wait for low and high care residential places following assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team that a person requires residential care.
- (6) For each state and territory, how many people who have been assessed as requiring low and high residential care are: (a) in acute care public hospitals; (b) in acute care private hospitals; and (c) in transitional placements other than in their homes or those of family carers.

49 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister, in his capacity as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, aware of the following statement made by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey) in a *Meet the Press* interview aired on 14 September 2003: ‘What I do know is the Labor Party and the Democrats are holding up a vast amount of legislation that the Government has put in place in the Senate’.
- (2) Does the Minister accept the *Australian Concise Oxford Dictionary’s* definition of ‘vast’ as ‘immense, huge, very great’.
- (3) Can the Minister: (a) provide a list for the Senate of any bill that could conceivably be regarded as being held up, as described by Mr Hockey; and (b) give his reasons for making that judgment.

Notice given 17 November 2004

56 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to all forms of end product report by the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD reports) which summarise raw intelligence product:

- (1) Which ministers received any of the DSD reports that were found by the Inspector-General to be in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.
- (2) On what precise dates did this occur.
- (3) Which minister’s offices, that is personal staff members or departmental liaison officers, received the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.
- (4) On what precise dates did this occur.
- (5) Did any departments receive any of the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons; if so, which ones and on what dates.
- (6) For both (1) and (3), were all four DSD reports that the Inspector-General found breached the rules received by any minister or minister’s office; if not, how many of the four reports were received by each of the ministers and/or minister’s office.
- (7) Of those reports that were made in breach of the rules and were received by a minister and/or minister’s office, did they include either of the two reports containing intelligence information on communications by an Australian lawyer with a foreign client.

(In this question, the phrase ‘DSD reports’ refers to all forms of end product by the DSD which summarise raw intelligence product. Such reports are variously referred to in the summary of the Inspector-General for Security and Intelligence’s *MV Tampa* investigation as ‘reports summarising the results of collection activity’, ‘end product reports’ and ‘situation updates’.)

57 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence and Industry Advisory Council

- (1) When was the council established.
- (2) Who established the council.
- (3) For what purpose was the council established.
- (4) Can a copy of the council’s terms of reference be provided.
- (5) What is the membership of the council.
- (6) What are the reporting arrangements for the council, for example: (a) to whom does it report; (b) how regularly are such reports made; and (c) what do the reports contain.
- (7) Can a list be provided of meeting dates for the council since its establishment.

60 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the following information about each committee within Defence chaired by a one star rank equivalent or higher be provided: (a) name of the committee; (b) its function and role; and (c) when it met during 2002 and 2003.
- (2) (a) For the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, when did the Defence Industry Advisory Council meet; (b) what is its function and role; and (c) what is its current membership.

68 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—(a) What is the Halliburton stake in the consortium which built and operates the Alice Springs to Darwin railway line; (b) was Halliburton the project leader; and (c) what discussions has the Prime Minister or the department had with Halliburton about the projects, including where and when these were held.

Notice given 19 November 2004

103 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Since March 1996, on how many occasions has the Prime Minister stayed at Claridges Hotel in Mayfair, London.
- (2) On what dates did the Prime Minister stay at this self-described “five star, de luxe, luxury” hotel.
- (3) On his most recent trip to London, did the Prime Minister stay in the Brook Apartment penthouse suite, described by the hotel as ‘220 square metres/2,368 square feet (approximately), 2 King Beds. This stunning apartment has been restored in the Art Deco style with an elegant, gentle mauve décor, light oak floors and original fittings from the 1930s. The bedrooms are large and luxurious, each with their own dressing-rooms. The marble bathrooms are equally splendid with extra deep baths and separate showers. A beautiful sitting-room with full height windows looks out onto a stunning private roof terrace. In addition, there is an elegant dining-room

with a cocktail bar and cloakroom. A personal butler service is provided with the penthouse’.

- (4) What was the cost of the Prime Minister’s: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify) at Claridges for this recent trip.
- (5) How many other rooms and suites were used by the Prime Minister’s party for this trip, and for what purposes.
- (6) For the Prime Minister’s most recent trip, what were the costs for the Prime Minister’s party, excluding the Prime Minister, of: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (d) other items (please specify).
- (7) Apart from the services provided and paid for outlined under (3) and (4) above, did the hotel provide any other services to the Prime Minister and his party.
- (8) Has the bill for the hotel been presented and paid; if not, why not; if so, who paid the bill.
- (9) On each of the occasions the Prime Minister has used this hotel since 1996, has he always stayed at the Brook Apartment penthouse suite; if not, on which occasion has he used other suites in the hotel, and which suites were used.
- (10) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel, what was the cost of the Prime Minister’s: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify).
- (11) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel since March 1996, how much was paid by the department to the hotel for associated costs excluding the amounts at (7) above.

104 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the additional cost of re-shooting the superannuation co-contribution advertising campaign when it was decided by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications that the size of the pig had to be reduced.
- (2) Who made the decision that a re-shoot was required.
- (3) Did the print material have to be adjusted; if so, what was the additional cost.

105 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Superannuation Co-contribution advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) mail outs with brochures and letters signed by Mr Carmody; and (e) advertising research.
- (2) When did TV advertising screening begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) How many letters were sent by Mr Carmody.
- (4) On what basis was the mail out selected.
- (5) What database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.

- (6) Given that the advertisements now do not reflect Government policy on the co-contribution, is there any plan to update the campaign; if so, what campaign components will be updated and how much will this cost.
- (7) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (8) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (9) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (8) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (10) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

114 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the proposed Natural Heritage Trust advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.

- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

Senator Faulkner: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 122-140)—

- (1) Not including any advertising campaigns contained in questions on notice nos 105 to 121, for each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date: (a) what is the cost of any current or proposed advertising campaign in the department; (b) what are the details of the campaign, including: (a) creative agency or agencies engaged; (b) research agency or agencies engaged; (c) the cost of television advertising; (d) the cost and nature of any mail out; and (e) the full cost of advertising placement.
- (2) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (4) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (5) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (4) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (6) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

123 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

131 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

138 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Notice given 8 December 2004

Senator Bishop: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 166-168)—With reference to the Minister's official engagements on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Where did each engagement occur.
- (2) What was the nature of each engagement.
- (3) What was the start and finish time of each engagement.
- (4) (a) When was the Minister invited to, or when did the Minister first become aware of, each engagement; and (b) on what date did the Minister commit to attending each engagement.
- (5) (a) Who attended each engagement; and (b) in what capacity did they attend.
- (6) What was the cost incurred by the Commonwealth in arranging or ensuring the Minister's attendance at each engagement.

- (7) Will the Minister provide details of invitations or approaches to attend other official engagements on 15 November 2004 which the Minister either declined or delegated.

166 Minister representing the Prime Minister

167 Minister for Defence

168 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Notice given 9 December 2004

172 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) For each of the past 12 months up to 31 December 2004: (a) how many veterans have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access: (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment; and (b) how many war widows have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access: (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment.
- (2) For each case in (1), what was: (a) the type of treatment accessed; (b) the location of the accessed treatment; and (c) the number of visits to date.
- (3) For each case in (1), what was the cost of: (a) the treatment; (b) transportation to the place of treatment; and (b) accommodation.
- (4) In how many cases has: (a) spousal travel been approved, and at what cost; and (b) special ambulance aircraft been required.
- (5) For each of the past 3 financial years, how much has been paid to medical specialists in Tasmania.
- (6) By speciality and state, how many medical specialists have now indicated their unwillingness to accept the Gold Card.
- (7) From 1 January 2005, what will be the average percentage of the Medical Benefits Schedule, of all Gold Card schedule items for: (a) consultations; and (b) procedures.
- (8) What is the daily rate agreed to under the Gold Card scheme for each private and public hospital in Australia.
- (9) How many inquiries have been received by the department during 2004 from veterans and war widows seeking assistance in obtaining specialist medical treatment.
- (10) (a) What amount was spent on transport of veterans and war widows to all medical appointments in each state over the past 3 financial years, and up to 31 December 2004; (b) by state and territory, how many individual journeys did this represent; and (c) by state and territory, what was the division of costs between: (i) private transport reimbursement, (ii) booked car with driver, (iii) air travel, and (iv) other.
- (11) (a) On how many occasions during the past 3 financial years and up to 31 December 2004 did the department refer compensation claimants to specialists for medical assessment by state and territory and speciality; and (b) at what annual cost.

174 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Will the Minister provide copies of any recommendations, advice or comments the department has received in the past 18 months regarding, or in response to, a proposal put forward by Belgium to the United Nations on

the issue of 'reproductive' cloning of people and/or 'therapeutic' cloning of human embryos for research into cures for serious diseases.

- (2) Will the Minister provide copies of any recommendations, advice, comments or draft reports or recommendations prepared by the department regarding the review of Australia's national legislation on human reproductive cloning and/or human embryonic stem cell research.
- (3) (a) When is the review of the legislation on human reproductive cloning and human embryonic stem cell research expected to begin; and (b) does the Minister have responsibility for the review; if not, who does.

Notice given 17 December 2004

- 185 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Under Auslink how will priorities within the funds currently allocated to the Roads to Recovery Program be decided with respect to national, state and local government involvement.

Notice given 20 December 2004

- 205 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package:
- (1) (a) What expressions of interest and/or applications have been received seeking funding under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package; and (b) for each application, will the Minister provide: (i) the date of the application, (ii) the amount of funding sought, (iii) the name of the proponent, and (iv) the nature of the project.
 - (2) (a) What funding has been announced under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package; and (b) for each announcement, will the Minister provide: (i) the date of the announcement, (ii) the form of the announcement, (iii) details of the proponent, (iv) a detailed project description, and (v) the funding announced.
 - (3) (a) What funding has been paid to each successful project; and (b) for each project, what job outcomes can be attributed to it.
- 206 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Commonwealth's commitment of \$20 million for regional structural adjustment assistance in the Namoi Valley through proposals which promote future growth of the region, diversify industry and generate long-term employment:
- (1) What total funding under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package has been: (a) announced; and (b) expended.
 - (2) Did the Regional Partnerships program, launched by the Minister on 26 June 2003, amalgamate the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package with other regional development programs.
 - (3) How was the administration of the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package affected by the amalgamation.
 - (4) Did the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package guidelines and assessment procedures remain in operation beyond 1 July 2003; if so, did the guidelines and assessment procedures for Regional Solutions, Regional Assistance, Rural Transaction Centres, Dairy Regional Assistance and the structural adjustment programs for the Wide Bay-Burnett, Weipa and the

South-West Forests region of Western Australia also remain in operation post-amalgamation under the Regional Partnerships program.

- 209 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's claim on 14 December 2004 that 15 Regional Partnerships assessments have been subject to 'Ministerial alteration' and 'some of them have been altered up or down': Will the Minister provide details of all assessments subject to 'Ministerial alteration', including: (a) the name of the project; (b) the name of the proponent; (c) the details of the alteration; (d) the final outcome of the assessment; (e) the nature of ministerial involvement; and (f) the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the alteration.
- 211 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
- (1) What alleged breaches of the *Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* (December, 1998) have been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and/or his office since its inception.
 - (2) In each case: (a) who was the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the alleged breach; (b) what was the nature of the alleged breach; (c) on what date did the Prime Minister and/or his office become aware of the alleged breach; (d) what was the source of information about the alleged breach; (e) how did the Prime Minister investigate the alleged breach; (f) if the Prime Minister did not investigate the alleged breach, why not; (g) what finding did the Prime Minister make in relation to the alleged breach, and on what date did the Prime Minister make the finding; and (h) what action, if any, did the Prime Minister take, and on what date did the Prime Minister take such action.

Notice given 22 December 2004

- 244 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which air operators receive payments under the Payment Scheme for Airservices Australia's Enroute Charges program.
 - (2) What is the outcome of the client satisfaction survey undertaken in October 2004.
 - (3) Is this survey part of a wider review of the program; if so: (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what is the purpose of the review; and (c) when will the review findings be announced.
- 248 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On what date did the Council of Australian Governments agree to establish the Regional Development Council.
 - (2) On what dates has: (a) the Regional Development Council met; and (b) the Standing Committee on Regional Development met.
- 251 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim on page 111 of the department's annual report for 2003-04 that a Regional Partnerships program grant funded some operating costs of the heritage railway from Beaudesert to Bethania in Queensland:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm the accuracy of departmental evidence given to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee during

the Budget estimates on 27 May 2004 (*Hansard* p. 102) that that grant enabled Beaudesert Rail to ‘pay off its creditors—it had amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors—and to provide it with some supplementary operating funds for the remainder of the financial year’.

- (2) (a) On what dates were Regional Partnerships payments made to Beaudesert Rail; and (b) on each occasion, what was the amount of the payment.
- (3) (a) How much of the \$660 000 Regional Partnerships grant to Beaudesert Rail was directed to paying creditors; and (b) how much was directed to operating costs.
- (4) Will the Minister provide detailed advice of creditors and monies owing at the time of the grant decision; if not, why not.
- (5) When did the Minister and/or the department first become aware that Beaudesert Rail had ‘amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors’.
- (6) (a) On what date did the Commonwealth commence discussions with Beaudesert Rail on the provision of a loan to assist its operations; (b) on what date did the Commonwealth offer Beaudesert Rail a loan; (c) what was the amount of the loan offer and the proposed interest rate and term of repayment; (d) what role did the Minister and/or the department play in the consideration and negotiation of the loan proposal; and (e) what program was the proposed source of loan funds.
- (7) (a) On what date: (a) was a Regional Partnerships funding application for the Beaudesert Rail project submitted; and (b) was advice sought from the local Area Consultative Committee.
- (8) (a) When did the Minister approve the conversion of the loan to a grant under the Regional Partnerships program; (b) what was the financial position of Beaudesert Rail at this time; and (c) what due diligence preceded the decision to convert the loan to a grant.
- (9) (a) Do the Regional Partnerships guidelines provide that the Government cannot fund retrospective costs in relation to a project; and (b) does the department define retrospective funding as funding to meet any expenditure, or commitment to expenditure, incurred prior to a Regional Partnerships funding agreement being signed by both parties.
- (10) On what date was the funding agreement in relation to the Beaudesert Rail project signed.
- (11) Does the funding of creditors under the Regional Partnerships program constitute retrospective funding; if so: (a) did the funding of the Beaudesert Rail project to pay creditors constitute a breach of the program rules; and (b) does the Minister accept responsibility for the breach.
- (12) On what date was: (a) the funding agreement for Beaudesert Rail signed by both parties; (b) a satisfactory independent audit of accounts in accordance with the Government’s requirements undertaken; and (c) the Government provided with evidence of an acquittal of expenditure against the approved budget for the project.
- (13) Has Beaudesert Rail produced evidence of satisfactory performance and achievement of all project milestones.
- (14) What outcomes can the Minister attribute to the allocation of \$660 000 in Regional Partnerships grant money to the Beaudesert Rail project.
- (15) Who determined that the allocation of Regional Partnerships funding to Beaudesert Rail should be featured in the department’s annual report.

254 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Minister authorise the publication of media statements carrying The Nationals' party logo on the publicly-funded Sustainable Regions website, www.sustainableregions.gov.au; if so, when; if not, who authorised the publication of these party-political media statements.
- (2) (a) What guidelines apply to the publication of party-political material by the department; and (b) is the publication of party-political media statements on the Sustainable Regions website consistent with these guidelines.

Notice given 23 December 2004

260 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the amount of the surplus collected from the Ansett ticket levy.
- (2) (a) For what purpose or purposes has the surplus been expended; and (b) will the Minister provide precise expenditure details, including the amount, by expenditure item.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 262-264)—

- (1) On what date did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware of the meeting of former Ansett employees on 27 November 2004 to discuss unpaid entitlements.
- (2) In each case in (1) what was the source of information.
- (3) Did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, attend the meeting to address former Ansett employee concerns about outstanding employee entitlements.
- (4) In each case in (3) if not, why not.
- (5) On what date(s) has: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, met with representatives of former Ansett employees to discuss the matter of outstanding employee entitlements.

262 Minister representing the Prime Minister

278 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—On what date(s) has the Prime Minister visited: (a) Christmas Island; (b) the Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and (c) Norfolk Island.

288 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) (a) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the proponents of a steel profiling plant at Moruya, New South Wales, listed in the Dairy Regional Assistance Program project summary of round 6 for the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) was the Minister or his office contacted by any person on behalf of the proponents of the above project.
- (2) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Federal Member for Eden Monaro (Mr Nairn) in relation to the above project.
- (3) Was the Minister or his office contacted by any member of the South East New South Wales Area Consultative Committee in relation to the above project.

- (4) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, or his staff, or officers of the Department of Transport and Regional Services in relation to the above project.
- (5) With reference to any contact by the persons listed above with the Minister or his office: (a) when did each communication take place; (b) who was involved in each communication; (c) what was the nature of each communication; (d) what was the form of each communication; and (e) which officers from the department were involved in any way in these contacts.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 293-296)—

- (1) On what date(s) did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware that Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd proposed to import a shipment of ethanol to Australia from Brazil in September 2002.
- (2) What was the source of this information to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department.
- (3) Was the Minister or his office or the department requested to investigate and/or take action to prevent the arrival of this shipment by any ethanol producer or distributor or industry organisation; if so: (a) who made this request; (b) when was it made; and (c) what form did this request take.
- (4) Did the Minister or his office or the department engage in discussions and/or activities in August 2002 or September 2002 to develop a proposal to prevent the arrival of this shipment of ethanol from Brazil; if so, what was the nature of these discussions and/or activities, including dates of discussions and/or activities, personnel involved and cost.

293 Minister representing the Prime Minister

298 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Minister receive a request from the Minister for Trade to authorise staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 to gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd.
- (2) Did staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd; if so: (a) who requested the staff to engage in that task; (b) who authorised staff to agree to the request; (c) what action did staff take; (d) which staff engaged in the task; (e) on what date(s) did staff engage in the task; (f) what was the cost of engaging in the task; (g) to whom did the staff deliver this information in Australia; and (h) what form did that communication take.

300 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—
With reference to the answer to paragraph (3)(a) of question on notice no. 565 (Senate *Hansard*, 11 November 2002, p. 6016):

- (1) Was the alleged broadcasting of bogus Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon signals by the *Volga* to assist the illegal fishing vessel the *Lena* to evade hot pursuit by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority contracted *Southern Supporter* subject to investigation by Australian authorities; if so, what was the outcome of the investigation; if no investigation has been undertaken, why not.

- (2) Was the alleged broadcasting of bogus Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon signals by the *Florence* during the *Southern Supporter's* hot pursuit of the illegal fishing vessel the *Lena*, and the *Florence's* alleged re-fuelling of the *Lena*, subject to investigation by Australian authorities; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation and what legal action, if any, has been initiated against the crew of the *Florence*; if no investigation has been undertaken, why not.

301 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) When were Australian authorities first made aware of alleged, actual or intended illegal fishing activity by the vessel the *Viarsa* in Australian waters near the Heard and McDonald Islands (HIMI) in 2003.
- (2) What was the source of the information.
- (3) When did Australian authorities authorise the Australian Fisheries Management Authority-contracted vessel the *Southern Supporter* to intercept the *Viarsa*.
- (4) Where and when did the *Southern Supporter* first locate the *Viarsa*.
- (5) (a) What action, pursuant to what international or domestic law, did the *Southern Supporter* order the *Viarsa* to undertake; (b) when was this order made; and (c) what was the *Viarsa's* response.
- (6) (a) Were the *Viarsa's* identifiers displayed at the time it was located by the *Southern Supporter*; if so, were these identifiers later removed and when.
- (7) When and how did the *Viarsa* first identify itself to the *Southern Supporter*.
- (8) Was authorisation from a Minister or departmental officer required before the *Southern Supporter* commenced its hot pursuit of the *Viarsa*; if so: (a) when was this authorisation requested; (b) when was it provided; and (c) who provided it.
- (9) When did the hot pursuit of the *Viarsa* by the *Southern Supporter* commence.
- (10) Why did the Minister not announce the commencement of the pursuit until 12 August 2003.
- (11) With reference to the Minister's statement on 13 May 2003 concerning armed enforcement in HIMI, was the *Southern Supporter* armed; if not, what capacity did the *Southern Supporter* have to apprehend the *Viarsa* without additional enforcement assistance.
- (12) Was the Department of Defence asked to provide logistical or enforcement assistance in the interception of the *Viarsa*; if so: (a) when was the request made; (b) what was the department's response; and (c) what assistance was provided.
- (13) (a) When did the Australian Government first make direct representations to the Uruguayan Government urging it to exercise its flag state responsibilities and require the *Viarsa* to accompany the *Southern Supporter* to the nearest Australian port; (b) what form did those representations take; (c) what was the Uruguayan Government's initial response and when was that response received; (d) did the Uruguayan Government consent to Australia's request that the *Viarsa* be ordered to accompany the *Southern Supporter*; (e) did the Uruguayan Government order the *Viarsa* to accompany the *Southern Supporter* to an Australian port; if so, when was that order made and what is the source of that information.

- (14) (a) What subsequent representations did the Government make to the Uruguayan Government prior to the vessel's apprehension; (b) what was the Uruguayan Government's response to these representations; (c) when did the Minister make direct contact with the Uruguayan Minister for Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries; (d) what assistance did the Minister seek; (e) how did the Uruguayan Minister respond to the Minister's request for assistance; and (f) what assistance has the Uruguayan Embassy in Canberra provided in the *Viarsa* matter.
- (15) Did the Uruguayan Government order the *Viarsa* to return to Montevideo; if so, when was that order made and what is the source of the information.
- (16) (a) When was the Minister and/or his department informed that a Uruguayan Government official was aboard the *Viarsa*; (b) what was the source of this information; (c) what is the name of the Uruguayan Government official and what position does the official hold; (d) what representations has the Government made to the Uruguayan Government in this matter; (e) what was the Uruguayan Government's response; and (f) when did the Uruguayan official board the *Viarsa*.
- (17) (a) What representations has the Government received from the Uruguayan Government since the vessel's apprehension; and (b) how has Australia responded to those representations.
- (18) When did the Government first alert the secretariat of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) of the alleged illegal fishing activity by the *Viarsa*.
- (19) (a) What assistance did the Government, through its secretariat, ask members of CCAMLR to provide in relation to the *Viarsa*; (b) when was that assistance sought; and (c) what assistance, by country, was provided.
- (20) (a) When did the Government first make direct representations to the South African Government seeking assistance in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) what request did the Government make; (c) what response did the South African Government provide and when was it received; (d) when was the Government informed that the *SA Agulhas* would be directed to intercept the *Viarsa*; and (e) when did the *SA Agulhas* join the hot pursuit of the *Viarsa*.
- (21) (a) When did the Government initiate commercial negotiations on the hire of the tug boat *John Ross* to assist in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) when did the tug commence pursuit of the *Viarsa*; (c) what was the composition of the crew aboard the tug; (d) did the tug operate under Australian command; (e) what was the total cost of the tug hire; (f) was the cost of hiring the tug reduced as a result of Australia's cooperative relationship with the South African Government on illegal fishing matters; and (g) what total cost is payable to South African interests for assistance in the *Viarsa* matter.
- (22) (a) When did the Government first make direct representations to the United Kingdom (UK) Government seeking assistance in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) what request did the Government make; (c) what response did the UK Government provide and when was it received; (d) what assistance did the UK Government provide; and (e) what total cost is payable to UK interests for assistance in the *Viarsa* matter.
- (23) When and where was the apprehension of the *Viarsa* effected.
- (24) (a) What was the number and composition of the crew aboard the *Viarsa* upon its apprehension; and (b) has the Government made representations to

other governments on the presence of their nationals aboard the *Viarsa*; if so, what representations has the Government made and what was the response.

- (25) What fish and equipment was allegedly found aboard the vessel.
- (26) What is the status of legal proceedings related to the investigation into the *Viarsa*'s conduct in Australian waters; and (b) where is the vessel and its crew currently located.
- (27) What arrangements did the Government make for the disposal of fish allegedly found aboard the vessel.
- (28) How has the Government recognised the performance of the Australian officers involved in the pursuit and apprehension of the *Viarsa*.
- (29) What was the cost of the operation to apprehend the *Viarsa*.
- (30) What total cost has the Government incurred in the *Viarsa* matter, including the cost of pre-pursuit and post-apprehension operations.
- (31) Was the cost of the *Viarsa* operation met from the \$12 million budget allocation for Southern Ocean fisheries enforcement in the 2003-04 financial year, announced by the Minister on 13 May 2003; if so, was the operational plan for the 2003-04 financial year amended to account for the *Viarsa* operation.

306 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) For each of the past 4 financial years, including 2004-05 to date, how many foreign fishing vessels (FFVs) were sighted inside Australia's Fishing Zone.
- (2) How many of those vessels were located in waters to the north of Australia.
- (3) In relation to the vessels that were located to the north of Australia: (a) on how many occasions was no action taken by Australian authorities; and (b) in each case, on what basis was no action taken.
- (4) How many of the FFVs were the subject of an administrative seizure.
- (5) (a) How many of the FFVs were towed or escorted to an Australian port; and (b) of those vessels: (i) how many were destroyed, (ii) how many had a bond posted, and (iii) how many crews were charged with an offence and prosecuted and in each case, what was the outcome of that legal process.

307 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has the Prime Minister's office had any involvement in the Government's response to legal claims against the Commonwealth by Mr Mark McMurtrie of New Italy, New South Wales; if so, what involvement has the Prime Minister's office had in relation to this matter.
- (2) Has the Prime Minister's office convened any meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Sydney, or any other location, with Mr McMurtrie and/or any other party to discuss a resolution to Mr McMurtrie's claims; if so, for each meeting:
 - (a) when and at what time was the meeting held;
 - (b) what was discussed; and
 - (c) who was present.
- (3) Have members of the Prime Minister's office given to Mr McMurtrie, or any other party, orally or in writing, any undertakings in respect to the resolution of Mr McMurtrie's claims; if so:
 - (a) which staff member gave these undertakings; and

- (b) in each case:
 - (i) what was the undertaking,
 - (ii) who received the undertaking,
 - (iii) when was the undertaking given, and
 - (iv) was the undertaking given orally or in writing, if orally:
 - (A) at what time, and
 - (B) how was it provided (i.e. telephone, meeting etc.), and if written, can a copy of the undertaking be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Prime Minister and/or his office received correspondence from third parties who are concerned about the conduct of the Prime Minister's office in relation to this matter; if so:
 - (a) what was the nature of the concerns expressed on each occasion; and
 - (b) can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Prime Minister aware of the obligations imposed on ministers by *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* (December 1998) with respect to the timely response to questions on notice.
- (6) Is the Prime Minister aware that a question placed on notice during the previous Parliament in precisely the same terms as this question lapsed unanswered after 210 days.

Notice given 10 January 2005

- 310 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What is the current immigration status of Mr Peter Qasim, a refugee from Kashmir.
 - (2) How long has Mr Qasim been held in detention.
 - (3) Has there been an investigation into reports that Mr Qasim was raped while in jail in Perth; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
 - (4) What is Mr Qasim's mental health condition.
 - (5) Has Mr Qasim attempted self harm; if so, what action has the Government taken to prevent further incidents.

Notice given 21 January 2005

- 319 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister provide: (a) the directives, guidelines or other instructions issued or developed by the Minister regarding the procurement of transport services by the Commonwealth for either the department or issued to other Commonwealth departments or agencies; (b) the date on which such contracts were agreed; (c) the entity which the Commonwealth has contracted with; and (d) the total costs of these contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.

Notice given 3 February 2005

- Senator Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 326-327)—In relation to restrictions on non-commercial growing of bananas in Queensland and potential impacts on flying foxes:
- (1) Are non-commercial banana-growers limited to 30 stems; if so, why.

- (2) Is there any evidence linking the restriction on non-commercial banana-growing with population levels of fruit-eating native species, in particular, is there any suggestion that flying fox populations are in decline and that limitations on banana-growing may be part of the cause.
- (3) What work is being done to reduce the dependence of commercial banana crops on chemicals, for example, by encouraging more diversity in the varieties of bananas grown.

326 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

331 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Has the Australian Government received any communication or application from the owners or associates of the fishing vessels *Veronica* or *Atlantic Dawn*; if so, can the Minister give details including: (a) date; (b) who made the contact; (c) what was requested; and (d) how the government responded.

334 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Research Economics (ABARE) report ‘Near Zero Emissions Technologies’ published in January 2005 and prepared for the department:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a copy of ABARE’s brief for this study, together with any other documents provided to the researchers by the department in commissioning the work or during the research and preparation of the report.
- (2) (a) How much did the report cost; and (b) who funded it.
- (3) (a) What is the source of the carbon capture and storage costs used in the study; (b) were the researchers given the figures; (c) why were they chosen; and (d) how do they compare with the costs provided in answers to questions on notice nos. 1061-1063 answered in March 2003.
- (4) (a) What is the source of the renewable energy and energy efficiency costs used in the study; (b) were the researchers given the figures; (c) why were they chosen; and (d) what is the sensitivity of the results to changes in these figures.

Notice given 10 February 2005

338 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05:
 - (a) what were the levels of federal government care subsidies paid to for-profit corporate sector service providers;
 - (b) what were the levels of federal government care subsidies paid to not-for-profit community sector service providers;
 - (c) how many for-profit corporate sector service providers received federal government care subsidies;
 - (d) how many not-for-profit community sector service providers received federal government care subsidies;
 - (e) how many residents were accommodated in for-profit corporate sector facilities; and
 - (f) how many residents were accommodated in not-for-profit community sector facilities.
- (2) (a) How many Greek-speaking elders who reside in nursing homes and who have shown their preferred language to be Greek are residing in mainstream

- nursing homes (i.e. not cultural homes); and (b) what is the average length of stay for all Greek-speakers in these facilities.
- (3) (a) How many Italian-speaking elders who reside in nursing homes and who have shown their preferred language to be Italian are residing in mainstream nursing homes (i.e. not cultural homes); and (b) what is the average length of stay for all Italian-speakers in these facilities.
 - (4) In each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05:
 - (a) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were granted to for-profit corporate sector service providers;
 - (b) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were granted to not-for-profit community sector service providers; and
 - (c) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were targeted for elders with non-English speaking backgrounds.
 - (5) What is the department's monitoring process for ensuring that specific groups and people targeted for beds actually receive beds.

Notice given 15 February 2005

- 340 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Given the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) recent decision to terminate its supply agreement with the Australian Caption Centre: Can the Minister explain what the ABC has done or what the Government will do to ensure that the vital information and consultative services previously provided by the Australian Caption Centre, including initiatives to ensure media access for people with sensory disabilities, are available to the Australian public at the same or better level than the Australian public has enjoyed to date.
- 341 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What was the Bakhtiyari's address in Quetta.
 - (2) Was anyone ever interviewed who employed Mr Ali Bakhtiyari as an electrical plumber.
 - (3) Is it true that none of the Bakhtiyaris spoke any Pakistani language; if so, why was it believed they were Pakistani.
 - (4) Why is linguistic evidence ignored by the department.
 - (5) Where are the Bakhtiyaris now located.
 - (6) Is it true that in January 2005 Pakistani authorities decided the Bakhtiyaris were not Pakistanis and immediately helped them go to Afghanistan.
 - (7) If the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan, and presumably had relatives and friends there, why did they choose to go to Afghanistan.
 - (8) If the Bakhtiyaris are from Afghanistan, why was \$5 million spent denying they were.
 - (9) Can the Minister provide linguistic proof that the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan; if not, will the Minister admit the Bakhtiyaris were innocent as charged and apologise for their torment and suffering, especially that of the children.
 - (10) What will the Minister do to recompense them for their suffering and the mistakes made by the department that distorted and probably ruined their lives.

Notice given 23 February 2005

- 344 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) With reference to the Minister's media statement (reference A114/2004, dated 6 September 2004): (a) when was the decision taken by the Government to provide regional airports with grants totalling \$35 million to upgrade security with new fences, lighting and other security measures; (b) was this decision taken by Cabinet or by the Minister; (c) what were the original commencement and completion dates for the program; (d) what is the actual commencement date of the program; (e) what was the original projected expenditure by financial year; (f) what is the actual expenditure by financial year to date; and (g) what is the current projected completion date for this program.
 - (2) Would the Minister provide a list of funding recipients, the amount of each grant, the date of payment, and the recipient's stated purpose for the funding; if not, why not.
 - (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the standard application form and guidelines for this project; if not, why not.
 - (4) (a) Have the application form and guidelines been made publicly available; and (b) when were they made available.
- 349 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each financial year since the introduction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Australian Parts Manufacture Approval system, what has been the value of aviation parts exports to the United States of America.
 - (2) Can a list be provided of organisations which have successfully made the transition to the new production rules under CASA's Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 21; if not, why not.
- 350 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years: (a) what is the total quantity of aviation turbine fuel (AVTUR) and aviation gasoline (AVGAS) used by the Australian commercial and general aviation industries; (b) what is the amount of levies, excises and customs duties collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS; and (c) what is the amount of levies, excises and customs duties collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS provided to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
 - (2) For each of the next 3 financial years: (a) what is the projected total quantity of AVTUR and AVGAS to be used by the Australian commercial and general aviation industries; and (b) what is the projected amount of levies, excises and customs duties to be collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS.
- 351 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, what is the total amount spent by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on: (a) domestic staff travel and accommodation; and (b) international staff travel and accommodation.

- (2) For each of the next 3 financial years, what is the projected amount to be spent by CASA on: (a) domestic staff travel and accommodation; and (b) international staff travel and accommodation.

353 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 39 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:

- (1) What steps have been taken to assess the effectiveness of CASA safety seminars.
- (2) What research has been undertaken to determine the reason for the overall reduction of 14.8 per cent in attendance at CASA safety seminars.
- (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the results of any research undertaken; if not, why not.

354 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the past 2 financial years, what action has been taken to assess industry satisfaction with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) performance in relation to aviation regulatory services (Output 4), with particular reference to: (a) the number of industry participants invited to participate in surveys; (b) the number of respondents; (c) the frequency with which surveys are conducted; and (d) the cost of the surveys.
- (2) Would the Minister provide a copy of the most recent survey questionnaire; if not, why not.
- (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the latest survey results; if not, why not.
- (4) Were these surveys conducted internally or externally; if the surveys were conducted externally: (a) who provided the survey/research services; and (b) was the provider of the survey/research services selected by open tender; if not, how was the provider selected.

355 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the role of the agricultural unit established in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Tamworth office.
- (2) (a) How has any improvement or otherwise of the level of service delivery resulting from the establishment of this unit been measured; and (b) would the Minister provide the results of any such measurement; if not, why not.
- (3) What is the proposed full staffing complement for this unit.
- (4) How many staff are currently posted to this unit.
- (5) For each of the past 2 financial years, what has been the actual cost to CASA of operating the unit at the Tamworth office.
- (6) For each of the next 2 financial years, what is the projected cost to CASA of operating the unit at the Tamworth office.
- (7) Is a scale-back or closure of this unit currently under consideration by the Minister or his department; if so: (a) when will a decision be made on the scale-back or closure of this unit; (b) who will make the final decision; and (c) what, if any, changes to staffing levels at the Tamworth office are likely to result from any scale-back or closure of this unit.

- 356 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would the Minister confirm that in the 2003–04 financial year the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provided support in the development of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) through a visit to the Federal Aviation Administration Capstone Program in Alaska.
 - (2) (a) When did this visit occur; (b) who went on the visit and in what capacity; (c) what was the overall cost of the visit; and (d) what was the cost to CASA of this visit.
 - (3) Did anyone else contribute to the cost of the visit; if so, who and how much did they contribute.
 - (4) Was a written report to the Minister a proposed outcome of the visit; if so: (a) when did the Minister receive the report; and (b) can a copy of the report be provided; if not, why not.
- 358 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 75 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what has been the cost of the CASA Hotline.
 - (2) For each of the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03, how many calls were received on the CASA Hotline.
 - (3) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, how many calls fell into the following categories: (a) advice; (b) complaints; (c) general information; and (d) wrong number.
 - (4) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, how many staff operated the CASA Hotline.
- 359 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 68 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:
- (1) When does the Minister expect to receive the report on CASA's internal audit of its fraud control arrangements, including benchmarking CASA against the results of the Australian National Audit Office's 'Survey of Fraud Control Arrangements Australian Public Service'.
 - (2) When available, would the Minister provide a copy of the report; if not, why not.
- 360 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03, what is the rate of staff turnover in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
 - (2) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what steps have been taken by CASA to measure staff morale.
 - (3) Would the Minister provide copies of any reports resulting from steps taken to measure staff morale in each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04; if not, why not.
 - (4) Would the Minister provide the projected and/or targeted rate of CASA staff turnover for the 2004-05 financial year and any future projections; if not, why not.

- 361 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 100 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:
- (1) What functions were performed by HMA Blaze Pty Limited.
 - (2) To which advertising campaigns does this activity relate.
 - (3) What was the process by which HMA Blaze Pty Limited was selected to perform these functions.
 - (4) How much has been paid by CASA to HMA Blaze Pty Limited for each month since 1 July 2004.

Notice given 4 March 2005

- 365 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the \$918 800 provided to the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church and the \$245 580 provided to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services:
- (1) For how long have these organisations been receiving government funding.
 - (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the amount of funding per year provided for each year that these organisations have received funding.
 - (3) Was this money allocated via an open tendering process; if not, why not; if so, can a copy be provided of the notice that appeared in national newspapers calling for expressions of interest.
 - (4) What are the reporting processes in place to determine the quality of the services provided by these organisations.
 - (5) Does the department require these organisations to inform women of the beliefs and attitudes that underlie their organisations in their advertising, and before providing pregnancy counselling; if not, why not.
 - (6) Given best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling involves providing objective, unbiased, non-directional information about all the options and support services available, how does the department assess if these groups are meeting best practice standards of care when they are counselling people.
 - (7) What conflicts of interest could arise between these organisations' underlying beliefs and attitudes and the provision of best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling.
 - (8) How does the department ensure that the pregnancy counselling is provided by properly trained health workers and counsellors.
 - (9) What proportion of women receiving pregnancy counselling from these organisations also receives information on all options available to them, including: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.
 - (10) How does the department ensure that the information provided by these organisations reflects the most up-to-date scientific evidence available on the effects of: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.
 - (11) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of counselling provided by these groups; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.
 - (12) Has client satisfaction with the services provided by these groups been evaluated; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this evaluation.

- (13) Does the department collect information on whether the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church or the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services pass on any of the government funding they receive to other organisations; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of these organisations.

Notice given 7 March 2005

366 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many general practitioners have registered to participate in the 'Better outcomes in mental health care' initiative.
- (2) What is the total amount of expenditure for these one-off payments when a general practitioner (GP) registers for a course.
- (3) How many GPs have participated in: (a) level 1 training (6 hours – how to assess and plan); and (b) level 2 training (20 hours – teaching psych therapy).
- (4) How many of these trained GPs have claimed the relevant Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) rebate items.
- (5) (a) What has been the total expenditure on the Better Outcomes MBS items 2574, 2575, 2577, and 2578; and (b) can that expenditure be broken down by year and on a geographical basis.
- (6) On average, how much income per annum is a participating GP receiving from these items.
- (7) Why is funding directed through a general practitioner, who may have comparatively little training in this area, rather than through, for example a psychologist or similarly highly-trained professional.
- (8) Upon completion of this training, how is a GP's competency evaluated.
- (9) Given that there is no requirement for any clinical supervision of GPs when they commence providing mental health therapy, how does this initiative ensure that GPs are providing appropriate standards of therapy when they commence treating people.
- (10) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of mental health treatment that is being provided, particularly in comparison to what may have been provided by a more highly trained mental health professional; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.
- (11) Has patient satisfaction with this program been evaluated; if so, what were the outcomes of this evaluation.
- (12) (a) Can the Government confirm that the expansion to the Better Outcomes project announced during the 2004 election alluded to expanding the Allied Health Services component; and (b) what consultation has been undertaken.
- (13) (a) How much of the \$30 million will go to mental health workers for providing therapy; and (b) how much will go to GPs.
- (14) Is the Government considering expanding the number of sessions or range of people with mental health conditions for which mental health professionals would be able to access MBS rebates.
- (15) Is the Government investigating models of access to mental health professionals which do not rely on a referral by a GP.

370 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the recall on 28 April 2003 of products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals:

- (1) How many serious adverse events were reported in the 12 months prior to the recall.
- (2) Of the 62 serious adverse events occurring in individuals who consumed products for which Pan Pharmaceuticals was an approved manufacturer and that were reported in the 12 months prior to the Pan Pharmaceuticals recall, what proportion of that total number of adverse events reported do those 62 reports represent.
- (3) Can the Government confirm that, for those 62 adverse events possibly associated with Pan Pharmaceuticals, it is not possible to say that Pan Pharmaceuticals was definitely the manufacturer as it was only one of a list of approved manufacturers for those products; if so, what action was taken with other possible manufacturers to investigate their manufacturing processes.
- (4) Can the Government confirm that when adverse drug reactions are reported, it is the practice that all medications that a person may be taking are listed and that it is common for people to be using multiple products at the one time; if so, of the 62 serious adverse events occurring in individuals who consumed products for which Pan Pharmaceuticals was an approved manufacturer and that were reported in the 12 months prior to the Pan Pharmaceuticals recall, how many of the 62 reports had other medications listed.
- (5) If there were other products also listed in the adverse events reports, what action was taken to investigate these other products.
- (6) How was it determined that the adverse reaction was caused by the Pan Pharmaceuticals product and not another product that the person had taken.
- (7) Are these adverse reports the only evidence to demonstrate an ‘imminent risk of death or serious injury’, and the reason for the Pan Pharmaceuticals recall; if not, what other evidence is required; if so, have there been other products which have had a similar number of adverse event reports and were these products recalled.

372 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Government’s attempt to clarify the use of Medicare Benefits Schedule item 35643 with the medical professions in 2004:

- (1) Who initiated the need to clarify the use of this item.
- (2) What was the nature of the clarification that was sought.
- (3) What was the purpose of the clarification; that is, what was intended to be done with the information received through this clarification process.
- (4) What was the outcome of the attempt to clarify the use of this item.
- (5) Has any work been planned or commenced to undertake any consultation on the use of this item or the use of item 16525; if so, what is the purpose and nature of this consultation.
- (6) (a) What work has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare been requested to undertake in relation to abortion statistics; (b) when is this work expected to be finalised; and (c) will this work be made public.

374 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) With reference to the 2004 Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) report into the regulation of non-prescription medicinal products which recommended that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) arrange an independent assessment of recent key enforcement actions, such as the Pan Pharmaceutical recall; (a) what action, if any, has the Government initiated to arrange this independent assessment of recent key enforcement actions; (b) what is the timeframe for this independent assessment; (c) what will be the terms of reference for the independent assessment; and (d) what will be the criteria for assessing if the group/organisation who undertake the assessment have the appropriate expertise in the area of complementary medicines.
- (2) Do the deficiencies identified in the ANAO report apply equally to the manufacture and supply of prescription drugs; if not, why not; if so: (a) what are the safety implications; and (b) how does the TGA know this.
- (3) In the past 2 years, how many pharmaceutical manufacturers has the TGA audited.
- (4) How many of these manufacturers have subsequently closed in the past 2 years.
- (5) From where are these products now being supplied.
- (6) If they are being imported: (a) what measures have been taken to ensure that manufacturers are better than those that have closed; and (b) are the imported products safe.
- (7) Has the Government investigated whether recent key enforcement actions, such as the Pan Pharmaceutical recall, are sending business offshore; if not, why not.
- (8) Has the Government examined the effect of recent key enforcement actions, such as the Pan Pharmaceutical recall, on international credibility and the export market for complementary medicines, especially in Asia; if not, why not.

375 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has the Government requested or received any policy advice in relation to abortion service billing practices.
- (2) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the charging practices of abortion providers to be undertaken; if so, what is the nature of this; if not, are there any plans to do so.
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to write to abortion service providers to provide clear information about billing practices; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the out-of-pocket costs experienced by women wanting to access abortion services; if so, does the Department have plans to do so; if not, why not.
- (5) Are there any plans to introduce an item similar to the new planning, counselling and support item for obstetricians in relation to abortion services; if not, why not.

376 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can a copy of the report into the review of the Therapeutic Goods

Administration's (TGA) consultative mechanisms conducted by Strategic Consulting Services Pty Ltd be provided; if not, why not.

- 377 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the Minister received advice from the department on the abortion issue within the past 12 months; if so, can the Minister provide a copy of this advice.
- 380 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What evidence is there to suggest that the current Year 3 national reading benchmark is too low.
 - (2) Are there any plans to raise the standard of the current Year 3 national reading benchmark.
 - (3) Will parents be informed of any changes to the national literacy test and the reasons for any changes.
 - (4) What measures are being taken to ensure those students most in need of assistance with literacy will receive it through the Tutorial Voucher Initiative (TVI).
 - (5) Was this issue examined before the TVI commenced.
- 384 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What is the estimated cost of the Tutorial Voucher Initiative (TVI) if it is continued in 2006, 2007 and 2008.
 - (2) How much money has been committed to the TVI program to date.
 - (3) After setting up the infrastructure, what happens if the program does not go ahead; and how much money will have been spent on setting up the TVI.
 - (4) Will tutors be matched to students (for example, non-English speaking students being tutored by those who are fluent in the relevant language).
 - (5) Who has applied to be a broker.
 - (6) What is the highest hourly rate a tutor has charged.
 - (7) If state education departments are applying to be brokers, why do they not administer this funding.

Notice given 8 March 2005

- 385 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What evidence exists regarding the level of inappropriate use of medications in Australian residential aged care facilities, including the use of psychotropic medication.
 - (2) Has the Government undertaken any investigation into the extent of systemic problems with the prescription, administration and review of medication in aged care facilities and, in particular, the extent of the use of psychotropic medications as a method of restraint.
 - (3) What information does the Government have on the factors that contribute to the inappropriate use of medications in residential aged care facilities.
 - (4) What plans does the Government have to review current practice in relation to the use of psychotropic medication as a chemical restraint on residents of aged care facilities.

- (5) How is the Government monitoring whether psychotropic medications are being used appropriately in residential aged care facilities.
- (6) Has the Government investigated whether standards concerning informed consent are being applied appropriately and adequately with regard to the use of medications in residential aged care facilities.
- (7) What information does the Government have on variations in the rate of use of psychotropic medication between different jurisdictions, localities and/or providers of residential aged care.

386 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the July 2004 report published by the Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care and the National Institute of Clinical Studies titled *Charting the safety and quality of health care in Australia*:

- (1) Is the Government aware that this report identified that one in five Australian women will undergo a hysterectomy by the age of 50.
- (2) What information is available on how this rate compares with other developed countries.
- (3) How is the Government examining the appropriate rate of hysterectomies.
- (4) What information does the Government have on the factors that contribute to the need for hysterectomies.
- (5) Is the Government monitoring whether hysterectomies are being used appropriately.
- (6) Is the Government aware that this report also identified that there are substantial differences in the rates of hysterectomies according to socioeconomic status and whether a woman lived in a metropolitan, rural or regional location, with higher hysterectomy rates experienced by women in lower socioeconomic areas and regional areas.
- (7) How is the Government investigating this variation in the use of hysterectomies.

388 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the refusal by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) for film-maker Judy Rymmer to use archival footage in a documentary program 'Punished not Protected':

- (1) Are the guidelines used by ABC Enterprises in determining whether to licence other parties to use ABC content publicly available; if not, will the Minister ask the ABC to publish the guidelines on its website.
- (2) Do documentary film-makers, whether or not they are promoting a particular cause, have the same entitlement as anyone else to use ABC content that is part of the public record; if not, will the Government require the ABC to remove any such discrimination from its guidelines and procedures.
- (3) Is the Minister legally entitled to direct the ABC with respect to the principles that it applies to the licensing of the use of ABC content.

389 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With respect to the media release VPS 122/2004 by the Minister on 24 August 2004 headed 'New TPV Measurers to Commence on 27 August 2004':

- (1) Since that announcement: (a) how many Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) holders and Temporary Humanitarian Visa (THV) holders have applied for

mainstream migration visas; (b) how many such applications have been successful; (c) how many such applications have been rejected; and (d) how many such applications are still under consideration.

- (2) What is the average time taken to determine on such an application.
- (3) How does this time compare with that taken to process migration visas from other than TPV or THV holders.

390 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Regarding Abdlmoneim Khogali (Abdul) who was detained in Villawood Detention Centre for seven years and one month:

- (1) Was Abdul ever assessed by a registered psychiatrist or psychologist in view of warnings by refugee advocates that he was spiralling into deep depression and irrational behaviour; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) Was Abdul removed from Australia accompanied by nine police and departmental personnel wearing full riot gear; if so, why; (b) was Abdul removed late at night without being previously advised about his removal; if so, why.
- (3) Was the family member who held Abdul's power of attorney, and who had previously met with the Minister, advised of his removal or given information after calling the Department of Immigration Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs on 12 and 13 January 2005; if not, why not.
- (4) Was Abdul transported by a private plane or by an air force plane.
- (5) Were Abdul's arms and legs shackled and was he chemically restrained by way of sedation; if so, why.
- (6) Was Abdul deported directly to Khartoum or did the plane stop in Dubai.
- (7) If Abdul was taken to Dubai en route to Sudan, was he forcibly or chemically restrained on arrival; if so, why.
- (8) Was Abdul handed an account to pay for his seven years and one month of imprisonment; if so, how much was the account.
- (9) Was Abdul, together with his documents, handed over to Interpol on his arrival in Sudan.
- (10) Does Abdul now have to face a military court.

391 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What number or percentage of non-detained protection visa applicants have been refused the right to work and access to Medicare in the past 12 months, as a result of the 45 day application limit.
- (2) Why was the arbitrary number of '45 days' introduced in the 1997-98 financial year.
- (3) (a) Why is this the cut-off point for eligibility for healthcare and potential income; and (b) what is the intended outcome in limiting the application time to 45 days.
- (4) (a) How many individual applications are before the Minister under section 417; and (b) are all members of this group denied the right to work or access to Medicare assistance.
- (5) What percentage of this group was previously eligible for the federally-funded Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme program (for health, torture or other reasons).

- (6) With reference to the Government's recent policy that all protection visa applicants undertake health checks within a set time of seeking asylum, as opposed to at the end of the determination process, as previously practiced:
 - (a) what does the Government intend to do with this information; and
 - (b) will applicants be notified of the results of the health checks.
- (7) As many applicants are denied access to Medicare or any government health care scheme, what does the government intend to do if the checks reveal a major health concern, either for the applicant or the community.
- (8) What is the Government's duty of care for the health needs of those individuals awaiting an outcome on their refugee claim.

Notice given 9 March 2005

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 393-423)—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what is the type and value of goods and services procured from regional Australia by the department and agencies for which the Minister is responsible.
- (2) If the Minister cannot identify the type and value of goods and services procured from regional Australia, why not.

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- 424 **Senator Kirk:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many Iranian nationals are currently detained in Baxter Detention Centre, and of those: (a) how many have agreed to be voluntarily repatriated; and (b) how many are awaiting involuntary repatriation.
 - (2) For the period 3 March 1996 to 15 March 2005, how many failed asylum seekers have been repatriated to Iran and can the Minister specify: (a) the number of people who volunteered to be repatriated; and (b) the number of people who were involuntarily repatriated for each of the periods: (i) 3 March 1996 to 31 December 1996, (ii) each of the calendar years 1997 to 2004 inclusive, and (iii) 1 January 2005 to 15 March 2005.
 - (3) What assurances has the Australian Government obtained from Iran that any person returned involuntarily will not be incarcerated, tortured, killed or mistreated in any way.
 - (4) Does Australia currently have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Iran to accept both voluntary and involuntary repatriation of failed asylum seekers.
 - (5) Given the article in the *Australian Financial Review* by Julie Macken, dated 28 May 2003, which contained reports of failed asylum seekers forcibly returned to Iran in 2001, and who, according to their families, were never seen again, what action has the Government taken with respect to the claims contained within this article.
 - (6) For the period 3 March 1996 to 15 March 2005, have other claims of disappearance or incarceration of repatriated Iranians been brought to the attention of the Government; if so, how many claims have been received and in respect of each claim: (a) how many individuals were concerned, and (b) what action or investigations were undertaken by the Government.
 - (7) Does the Government monitor the safety and whereabouts of failed asylum seekers after they have been repatriated from Australia to Iran.
- 425 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to departmental form 956 ‘Appointment of a migration agent or exempted agent’, which replaced the previous form 956 ‘Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication’: Was the new form developed in consultation with representatives of migration agents.
- 426 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to departmental form 956 ‘Appointment of a migration agent or exempted agent’, which replaced the previous form 956 ‘Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication’:
- (1) Does form 956 properly address the situation where there are multiple applicants who do not have the same answer to question 4 or question 9 on the form.

- (2) Given the very limited space on form 956 for entering the details required in response to question 4, will the department accept attachments which provide the required information.
- (3) If, in answer to question 4, the applicant permits the agent to receive all communications, why is it necessary to give details of the most recent visa application, rather than accessing that information from the department's own files.
- (4) Why does question 9 on the form relate only to exempted agents.

427 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to departmental form 956 'Appointment of a migration agent or exempted agent', which replaced the previous form 956 'Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication': Do persons wishing to end the appointment of a migration agent or exempted agent need to use form 956; and (b) previously, was it possible to simply write an advisory letter to the department.

428 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to departmental form 956 'Appointment of a migration agent or exempted agent', which replaced the previous form 956 'Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication':

- (1) How many individuals or organisations have written to the department complaining about the design of form 956.
- (2) Is there any work in progress to streamline or improve new form 956; if so, will migration agents be able to continue to use the existing form until stocks are depleted.

Notice given 10 March 2005

430 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Government approve or disapprove of the United States of America's (US) policy of rendition, that is, kidnapping people for transfer to, and interrogation in, third countries which permit torture.
- (2) Has the Government ever been involved, directly or indirectly, in rendition.
- (3) Has the Government ever entertained the concept of rendition; if so, how and what was the outcome.
- (4) Does the Government oppose rendition.
- (5) What does the Government know about the US rendition program and its efficacy and outcome.

431 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the sinking of the boat known as SIEV X:

- (1) Will the Minister now release the list of names of people who are thought to have drowned.
- (2) How many queries has the Government had from people seeking the names of persons thought to have been on board: (a) from within Australia; and (b) from outside Australia.
- (3) If the list is not to be released: (a) what are the precise reasons; and (b) if one reason is that release of the list would endanger an informant, in what way.

435 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With respect to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO):

- (1) For the last calendar or financial year for which the ATO has records:
(a) what is the total number of sick leave days taken by the ATO's employees; and (b) for that same period, what was the average number of sick leave days taken per full-time equivalent employee of the ATO.
- (2) Under the ATO's Certified Agreement or individual contracts, what is the sick leave entitlement allowable to employees as part of their terms of employment.
- (3) Does the ATO monitor and review its employees' use of their sick leave entitlement.

446 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In relation to beryllium exposure by Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and veterans, is testing for exposure conducted by urine test or blood test.
- (2) Does the department believe that a urine test is sufficient to determine exposure to beryllium, particularly in people who have had chronic low dose exposures some years ago, and whether any potential risk is posed.
- (3) Will the department insist on blood tests to determine whether, with past exposure to beryllium-containing dusts, these people have become 'sensitised' to beryllium.
- (4) Does the department intend to conduct any medical research into beryllium and the effects on exposure by veterans.
- (5) Which veterans, or serving personnel, is the department contacting in relation to their possible exposure to beryllium, and how is this contact being made.

447 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) In each of the past 5 years what funds have been spent at Gallipoli on:
(a) capital works; (b) travel by officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG); (c) entertainment; and (d) other costs including the provision of public facilities.
- (2) What specific capital works have been funded directly by Australia or as part contribution to works conducted by the Government of Turkey.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any funding contributed by the New Zealand Government, and the purpose of that funding.
- (4) In each of the past five years, on how many occasions have discussions been held with Turkish authorities concerning the upgrading of the road.
- (5) Was the OAWG consulted by Turkish authorities on the design, funding and timing of the current road works; if so, when and, if consulted in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) What Commonwealth funding has been, or will be, contributed to the upgrading of the road.
- (7) (a) Have representations been made to the Government of Turkey to suspend the upgrading of the current road works; if so, when and by whom; and (b) if consultations were made in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.

- (8) What investigations have been made by OAWG, or its agents, into allegations that human remains have been uncovered, and in some cases destroyed, at the current road works.
- (9) What research and examination was conducted prior to the current road works with respect to: (a) the environment; and (b) sites of military significance.
- (10) How many Australians were posted missing at Gallipoli and never found.
- (11) When were discussions last held with Turkish authorities concerning reported plans to charge admission to the Gallipoli site.
- (12) On each of the past five Anzac days, what was the estimated crowd at Gallipoli.
- (13) What is the estimated budget for Anzac Day 2005, in total, and, for the entertainment component.
- (14) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance in 2005, and at what cost.
- (15) Which Federal Parliamentarians have, or will be, invited to travel to Turkey to attend the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.
- (16) What is the estimated cost to the Commonwealth of Federal Parliamentarians travelling to Turkey for this commemoration.
- (17) Can the Minister confirm what proportion of these costs will be met from the Saluting Their Service program.
- (18) (a) What regulation is conducted by Turkish authorities with respect to the sale and consumption of alcohol at Gallipoli; (b) what representations have been made on this subject; and (c) by whom and with what result.

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 449-450)—With reference to orang-outangs that are found only in Indonesia and Malaysia which, at the current rate of habitat loss, are facing extinction in the world in the next 10 years:

- (1) What is the Government doing to: (a) ensure that this does not happen; and (b) allow consumers to make an informed choice when choosing timber that may have come from these areas.
- (2) Why is country of origin labelling of timber not compulsory as it is for other goods.
- (3) Is the Government certain that it is not using illegally-felled timbers.
- (4) How many litres of Indonesian and Malaysian palm oil are being imported into Australia each year.
- (5) Are Australian consumers aware that the main reason for rainforest habitat destruction is to allow palm oil plantations to be established, and that this oil is being used in Australia for low-grade cooking applications.

449 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

450 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 14 March 2005

457 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For the 2003-04 financial year, can the Government provide figures for the amount of funding provided to pregnancy counselling services, including direct and indirect funding and a breakdown of funding by organisation.
- (2) Can the Government provide figures for the amount of funding which will be allocated to pregnancy counselling services in the 2004-05 Budget, including direct and indirect funding, and can a breakdown of funding by organisation be provided.
- (3) Does the Government have any information regarding which of these fully or partially publicly-funded pregnancy counselling services are 'pro-life' and 'pro-choice'.
- (4) Is the Government aware of instances where 'pro-life' organisations have purported to provide independent pregnancy counselling through emergency telephone listings; if so, does the Government approve of this practice.
- (5) If the Government is aware of the practice noted in (4) above, will the Government take action to ensure that such organisations are not represented as independent, through their name or otherwise.

Notice given 15 March 2005

458 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to depleted uranium contamination in Iraq:

- (1) Has the department reviewed the medical literature and other reports that establish the existence of widespread depleted uranium contamination in Iraq.
- (2) Specifically, has the department reviewed the reports of medical studies conducted by the Uranium Medical Research Centre and the Institute for Mineralogy, JW Goethe University, which identified uranium exposure consistent with depleted uranium among members of the United States Military Police unit 442 deployed in Samawah, Iraq.
- (3) What conclusions has the department drawn from these reviews.
- (4) Has the department consulted with the Dutch Defence Ministry regarding the dangers of depleted uranium in the area.
- (5) Were Dutch troops forced to move the location of their camp, due to high levels of radiation.
- (6) Has the depleted uranium and equipment exposed to radiation been removed from Camp Smitty.
- (7) Will the Australian Defence Force (ADF) follow the Japanese practice and issue its members deployed in Al Muthanna with personal dosimeters, to measure radiation exposure.
- (8) What training and information has been provided to ADF members to avoid exposure to depleted uranium while in Iraq.
- (9) What liability will the department have if any ADF personal are found to be exposed to radiation from depleted uranium in Al Muthanna.

Notice given 16 March 2005

460 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Commissioner of Taxation on 6 October 1994 issue tax determination 94/80 on infrastructure bonds which had the status of a public ruling.
- (2) Given that the minority report of the Economics References Committee refers to retail investors in infrastructure bonds borrowing to lend, in total, multiples of the funds sought by the constructor, what were the actual multiples in: (a) the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's (CBA) 'Develop Australia Bonds', with an offering memorandum of 23 April 1996; and (b) Legal and General's 'Infrastructure Funds 1996-2 and 1996-3'.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that for a cash payment of \$17 000, Legal and General's memorandum indicated that a tax refund of \$20 370 should be available, and that the CBA indicated that a cash payment of \$70 048 should result in a tax refund of \$80 048.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that Price Waterhouse indicated on 27 May 1996 that the Legal and General financing facility would be 'non-recourse' to the investor.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the Commissioner of Taxation, Mr Carmody, made the following statement to the Taxation Institute on 19 March 1997:

In the absence of any unusual arrangements surrounding the cited situations [including infrastructure bonds] there is no reason to suggest that Part IVA would apply, having regard to the factors in section 177D. Clearly, it would be incongruous for Part IVA to apply across the board to deny access to specific features of the tax system; nor does the Spotless decision suggest this is the case. In broad terms the Spotless decision turned not so much on the availability of the section 23(q) exemption as the analysis of the surrounding facts which lead to a conclusion that the arrangements were contrived to achieve the benefit of that exemption. So regard must be had to the wider context. For example, in the case of indirect infrastructure bonds at the retail level we will have regard to the whole financing structure including the direct infrastructure bond financing, the rate of interest relative to current market rates, any risk to the investor including whether they are locked in by options, the return on an after tax basis and how the funding took place including all other relevant matters.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that tax determination 94/80 provides:

The extent to which interest paid by an investor on a loan used for the full purchase price of infrastructure borrowings will be tax deductible depends on an investors' particular circumstances. In order for the interest to be deductible the investor must have entered into the loan solely for the purpose of funding the investment in or acquisition of the infrastructure borrowings. On indicator that the investor had a purpose other than, or in addition to, funding the infrastructure borrowings, would be where the deductions in relation to the infrastructure borrowings are greater than the exempt return on the infrastructure borrowings grossed up by the investor's marginal tax rate as it would be but for the infrastructure borrowing investment and any related income and deductions.

- (7) With reference to the 'smell test' advanced by the Commissioner on 19 March 1997, as well as the criteria of non-recourse loan, large upfront deductibles prior to 30 June, tax refund exceeding cash contribution, fraction of the borrowings going into the underlying business, and option to participate only for year one, can the Minister confirm: (a) whether the Commissioner viewed the CBA and Legal and General offerings as contrived; and (b) whether the dominant purpose of the promoter was other than to offer a tax benefit to the investor.
- (8) Were these retail infrastructure bond investments referred to the Part IVA Panel, and if so how did it view them in the light of the warning in tax determination 94/80, and what was the result of its deliberations.

461 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm, as reported in the *Australian Financial Review* on 13 December 2002, that the indemnity for tax assessed on Cabonne Management by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in 2002 at \$5.9 million, was transferred from Peter Poolman and Peter Lucas (as employees or trustees of two employee benefit plans, CHEB and CHEB II) to Huntley Consultancy, when Huntley Consultancy bought Cabonne Management for \$1 million.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the ATO agreed to take the tax out of future income streams otherwise payable to the farmers in the projects by Cabonne Ltd, and not from the indemnity holder, and did this contribute to the insolvency of Reynolds Wines.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the indemnity holder, Huntley Consultancy, was also the trustee for the projects and hence charged with safeguarding the farmers' interests.

Senator Harris: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 462-463)—With reference to QAAX of 2004 (Tamara Ulysses) who was detained and taken into custody in Cairns by immigration agents on 6 October 2004:

- (1) What investigation has been conducted by the department in relation to QAAX of 2004 being held in detention under federal jurisdiction up to and including her release on 30 December 2004.
- (2) Why has no report or information been released in relation to the assault and sexual assault on QAAX of 2004, alleged to have occurred in the Queensland police watch house at Cairns on the nights of 6 and 7 October 2004.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm when such reports and information will be made available, as it is in the public interest that the result of the investigation so far be made known.
- (4) (a) Is it the case that the address and whereabouts of QAAX of 2004 had been known since 16 April 2004; and (b) was the home of QAAX of 2004 and her Australian husband invaded in the early hours of 6 October 2004; if so, why.

462 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

463 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

464 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm when the four sets of remains were found at Merris in Northern France.

- (2) Who was responsible for researching: (a) the retrieval/burial site; and (b) the identity of the remains.
- (3) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, or other Defence personnel, attended the site or travelled to France and on what occasions.
- (4) What was the cost of: (a) travel to France; (b) the time of other personnel in Australia and Europe; (c) DNA testing; (d) attendance of relatives at the funeral ceremony; and (e) attendance of ADF and other personnel at the funeral.
- (5) Who was formally invited to attend the funerals of each of the four bodies found, and when were the funerals conducted.
- (6) Why did efforts to identify two of the bodies fail.
- (7) What assistance was provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and what costs, if any, were incurred by its involvement.
- (8) In each of the past 10 years: (a) how many reports have there been of uncovered Australian remains at Gallipoli; (b) how many of those reports were investigated on site; (c) by whom; and (d) with what outcome.
- (9) In each of the past 5 years: (a) how many other remains of Australians missing in action overseas have been recovered (with the exception of Gallipoli); (b) from what locations; and (c) what were the estimated cost on each occasion, itemised in similar terms to the information provided in answer to parts (3) to (5) above.
- (10) In compiling the answer to this question, were the Australian War Memorial, the Office of Australian War Graves and the Department of Veterans' Affairs consulted and their assistance sought; if not, why not.

Notice given 17 March 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 469-474)—With reference to Gunns' proposed pulp mill at Bell Bay in Tasmania:

- (1) From January 2002 to date, what communications have there been between the Minister, the Minister's staff or department and Gunns Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill, and in each case: (a) what was the date of the communication; (b) what was the nature of the communication; (c) who was involved in the communication; and (d) what was the purpose and content of the communication.
- (2) (a) What conditions apply to the Government's offer of \$5 million assistance for the pulp mill; and (b) when is the money likely to be made available.

469 Minister representing the Prime Minister

470 Minister representing the Treasurer

471 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

473 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

474 Special Minister of State

Notice given 18 March 2005

477 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Further to questions on notice nos 447 and 464, on how many occasions since August 2004 has Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Beck, Director of the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG), visited Turkey.
- (2) For each of AVM Beck's visits: (a) what was the itinerary of each visit; (b) what was the cost of each visit; (c) what meetings did he have with Turkish officials; and (d) on each occasion, with whom did he speak.
- (3) When was AVM Beck first provided with information from Turkish officials concerning road works at Gallipoli.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm if AVM Beck consulted with the Outer Area Office of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in Maidenhead, United Kingdom, or the out station at Canakkale, Turkey.
- (5) What, if any, consultation was there with tour operators in Australia, Istanbul or Canakkale.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that the planning procedures for these road works were the same as those for the construction of the Peace Park; if not, why not.
- (7) When was AVM Beck first provided with prepared options and draft plans, either as impressions or as formal drawings.
- (8) How many options were provided, and what, if any, feedback was given.
- (9) Did the options include stopping the road works short of Anzac Cove, or an alternative route to landward; if so, why were they not pursued.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm precisely which sections of the road were subject to these consultations.
- (11) What information, by way of drawings, photographs, or graphic images were provided by AVM Beck for Turkish consideration.
- (12) Currently, what is the width of each section of the road, and what is the width of each new section.
- (13) (a) Have other officers visited Turkey to assist AVM Beck, if so who; and (b) what has been the total cost of their travel.
- (14) Has OAWG established an office at Canakkale; if so: (a) what was the cost; (b) for how long; and (c) by whom was it staffed.
- (15) (a) What technical advice has been sought from consultants in connection with the road plans; (b) for what purpose; (c) from whom was the information sought; and (d) what was the cost.
- (16) What expressions of concern were made by AVM Beck to Turkish officials on the extent of the earth works and the disfigurement of the cliff face.
- (17) (a) What measures were considered to prevent erosion; and (b) what volume of material is planned to be placed in the sea or on the beach.
- (18) Did the plans provide for environmental regeneration and protection.
- (19) Did Australia provide technical advice on any part of the construction including drainage, erosion protection, traffic management, replanting or visitor control and if so, who provided that advice.
- (20) (a) Apart from the road construction, what other broader planning was undertaken prior to this project to examine the effect of tourism on the whole Gallipoli site; (b) what strategic planning has been undertaken; and (c) what input has been provided by the Government.
- (21) Over the past 5 years: (a) what consultancy or expert advice has been sought with respect to the preservation of heritage values on the entire

- Gallipoli site; (b) what are the details of each consultancy or advice; and (c) what are the costs.
- (22) At any stage, did AVM Beck object to the scope of the Turkish plans and were those concerns conveyed to the Minister; if so: (a) when and in what form was that concern expressed to the Minister; and (b) what was the Minister's response.
 - (23) (a) Did AVM Beck object to the Turkish plans; (b) was a request made for amendments, or for work to be suspended; if so: (i) when were these requests made, and (ii) what were the responses.
 - (24) Can the Minister confirm the number of occasions, and the dates, of these discussions held with the Embassy of Turkey in Canberra on this project, and which departments were represented.
 - (25) Did the Minister and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade receive representations from the Government of Turkey in Canberra or Ankara, on the detailed planning for this project; if so, can this information be provided.
 - (26) In each of the options considered; (a) what variations were there with respect to parking at all sites; (b) which of the variations were requested by Australia; (c) which of the variations were objected to by Australia; and (d) what was the outcome.
 - (27) As part of the works now under way, what parking capacity is being provided for buses and cars, and at what sites.
 - (28) How many cubic metres of soil are being removed from the sites, and how is it being disposed of.
 - (29) On how many occasions has AVM Beck briefed the Minister since August 2004.
 - (30) Has the Department of Environment and Heritage been consulted, at any stage, on any options; if so, what was its response.
 - (31) Was the Australian War Memorial (AWM) involved in any of the planning process, and in particular, what advice was sought and provided on likely burial sites of those missing from 1915 in the areas affected by the roads.
 - (32) What information was provided by the CWGC on the likely burial sites of missing Australians, and what were the terms of that advice.
 - (33) What other capital works were subject to consultations by AVM Beck, for which facilities, and where.
 - (34) Did Australia offer any capital support for any of the works discussed; if so, what was the cost and what were the purposes.
 - (35) With reference to the entertainment to be provided during the ANZAC Day period at Gallipoli 2005, which entertainers other than Mr John Farnham were considered or contacted, and were Mr Guy Sebastian and Ms Casey Chambers included on those lists.
 - (36) (a) Who contacted Mr John Farnham; (b) over what period did discussions continue on his engagement; (c) what were the terms of the proposed engagement; and (d) what was the estimated cost of his services.
 - (37) (a) On whose direction was the proposal for Mr John Farnham's engagement cancelled; (b) did this direction require cancellation of any agreement or contract; if so: (i) was there a cancellation fee, and (ii) what was the cost of that cancellation fee.

- (38) (a) What process was instituted to select the contractors providing the sound and light show; (b) was it an open or selective tender process; and (c) why were Australian providers not considered and selected.
- (39) How many ministerial representations have been received by the Minister to 30 March 2005 on the matter of entertainment at Gallipoli and the road works.
- (40) What is the cost of the contract for the sound and light show, and what is the name of the contractor(s) selected.
- (41) How was the string quartet selected, who are they, and what is the cost.
- (42) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance from Australia and other locations, and at what cost.
- (43) How many persons in the following categories will be in attendance: (a) officials from Australia (b) officials from Turkey; (c) elected representatives; and (d) members of royalty.
- (44) How many will be in the official party, and of those, how many will be funded by Australia and at what cost.
- (45) How many veterans have been included in the official party, who are they, and what is the cost of their travel.
- (46) How many officials with security responsibilities will be in attendance from Australia, and from which agencies.

Notice given 23 March 2005

- 478 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—(a) How do current requirements for university reporting to the department differ from previous requirements under ‘Backing Australia’s Future’; and (b) can a list be provided of all reporting requirements for universities under each regime, including an estimate of the number of hours required by university personnel to meet those requirements.

Notice given 24 March 2005

- 479 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the weapons carried by F/A-18 aircraft:
- (1) What weapons (missiles or bombs) are deployable on the F/A-18 but not on the F35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF).
 - (2) For each of these weapons, can a description be provided of its capability, purpose and cost.
 - (3) Is the AGM-142 a weapon that can be deployed on the F/A-18 but not on the JSF.
 - (4) What is the total stock of weapons (not individually) that can be deployed on the F/A-18 but not on the JSF.
- 480 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the weapons carried by F-111 aircraft:
- (1) What weapons (missiles or bombs) are deployable on the F-111 but not on the F35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF).
 - (2) For each of these weapons, can a description be provided of its capability, purpose and cost.
 - (3) Is the AGM-142 a weapon that can be deployed on the F-111 but not on the JSF.

- (4) What is the total stock of weapons (not individually) that can be deployed on the F-111 but not on the JSF.

Notice given 30 March 2005

- 482 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by President of the United States of America: Were the President and Mrs Bush: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city they visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of these visitors through the x-ray equipment.
- 483 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by the Chinese President: Was President Hu: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city he visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of this visitor through the x-ray equipment.

Notice given 6 April 2005

- 489 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of measurements taken by the then-named Australian Radiation Laboratory in the 1990s for the Interdepartmental Committee on Joint Military Operations on levels of Caesium 137 in sediments in Port Phillip Bay.
 - (2) In considering whether the proposed channel deepening exercise in Port Phillip Bay should be treated as a ‘controlled action’ under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*: (a) did the Minister take into account any measurements relating to the presence of Caesium 137; and (b) were any of those measurements taken in the past 3 years; if not, why not.
 - (3) Can evidence be provided as to whether or not the proposed channel-deepening exercise will liberate Caesium 137 from the sediments of Port Phillip Bay, and on what might be the potential effect on the Bay’s plant and animal life, and the food chain; if not, why not.
 - (4) Was consideration given, through the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act referral or any other process, to the potential for nuclear-powered warships such as the USS *Enterprise* docking in Melbourne as a result of the channel-deepening exercise.
 - (5) (a) What does the Minister consider might be the possible environmental implications of such visits; and (b) will measurements of Caesium 137 be taken before and after docking, as previously conducted; if not, why not.
- 490 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Can data be provided on the measurements taken of Caesium 137 in the sediment at the head of Port Phillip Bay by the then-named Australian Radiation Laboratory in the 1990’s for the Interdepartmental Committee on Joint Military Operations.
 - (2) Has the Minister advised the Minister for Environment and Heritage that Caesium 137 was found in Port Phillip Bay sediment by the Australian Radiation Laboratory at the time.

- (3) Does the Government consider that the proposed channel-deepening is likely to liberate Caesium 137; if not, why not; if so, has the Minister advised the Minister for the Environment and Heritage and the Victorian State Minister for the Environment.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the presence of Caesium 137 was due to fallout from the above-ground testing of nuclear weapons in the Pacific Ocean by the French, the United States of America and United Kingdom Governments in the 1980s and 1990s which, unlike in other Australian ports, has been concentrated in Port Phillip Bay.
- (5) Has the Government considered the likelihood of Caesium 137 entering the food chain as a result of the disturbance of sediment for the proposed channel-deepening; if not, why not.
- (6) What, if any, are the restrictions on nuclear-powered warships such as the USS *Enterprise* docking in Melbourne.
- (7) Is it the case that proposed channel-deepening in Port Phillip Bay will allow the USS *Enterprise* to dock in Melbourne where currently it cannot because of size; if so, will measurements of Caesium 137 be taken before and after docking, as previously conducted; if not, why not.

491 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to the funding cuts to the Spanish Latin American Welfare Centre (CELAS):

- (1) Can information be provided on the Government's funding of ethnic community groups.
- (2) (a) What was CELAS' original budget through the Community Settlement Services Scheme (CSSS); and (b) how much has the budget been reduced by in the financial year 2004-05.
- (3) What were the reasons for this cut back in funding.
- (4) In view of the funding cut back, to what extent will CELAS be able to fulfil its excellent community services to the Spanish community in the future.

Notice given 7 April 2005

492 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Forest Practices Plan (FPP) for Recherche Bay, certified on 31 March 2005, includes a road through the Southport Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary which threatens the critically-endangered swamp eyebright by providing access to 4WDs.
- (2) Does the Minister agree that the ditch and topsoil stockpile arrangement specified in the FPP to 'minimise the chance of 4WD vehicles gaining access' is a proven failure, with the existing track having been breached already in a number of places.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that landowners can approve unrestricted access to persons other than logging operators to the proposed road into and through the Southport Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary, and does the Minister agree that this effectively opens the potential for wide public access and further endangers the swamp eyebright.
- (4) (a) Does the Minister agree that the measures in the FPP to minimise 4WD access to the Wildlife Sanctuary are totally inadequate and that the road is likely to have a significant impact on the swamp eyebright which is a listed

threatened species; and (b) what can be done to protect the swamp eyebright.

Notice given 8 April 2005

493 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) By state and territory, what are the locations of permanent blood banks in regional and rural Australia.
- (2) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, which locations in regional and rural Australia have had permanent blood bank services withdrawn, and in each case: (a) what was the responsible decision-making body; (b) when was the service withdrawn; and (c) did community consultation precede the decision to withdraw the service.
- (3) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, which locations in regional and rural Australia have had permanent blood bank services reduced, and in each case: (a) what was the responsible decision-making body; (b) when was the service reduced; (c) what was the nature of the reduction; and (d) did community consultation precede the decision to reduce the service.
- (4) In each case where a permanent blood bank service has been withdrawn, has a mobile blood donor service been instituted; if so, does this mobile blood donor service provide an equivalent donor facility.
- (5) Has the withdrawal or reduction of blood donor services in regional and rural Australia had any impact on blood donations; if so, can the impact be quantified.
- (6) Has the Government taken any action to maintain permanent blood bank services in regional and rural Australia; if so, what action and what result can be attributed to that action; if not, why not.

494 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has the Prime Minister authorised Senator Guy Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth to elected representatives or employees of Launceston City Council in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so: (a) when did the Prime Minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.
- (2) Did any other minister authorise Senator Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so, in each case: (a) who was the minister, and when did that minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.
- (3) Has any financial offer from the Commonwealth towards the Elphin Sports Precinct project been varied; if so, when and how was it varied.

495 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Do unused Telstra pre-paid mobile telephone credits expire; if so, what rules govern the expiry of pre-paid mobile telephone credits.
- (2) How are Telstra customers advised of these expiry arrangements, is it: (a) at the time of pre-paid credit purchase; and/or (b) at the time of expiry.
- (3) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what was the value of expired Telstra pre-paid mobile telephone credits.

496 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) (a) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many customers in Tasmania have signed up for broadband connection; and (b) of these customers, how many are waiting for connection due to a lack of capacity at a local exchange.
- (2) (a) How many Tasmanian exchanges have reached full capacity; and (b) what are the names of these exchanges.

497 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) When was the decision made to stage regional fora in the 2004-05 financial year at which the Minister would be present to discuss regional telecommunications services.
- (2) For each forum held to date, can the following details be provided: (a) when the forum was held; (b) its location; (c) the venue; (d) the time and duration of the forum; (e) who was invited to attend; (f) who attended; (g) details of associated advertising, including form and media; and (h) the total cost, disaggregated to include all identified costs.
- (3) Can details be provided of all planned future regional fora, including dates and locations.

498 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the 200 Telstra telephone exchanges which had the worst performance record.
- (2) What criteria is used to determine the performance of a telephone exchange.

499 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many homes were covered by a telephone mass service disruption notice.
- (2) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, on how many occasions have mass service disruption notifications lasted for: (a) up to a week; (b) up to a month; and (c) more than a month.
- (3) On how many occasions were mass service disruption notifications issued concurrently.

Notice given 11 April 2005

500 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister's special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended public meetings of Wyong Shire Council and its committees, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, its location, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett's attendance.
- (2) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister's special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended private meetings at the Wyong Shire Council chambers, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, who attended the meeting, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett's attendance.

501 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) In the decision to re-tender community care programs including respite care, continence advice, telephone information and carer support what consideration was given to older people, people with disabilities and their carers, and risks to continuity of care.
- (2) Given that the competitive tendering that was attempted in the 1980s and 1990s resulted in dislocation of clients and, in some cases, a poorer quality of care, how will these problems be avoided in the new arrangements.
- (3) How, in particular, will the specific expertise of organisations that currently provide services through the National Respite for Carers Program, relating to dementia, Indigenous issues and cultural and linguistic diversity be maintained and/or enhanced by competitive tendering.
- (4) What level of importance will be attached in the competitive tendering process to the close relationships formed between community care clients and carers and service providers.
- (5) Has the Government assessed the difficulty of service providers meeting the statutory employment conditions with new contracts planned to come into effect from 1 July 2005; if so, what were the findings.
- (6) What evidence is there that tendering these services will result in more, rather than less, service integration.
- (7) How will tendering for the National Respite for Carers Program be managed given the fact that it currently provides top-up funding for many Home and Community Care and Day Therapy Centre services.

503 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the letter received by the Minister from the Mayor of Wyndham City Council, dated 18 March 2005, can information be provided on the possibility of funds being redirected from the Mitcham-Frankston project to the Deer Park Bypass.

504 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 28 (Senate *Hansard*, 7 March 2005, p.158): Can details be provided of the agreement mentioned in the answer that was to have been made with the McLoughlin's Beach Progress Press Association, also known as the McLoughlin's Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, including who on behalf of that organisation signed the agreement and when it was signed.

505 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) What is the total cost of the Forensic Computing and Computer Investigations Workshop held at the Australian Federal Police College in Canberra; (b) how often is the course run; and (c) who benefits from the course.
- (2) Does the Government cover the costs of visiting experts including members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Microsoft experts; if so, what is the cost.
- (3) Does the Government receive payment for the training of international law enforcement officers; if so, what is the total remuneration received for each course.
- (4) What is the total remuneration paid to Microsoft for the training of Australian law enforcement officers.
- (5) Does Australia assist or subsidise any smaller Asia-Pacific countries with the costs of training in this area; if so, what is the total subsidised cost.

507 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) How many people have been charged under the extraterritorial child sex tourism law since it was proclaimed; and (b) how many people have been convicted under this law.
- (2) How was the Australian Federal Police's Transnational Sexual Exploitation Team (TSSET) advised of the allegations raised against Mr Gregory Roy Cook.
- (3) Does sentencing for extraterritorial child sex tourism offences involve the same penalties as similar domestic offences.
- (4) With reference to Australians who have been charged in relation to paedophilia activities overseas: (a) of these, how many: (i) were successfully prosecuted, and (ii) are any currently under appeal; (b) does the Government fly the victim to Australia to give evidence; if so, what has been the cost for the past 2 financial years; and (c) of the prosecutions secured overseas, with how many cases were TSSET or Australian Customs Service officers asked to assist.

508 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the recommendations of the report on the 'Review of the Federal Magistrates Court':

- (1) Has any progress been made on the consideration of Recommendation 2 of the report; if so, what progress has been made.
- (2) What were the reasons for the low client satisfaction rates of the Family Court of 54 per cent, compared with its target of 75 per cent.
- (3) What steps have been taken to increase the client satisfaction rate; if no steps have been taken, why not.
- (4) If steps have been taken to increase the client satisfaction rate, how effective have they been.
- (5) With reference to the discussion paper, 'A New Approach to the Family Law System', when is the Government expected to release its position following consideration of the submissions.
- (6) With reference to Recommendation 7 of the report, have the Family Court, Federal Court and Federal Magistrates Court established the recommended costing methodology; if not, at what stage are they.

509 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) providing anti-corruption training to Solomon Islands police; if so, is RAMSI also providing this training to other public servants.
- (2) Since March 2005, how many arrests have been made in relation to charges of corruption.
- (3) What logistical support is being given to the Solomon Islands judicial system to assist in the processing of the recently-laid charges.
- (4) (a) When was the last review of troop numbers; and (b) what was the outcome of that review.

511 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the draft laws to prohibit public exposure of national security court cases:

- (1) When is the Australian Federal Police expected to release a draft of the proposed laws.
- (2) Have any stakeholders been consulted in relation to the draft; if so, which stakeholders.

512 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many legal actions have been initiated (for any reason) against the Australian Federal Police (AFP), and can a breakdown be provided of these actions.
- (2) How many of these actions have resulted in a court ruling against the AFP (include both those that were and were not overturned on appeal).
- (3) (a) How many of these were initiated by a person who was the subject of an investigation; and (b) what were the outcomes of those court rulings.
- (4) How much compensation has the AFP paid in damages or settlements (that it is able to disclose).
- (5) How much has the AFP spent in legal fees on these actions.
- (6) Does the AFP have any policies regarding settlement or pursuit of legal matters.

513 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the reports in the *Australian Financial Review* of 10 March 2005 that ‘three passport readers could only read the chips accurately 58%, 43% and 31% of the time, respectively’:

- (1) Are these reports accurate.
- (2) How many readers are available that read the chips accurately less than 90 per cent of the time.
- (3) Have the modifications to the chip readers resulted in any extra delays or expenditure; if so, can details be provided of the delays and expenditure.
- (4) Are there any mechanisms in place to accredit the manufacturers of passport readers to ensure that they are in line with international standards; if so, what are these mechanisms, and by whom are they developed and administered; if not, why not.
- (5) Has any work been done on the mass production of personal e-passports in line with the deadline set by the United States of America (US) of 26 October 2005; if so, how far has this progressed; if not, when is work due to begin.

- (6) Is there a schedule of dates to meet the US deadline; if so, can details be provided, including progress against meeting the dates.
- (7) With reference to the proposal to add metal fibres to passport wallets to prevent skimming of data: (a) how does this work; (b) how effective is it in preventing data-skimming; (c) has the Australian Customs Service commissioned any studies into data-skimming, or is it aware of any studies; and (d) has any decision been made on whether to add the metal fibres.

514 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 39-year old factory hand who was charged on 11 March 2005 with 15 counts of possession of forged Commonwealth documents by the Identity Crime Task Force (ICTF):

- (1) What was the nationality of the individual.
- (2) Did the fraudulent documents indicate they were to be used to assist people with the illegal movement of people or people smuggling operations; if so, can details be provided.
- (3) Have any arrests been made of employees of departments where documents were stolen; if so, how many people have been arrested or charged in assisting in the process of identity fraud from government departments.
- (4) (a) In 2005 to date, how many arrests has the ICTF made for identity fraud; and (b) in how many of these arrests did the accused possess fraudulent forms of Commonwealth identification.
- (5) Has anyone been arrested for issuing 126 blank Australian Taxation Office (ATO) cheques.
- (6) Is this still an operational matter.
- (7) (a) How many ATO cheques were cashed by individuals fraudulently in the past 4 financial years; and (b) at what cost to the Commonwealth.
- (8) How many people have been successfully prosecuted for identity fraud in the past 4 financial years.
- (9) (a) Were the 14 false Medicare card numbers accepted into the Medicare system; and (b) were reimbursement payments made to the general practitioner; if so, what was the total cost of this type of fraud for the past 4 years.

515 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to rewards offered for information:

- (1) What is the total amount that has been allocated for rewards leading to information on state or federal cases.
- (2) How much has been claimed or paid out in the past 2 financial years.
- (3) Were successful prosecutions reached due to the information received; if so, can examples be provided where this has occurred.
- (4) What happens to unclaimed rewards in the event that a case has been solved without reward compensation being sought.

Senator Ludwig: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 516-527)—In each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many cases of fraud against the department have been a result of forged documentation including any of the following: (a) forged drivers' licences; (b) forged birth certificates; (c) forged Australian citizenship papers; (d) forged passports, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify); and (e) forged marriage certificates, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify).

- 516 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
518 Minister for Defence
519 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
522 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
523 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
524 Minister for Family and Community Services
525 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
526 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
527 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
528 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Customs Service (ACS) National Breeding and Development Centre and the fact that since the September 11 attacks, 61 detection dogs bred and trained by ACS in Canberra have been sent to the United States of America to boost their airport security and another 20 have been sent into the Asian region:
- (1) What income has been received for the breeding and training of these dogs.
 - (2) Does this income go into general ACS revenue or is it specifically channelled back into the breeding and training program.
 - (3) (a) How many ACS staff are involved with this program; and (b) what are their work level classifications.
 - (4) Does the National Breeding and Development Centre train counterparts from other nations in developing similar programs.
 - (5) Do these dogs check through outgoing luggage as well as incoming luggage at international airports.
 - (6) When does the Minister expect to have enough dogs to prevent possible intrastate smuggling of illegal substances.

Notice given 12 April 2005

- Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 529-534)—For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many trips were taken by officers of the Minister's department and agencies to Christmas Island and/or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, including on how many occasions: (a) officers travelled to the islands through Denpasar, Indonesia; (b) officers travelled from the islands through Denpasar; and (c) the transit through Denpasar consisted of a stopover of: (i) one night, or (ii) more than one night.
- 529 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
530 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
531 Minister for Finance and Administration
532 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
533 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
534 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
536 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—For each financial year since the inception of the MedicarePlus safety net, how many claims have been made under the safety net in the federal electorate of Bass in each of the following categories: (a) Commonwealth concession card holders; (b) family tax beneficiaries; and (c) others.

- 537 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to access to benefits by members of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) following a change in employment conditions:
- (1) Did ComSuper recently conduct a review of the requirements of the legislation governing the CSS and its relationship with the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* in the context of the sale of a Commonwealth agency; if so: (a) when was the review conducted; (b) what was the Commonwealth agency (or agencies) concerned; and (c) why was the review conducted.
 - (2) If a review was conducted: (a) what were its terms of reference; (b) who conducted the review; (c) who was consulted during the review; (d) what was the outcome of the review; (e) was a copy of the review provided to the CSS Board or the Minister; and (f) can a copy be provided of the outcome of the review.
 - (3) Were current CSS members informed that a review was being conducted; if not, why not; if so: (a) how were members informed about the review; and (b) can a copy be provided of any information sent to CSS members about the review.
- 538 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to a review by ComSuper of relevant legislation governing the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) in the context of access to benefits by CSS members following a change in employment conditions:
- (1) What were the findings of the review in relation to the payment of cash benefits and the effect of section 111A of the *Superannuation Act 1976*.
 - (2) Did the review find that a cash benefit is not payable in these circumstances unless a condition of release specified in item 108 of Schedule 1 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994* is met.
 - (3) Since the review, have the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations* been amended with respect to conditions of release; if so, can details be provided of, and an explanation for, any changes.
 - (4) Since the review, has there been any change to the way in which ComSuper has applied the regulations in these circumstances; if so, what is the change and why has it occurred.
 - (5) Who has the discretion in determining when to pay benefits and what is the process if a member believes that this discretion has been used inappropriately.
 - (6) Were members of the CSS notified of the changes to the way in which these regulations were to be applied; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 539 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to information sent to members of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS): Is it correct that members' statements issued for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, under the section 'your options' included a new and additional statement inserted in bold type that read in part 'you can claim your deferred benefit once you reach your minimum retiring age (generally 55) and are no longer employed by the same employer who contributed to your CSS super'; if so: (a) why was this change made; and (b) who decided that this additional information would be added to the members' statements.

540 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to a current review regarding access to Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) benefits:

- (1) (a) Is a review of the CSS regarding the access to the CSS benefit following a change in employment circumstances being undertaken; and (b) does this also involve a review of the way in which the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and regulations are applied.
- (2) With reference to the review process: (a) who is involved and who is conducting this review; (b) what are the terms of reference or the objective of the review; (c) what is the timeframe for this review and will a draft report be made available for comment; (d) is a report of the review due to be provided to the CSS Board or the Minister or both; (e) who is being consulted during this review; and (f) will current members of the CSS and those affected by the review be given an opportunity to comment; if so, how; if not, why not.

Notice given 13 April 2005

541 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Is it correct that in the case of an employee who receives financial compensation for a period of wrongful termination that extends over more than one financial year, provision can be made under the Income Tax Assessment Act for the lump sum payment to be split between the financial years for income tax payment purposes yet the same lump sum that includes a superannuation contribution to a superannuation fund is assessed as a single payment for surcharge/tax purposes.

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 542-544)—

- (1) What is the normal period of payment of accounts from suppliers of goods and services to the department.
- (2) How many suppliers have not been paid within the period for payment, and in each case, what was the reason for late payment.

544 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 19 April 2005

545 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is it the case that the Government does not intend to manufacture, test or possess nuclear weapons; if so, why is it that the Government will not sign the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty.
- (2) Is it the case the Government has rejected the Mexican Government's invitation to attend the forthcoming conference of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone; if so, why.
- (3) Does the Government consider that support from the United States of America for the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone to be essential for Australia to join; if so, why.

546 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Investment Review of Health and Medical Research's final report, *Sustaining the virtuous cycle for a healthy, competitive Australia*:

- (1) What plans, if any, does the Government have to implement the recommendations contained in the report and what is the timeframe for implementation.
- (2) Given Access Economic's estimate that for every \$1 invested in health research and development there is a \$5 return to the Australian economy, and Australia's placement near the bottom of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) league table for research spending, does the Government intend to increase the level of funding to support health and medical research in Australia; if not, why not; if so, by how much and when.
- (3) How will the Government guarantee that Australia remains 'a world leader in health and medical research' and continues to produce 'on a per capita basis, [a] research output ... twice the OECD average', as stated by the Minister in the foreword to the report.

547 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the terms of reference for Mr Robert Wray's investigation into cancer deaths at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA), have been broadened [where 'terms of reference' also includes 'directions to investigate' or any other form of words that has the same meaning].
- (2) What are the revised terms of reference.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that these now include authority to investigate why the management of the NGA and Comcare failed to provide him with existing details of cancer cases and other illnesses at the time of his earlier investigation.
- (4) Under whose auspices was Mr Wray's recent report addressing issues relating to cancer deaths and other health issues conducted; was it the NGA or Comcare.
- (5) Does the NGA have the authority to release this report as claimed by Comcare; if not, who has that authority.
- (6) Under the revised terms of reference for Mr Wray's investigation, what arrangements have been made to ensure that he can establish whether additional, and as yet unidentified material pertinent to his inquiries exists.
- (7) What arrangements have been made to ensure that Mr Wray can have full access to NGA files and records to enable him to undertake the most effective inquiry possible.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 548-549)—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Saddam Hussein's effigy was pulled down again in Baghdad's Firdos Square in April 2005 together with effigies of the President of the United States of America (US), George W Bush, and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr Tony Blair.
- (2) How many Iraqi Shias were at that protest.
- (3) Is it the case that at this protest, Sunni and Shia Nationalists affirmed 'the legitimate right of the Iraqi resistance to defend their country and its destiny' while 'rejecting terrorism aimed at innocent Iraqis, institutions, public buildings and places of worship', as quoted in the *Guardian* report of 13 April 2005.
- (4) What information is available on the involvement of the Association of Muslim Scholars, the National Foundation Congress and the Iraqi armed resistance.

- (5) Does the Minister agree with the following statement contained in the *Guardian* report: 'For most Iraqis, with the exception of the Kurds, Washington's "liberation" never was. Wounded national pride was greater than relief at Saddam's departure. Iraqis were soon angered by the failure to get power and water supplies repaired, the brutality of US army tactics, and the disappearance of their country's precious oil revenues into inadequately supervised accounts, or handed to foreigners under contracts that produced no benefits for Iraqis'.
- (6) How many Iraqis are currently held in detention without trial, the so-called 'security detainees'.
- (7) What is the most recent advice from the US on a reduction in the number of its troops in Iraq.
- (8) Is it the case that the US will have permanent bases in Iraq.
- (9) Is it the case as reported in the *Guardian* that the joint Sadr-National Foundation Congress maintains the Iraqi Government 'will have no right to ratify any agreement or treaty that might affect Iraq's sovereignty, the unity of its territory and the preservation of its resources'.

548 Minister for Defence

549 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Notice given 20 April 2005

550 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of allegations that United States Air Force (USAF) combat pilots are supplied with and/or are required to take amphetamines or other stimulants when on lengthy missions.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who regularly use amphetamines or other stimulants suffer as a result of that use from any of the following conditions: (a) chronic insomnia; (b) paranoia; (c) hallucinations; (d) halted personality development; (e) malnutrition; and (f) anti-social tendencies.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who withdraw from regular use of amphetamines or other stimulants suffer any of the following conditions: (a) restlessness; (b) mental confusion; and (c) depression.
- (4) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the effects of amphetamines or other stimulants on pilots.
- (5) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the increased risk to the Australian travelling public resulting from the use of amphetamines or other stimulants by USAF personnel while operating in Australian airspace.
- (6) If the Minister is aware of or has commissioned such studies would the Minister advise: (a) who commissioned any such study; (b) who conducted any such study; (c) the date any such study commenced and concluded; and (d) the findings of any such study.
- (7) Can any such studies be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.

551 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, including 2004-2005 to date, what amount was spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality extended by the Minister; and (b) supporting ministerial travel overseas by way of: (i) accompanying officers, (ii) briefing, and (iii) hospitality and other support by way of itinerary preparation and travel bookings.
- (2) For each of the next three financial years, what is the projected amount to be spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality directed and/or hosted by the Minister; and (b) the projected amount to be spent by the Department on international ministerial travel.

552 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to answer No. 15 to a question taken on notice at the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee's Estimates 2003-2004 hearings (Additional Information Volume 1, dated May 2004) concerning management retreats and training:

- (1) What external consultants were engaged for each event.
- (2) Who were they, and in each instance, what was the cost.
- (3) How were they selected.

553 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the media release of the Member for Parkes, Mr John Cobb, MP, dated 6 August 2004 regarding the provision of two Iroquois Huey helicopters at Broken Hill for a fly-over on 18 August 2004:

- (1) (a) On what date was the Minister first approached by Mr Cobb to provide the helicopters.
- (2) In each of the past 3 years, has the Minister received other representations: if so; (a) from whom and when; (b) what was the total cost of providing the helicopters; and (c) from which budget were the funds drawn to meet the cost of the helicopters.
- (3) For each of the past 3 financial years and 2004-2005 to date: (a) from which community groups has the Minister received requests to provide helicopters, other aircraft, military equipment or personnel for commemorative purposes; (b) when were the representations made; (c) what was the nature of the request; (d) what was the Minister's response to each of these representations; and (e) what was the projected and actual cost of each request.
- (4) For each of the past 3 financial years and 2004-2005 to date: (a) from which members of the Federal Parliament has the Minister received requests to provide helicopters, other aircraft, military equipment or personnel for commemorative purposes; (b) when were the representations made; (c) what was the nature of the request; (d) what was the Minister's response to each of these representations; and (e) what was the projected and actual cost of each request.

554 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister's media statement (008/05 dated 16 March 2005) announcing the review into the level of recognition of service following the armistice in Korea in 1953:

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) the anticipated start and completion dates for the review; (b) the total projected cost of the review; (c) the process by which Mr Garry Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford were selected, including how many other candidates were considered for each position; (d) who

made the final decision as to the appointments; and (e) when the decision was made.

- (2) (a) What is the projected cost of secretarial support to be given to the review; (b) the number of secretarial staff involved; and (c) the agency which will supply the secretarial support.
- (3) What is the estimated remuneration to be paid to each of Mr Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford including: (a) daily rate of remuneration; (b) travel allowance; (c) travel costs; and (d) accommodation costs.
- (4) (a) Is Mr Nehl the former National Party member for the Federal Electorate of Cowper, New South Wales; and (b) what is the extent of his military service.

555 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the Minister's media release (VA009 dated 11 February 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Hunter Veterans':

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) when planning for the visit commenced and was finalised; (b) whether the visit was initiated by the Department or the Minister's office; (c) what was the cost of the visit to the Commonwealth; (d) which federal Members of Parliament were advised of the visit; and (e) on what date and in what manner they were made aware of the visit.
- (2) Which federal Members of Parliament were invited to attend the visit with the Minister.
- (3) Who accompanied the Minister and in what capacity.
- (4) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA005 dated 21 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister visits veterans at aged care facility in Townsville', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (5) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA004 dated 20 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Toowoomba veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (6) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA003 dated 19 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Lismore veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (7) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA001 dated 17 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Southern Fleurieu Peninsula veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.

556 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the Minister's media release (VA017 dated 23 March 2005) headlined: 'Minister Opens North Queensland Garden of Remembrance':

- (1) (a) Besides the Commonwealth, what other funding contributions have been made to the project; (b) who made the contribution and what was the amount; and (c) what is the total Commonwealth contribution to the project and from which program(s) were the funds drawn.
- (2) (a) What representations has the Minister, or the Minister's predecessor, received from the Member for Herbert, Mr Peter Lindsay, MP, in relation to this project; (b) what was the nature of the representation; (c) what form did the representation take; (d) what was the Minister's response to each representation; and (e) what was the date upon which each representation took place.
- (3) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of the Minister's visit to Townsville for this event.

- (4) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament were advised about the event; and (b) how and when were they made aware of the event.
- (5) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament did the Minister invite to attend the event; and (b) how and when were they invited.
- (6) Who attended the event with the Minister and in what capacity.

557 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister's media statement (007/05 dated 11 March 2005) headlined 'RAAF Ubon veterans praised for service':

- (1) (a) When was the review announced; (b) what was the reference number and date of the Ministerial media release containing the announcement; and (c) what other steps were taken to make the public aware of the review.
- (2) When did the review conclude.
- (3) When did the Minister receive the findings of the review.
- (4) What was the total cost of the review.
- (5) (a) Who were the members of the review; and (b) when were they appointed.
- (6) (a) What was the process of selection; (b) what military expertise was sought; (c) how many names were considered; (d) who made the final selection and when was the decision announced.
- (7) What was the cost of secretarial support provided to the review, including the number of secretarial staff involved and the agency which supplied the secretarial support.
- (8) What are the details of each meeting held by the committee including: (a) the date, time, duration of each meeting; (b) the venue of each meeting; and (c) the committee members who attended each meeting.
- (9) What remuneration was paid to each committee member including: (a) daily rate; (b) travel allowance; and (c) travel costs.

558 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 197 of the Department of Defence *Annual Report 2003-04*:

- (1) What was the cost of the project undertaken to develop an innovative and cost-effective solution to correct propeller balance in the C-130J.
- (2) Was this project required as a result of a manufacturing fault, or was it required due to normal wear and tear; if due to manufacturing fault, what action has been taken to recoup costs from the manufacturer.
- (3) For each of the next five financial years, what is the projected annual saving expected as a result of this solution to correct propeller balance in the C-130J.
- (4) Has the Commonwealth attempted to sell this solution to correct propeller balance in the C-130J to allied nations who also use the C-130J; if not, why not, and if so: (a) which nations have been approached and when; (b) which nations have accepted and when; and (c) what revenue has been received to date by the Commonwealth from this solution to correct propeller balance in the C-130J.
- (5) For each of the next five financial years what is the projected revenue to the Commonwealth from this solution to correct propeller balance in the C-130J.

559 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo:

- (1) What measures are being implemented to prevent further destruction of the habitat of the Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*), particularly Bulokes (*Allocasuarina leuhmannii*) the bird's major nesting and seed feed species.
- (2) As this bird is listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* as endangered, can the Minister explain how the Government is ameliorating further decline in this species.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that private clearing of significant areas of Buloke habitat is taking place in Victoria.
- (4) What consultations has the Government had with the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment which is approving applications to clear individual and communities of Buloke trees.

Notice given 26 April 2005

560 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Minister's recent letter to certain environment organisations as reported on page 5 of the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 12 April 2005:

- (1) Does the Minister's definition of 'political activity' include: (a) lobbying political parties; (b) advocating that political parties adopt more environmentally-responsible policies; and (c) holding forums where politicians and/or candidates are invited to speak.
- (2) What action aimed at promoting environmental protection does the Minister consider not to be 'political activity'.
- (3) Will the Minister provide the advice received from the Australian Taxation Office or the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (on which the letter to the environment organisations is based), stating that environmental groups' tax deductible funds cannot be used for political activity.
- (4) What Commonwealth law provides that such funds cannot be used for political activity.

Notice given 27 April 2005

561 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can a list be provided of all meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill in 1999 and 2000.
- (2) Can copies be provided of all records, including minutes, records of meetings and file notes relating to meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill.

562 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) What due diligence or other financial assessments of the financial state of the mill were undertaken by the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, prior to the Commonwealth agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.

- (2) What safeguards did the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, put in place to protect the interests of the Commonwealth and Australian taxpayers prior to agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.
- (3) Was the rescue package for the mill conditional on a demonstration that the mill could be made viable.
- (4) What were the predicted levels of cane processing, sugar price and cash flow forecasts the Minister relied on in forming a view that the mill could be viable and therefore justified financial assistance from the Government.
- (5) (a) What tests were made of these forecasts; (b) who undertook the tests; and (c) did the tests conclude that the assumptions in the forecast level of operation by the mill were realistic.

563 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Minister meet with the Board of the mill, cane growers and representatives of Queensland CANEGROWERS on 2 June 2000.
- (2) At that meeting did the Minister offer to underwrite the mill through Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the 2000 crush to proceed.
- (3) When was the formal offer to underwrite the loan made and when was the underwriting facility finalised.
- (4) Did the Minister seek an independent financial assessment of the state of the mill prior to formalising the underwriting agreement; if so, who undertook that assessment and what were the findings of that assessment; if not, what was the basis on which the Minister satisfied himself that he had an accurate picture of the financial state of the mill.
- (5) Was a condition of the offer a commitment by growers supplying the mill to contribute a 5 per cent levy of their proceeds for the following 2 seasons' supply.
- (6) (a) Who represented growers in the negotiations relating to the provision of a 5 per cent levy on growers' mill payments; and (b) when were levy payments agreed to by growers.
- (7) Who signed the above agreement and what was the form of the agreement.
- (8) Was the provision of a plan to rationalise the structure of the sugar industry in the South Johnstone district a further condition of the Government underwriting a loan from the National Australia Bank (NAB) to the mill.
- (9) (a) When was that plan lodged; (b) who assessed the plan; (c) when was the plan accepted as satisfactory by the Government; (d) when was the implementation of the plan to commence; and (e) when was the implementation completed.
- (10) Can the Minister provide a copy of the plan and any reports on its implementation and effectiveness.
- (11) Was the offer to underwrite the loan from the NAB to Queensland CANEGROWERS conditional on the loan being used solely for the purpose of allowing the 2000 crush to proceed to enable the mill to either refinance or to be sold.
- (12) Was the offer made on the basis that the Commonwealth was able to satisfy itself that the suppliers' agreements to repay the loan were exclusively for that purpose and did not form any part of the assets of suppliers available to any other creditor or supplier of the mill.

- 564 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill: Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth paid the National Australia Bank (NAB) \$2 587 717 on 13 March 2001 as part of its financial assistance to the mill; if so, what was the basis on which the actual amount paid to the NAB was calculated.
- 565 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:
- (1) Did the Minister agree to provide a guarantee to the National Australia Bank (NAB) by 5 pm on 3 July 2000 in relation to a loan to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.
 - (2) Did the Minister meet that deadline; if not, what were the outstanding issues that caused the provision of the guarantee to be delayed.
 - (3) When was the guarantee provided to the NAB in relation to the above loan.
 - (4) What were the reporting requirements imposed on the mill by the Commonwealth as part of the loan underwriting arrangements.
 - (5) Were the requirements complied with in full; if not: (a) what breaches of these conditions occurred; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to these breaches.
- 566 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the mill, the National Australia Bank (NAB), Queensland CANEGROWERS and the Board of the mill agreed to withhold consent for growers to transfer to a mill other than the South Johnstone Sugar Mill unless certain conditions were met.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that one of the conditions was that transferring growers would continue to forego 5 per cent of payments from the mill to meet the cost of the guarantee if required.
 - (3) What was the required form of that agreement by which transferring growers would continue to meet their obligations to the Commonwealth.
 - (4) Was this condition fully met; if so, when and in what form was the condition met; if not, what action did the Minister take in response to the failure of the responsible parties to meet that obligation.
 - (5) What other conditions were placed on the NAB, Queensland CANEGROWERS and the mill in relation to the transfer of growers to other mills.
 - (6) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth relied on an undertaking from Queensland CANEGROWERS that farmers would enter into a binding agreement to provide 5 per cent of mill payments to repay a loan from the Commonwealth, if the guarantee was exercised, until that loan was fully paid.
 - (7) Did the Government write to Queensland CANEGROWERS in January 2001 seeking confirmation that that organisation had secured an agreement with growers to incorporate the 5 per cent repayment obligation in any new cane supply and processing agreement that might be required if the ownership of the mill was transferred to Bundaberg Sugar.

- (8) Did Queensland CANEGROWERS give this confirmation in a form that was satisfactory to the Commonwealth and when was the confirmation provided; if not, why not.
 - (9) If the response from Queensland CANEGROWERS was not satisfactory, did the Minister seek legal advice as to what action might be available to the Commonwealth to ensure the interests of taxpayers were properly protected; if so: (a) what was the nature of that legal advice; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to that legal advice.
 - (10) Was the rescue package for the mill, announced by the Minister in 2000, provided, subject to a number of other conditions, including: (a) the restructuring of the Board of the mill; (b) the appointment of new mill management; and (c) the appointment of Thiess to manage the mill.
 - (11) Were these conditions met to the satisfaction of the Government; if so: (a) when was each of these conditions met; and (b) when and how was the Minister informed they had been met.
- 567 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the change of ownership of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar required the drafting of a new cane supply and processing agreement with growers.
 - (2) Did that change of ownership require growers supplying the mill to recommit to the provision of 5 per cent of their mill payments to meet the conditions of the loan guarantee provided to Queensland CANEGROWERS by the Commonwealth to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.
 - (3) Was a new agreement signed by all parties in accordance with the Commonwealth conditions for the above guarantee; if so, when was the new agreement signed; if not, what action did the Commonwealth take to protect its interests.
- 568 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:
- (1) Did the Government receive advice from solicitors, acting on behalf of the mill, advising that the various undertakings given by the National Australia Bank (NAB) and the mill ceased to apply upon the expiry of the Canegrowers Guaranteed Facility and the enforcement of the security by the NAB.
 - (2) Did the Government receive further advice from the solicitors acting on behalf of the mill, undertaking from the NAB and the mill that the receivers and managers of the mill would not be prevented from selling the mill's assets without any provision for the continued deduction of 5 per cent of growers' cane payments or the repayment of those deductions.
 - (3) (a) Did the Minister seek legal advice in relation to the above statements; and (b) what was the nature of that legal advice.
 - (4) What action did the Minister take following receipt of that legal advice.
- 569 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:
- (1) Did the Government enter into a Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS in 2001.
 - (2) When was the Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS signed.

(3) Did Bundaberg Sugar also enter into a Deed Poll in favour of the Commonwealth to use its best endeavours to negotiate amendments to the Collective Cane Supply and Processing Agreement to permit Bundaberg Sugar to continue to deduct from payments to growers and to pay that money to Queensland CANEGROWERS for reimbursement to the Commonwealth.

(4) When was the Deed Poll with Bundaberg Sugar signed.

570 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Can the Minister confirm that Bundaberg Sugar made payments to the Commonwealth as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the South Johnstone Sugar Mill.

(2) (a) When did Bundaberg Sugar commence making payments; (b) what was the value of the payments made by Bundaberg Sugar; and (c) when did Bundaberg Sugar cease making payments.

(3) When payments ceased how much of the total debt to the Commonwealth was paid out.

(4) On what basis did Bundaberg Sugar choose not to continue to make payments to the Commonwealth and what action did the Minister take in response to this decision.

571 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) When did the Minister become aware that the South Johnstone Sugar Mill Suppliers Committee had been formally appointed as the Suppliers Committee in September 2001 for the purposes of the Queensland Sugar Industry Act 1999.

(2) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that discussions between the Suppliers Committee and Bundaberg Sugar relating to the Cane Supply and Processing Agreement, in particular the execution of the Deed of Novation to ensure the debt to the Commonwealth was repaid, were not progressing.

(3) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that neither Bundaberg Sugar nor Queensland CANEGROWERS were confident that the Deed of Novation would be approved and signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.

(4) Can the Minister confirm that the Deed of Novation was not signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.

(5) What action did the Minister take to protect the interests of Australian taxpayers following receipt of this advice.

(6) Can the Minister confirm that as a result of the failure of Queensland CANEGROWERS and Bundaberg Sugar to get the Deed of Novation properly endorsed by growers, Bundaberg Sugar placed levy funds from growers in a special trust fund.

(7) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth advised solicitors representing Queensland CANEGROWERS that unless the endorsement of the Deed of Novation and the amended Cane Supply and Processing Agreement was forthcoming it would take action to recover the outstanding funds from Queensland CANEGROWERS.

572 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did Bundaberg Sugar approach the Minister, or his office, prior to the 2001 election, seeking agreement to provide a grant to growers supplying cane to the mill or to forgive loan monies still owed as part of the arrangements entered into with the Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to the mill in 2000; if so: (a) how was the request made; (b) to whom was it made; and (c) what was the response.
- (2) Did Bundaberg Sugar place payments due to the Commonwealth in a special trust fund while these negotiations took place.
- (3) What was the Minister's response to the request for a special grant to growers or forgiveness of the loan provided by the Commonwealth.

573 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Was the Commonwealth a party to the settlement between cane farmers, Bundaberg Sugar, the mill and others in relation to the Commonwealth loan to the mill in 2000 and the repayment of that debt by suppliers to the mill.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth make an offer to the parties to settle the matter on 7 May 2003; if so: what was nature of that offer and was that offer accepted.
- (3) As a condition of the offer to settle the matter, did the Commonwealth require agreement from all suppliers and that requisite releases be obtained from all parties to the dispute.
- (4) Did all suppliers to the mill agree to the terms of the settlement; if not, how many suppliers did not sign the agreement.
- (5) What impact did the failure of all affected growers to agree to the settlement have on its status.
- (6) Are those suppliers who did not agree to the terms of the settlement entitled to recover funds withheld from their payments from the mill as part of the loan arrangements entered into by the Commonwealth and Queensland CANEGROWERS.

574 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, as a condition of supporting the sale of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar in 2001, the Commonwealth sought and obtained undertakings from Queensland CANEGROWERS, Bundaberg Sugar and the receivers of the mill to ensure that growers would continue to repay the indemnity provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the cane crush in 2000.
- (2) (a) In what form was the assurance from each of the above parties sought; (b) in what form was the assurance from each of the above parties given; and (c) in each case, when was the assurance given.
- (3) (a) What action did the Minister take to ensure that the form of the commitment from each of the above parties protected the interests of the Commonwealth by legally requiring that suppliers repaid monies owed to the Commonwealth; and (b) in each case, when was that action taken.

575 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Minister offer to forgive any part of a loan provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS as part of an assistance package for the mill; if so: (a) when did the Minister make the offer;

- (b) what was the amount of debt owed to the Commonwealth at the time the offer was made; and (c) what was the reason for the offer to forgive a debt to the Commonwealth.
- (2) If an offer was made by the Minister to forgive the above debt, what conditions were attached to the offer.
 - (3) Was the payment of funds collected from cane growers but held in a solicitor's trust account by Bundaberg Sugar to the Commonwealth a condition of the offer to forgive the debt to the Commonwealth; if so, what actions did the Minister take, or what advice did he seek, in relation to the legality of the withholding of the funds from payments to cane growers supplying cane to the mill.
 - (4) If the Minister sought advice about the legality of collecting the payments, from whom did he seek advice and what was the form of that advice.
 - (5) What action did the Minister take in response to that advice.

Notice given 28 April 2005

576 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can the Minister provide details of expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net as follows:

- (1) For the period 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005: (a) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the lower threshold; (b) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the higher threshold; (c) what was the proportion of total Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net in relation to what was spent on: (i) specialist services, (ii) diagnostic services, (iii) General Practitioner services, (iv) pathology services, and (v) other services; and (d) what was the breakdown, by federal electorate, of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, what was the projected cost of the Medicare Safety Net prior to the announcement by the Prime Minister on 14 April 2005 that the government intends to increase the thresholds.
- (3) In each of the three quarters from 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005, what was the average percentage by which charges exceeded the schedule fee for: (a) specialist services; (b) General Practitioner services; (c) diagnostic services; and (d) pathology services.

577 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the study of medical literature regarding iatrogenesis entitled *Death by Medicine*, reprinted by the World Natural Health Organisation.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Australian authors who have studied the literature relating to iatrogenic harm used the term 'epidemic' to describe the extent of that harm.
- (3) With relation to the following categories of the iatrogenic spectrum, what are the Government's estimates of annual fatalities arising from: (a) adverse reactions to prescribed drugs; (b) medical error; (c) deaths occurring as a result of unnecessary procedures; and (d) surgery-related deaths.

- (4) What measures has the government undertaken to ensure appropriate risk assessment and risk management by medical practitioners and that patients are adequately informed of the risks associated with medical procedures.

Notice given 3 May 2005

578 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can a summary be provided of the results of the public consultation meetings held in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth in the lead-up to the Review of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty in May 2005.
- (2) (a) How many people attended the meetings; and (b) from which organisations.
- (3) Why were these public meetings not advertised.
- (4) What methods were used to publicise the meetings.

579 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) how many vehicles attracted conversion grants under the Alternative Fuels Conversion Program; (b) at what value; and (c) what is the average total cost of total conversion in each class of vehicle.
- (2) For the past 4 financial years, how many dual fuel vehicles (diesel/gas and petrol/gas) were imported to Australia.

580 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) When will the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSDA) be reviewed.
- (2) Which of the recommendations made by the 1995 review of the CSDA have been implemented and which have not, and if not, why not.
- (3) What is the status of negotiations with each of the state and territory governments on the additional respite for carers over 70 years of age.

581 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Over the past 3 years: (a) how many detainees have sought treatment for mental health problems in each of the detention centres, including those offshore; (b) how many were diagnosed with mental health conditions and what treatment was provided in each case; (c) how many mental health staff were provided in each immigration detention centre and what were their qualifications; (d) what was the ratio of mental health staff to detainees; (e) for each immigration detention centre, what has been the range and average waiting time for people to be assessed by a mental health professional; (f) within each immigration detention centre: (i) how many mental health consultations and treatment sessions have been provided to each client, and (ii) how many consultations and treatment sessions were provided to detainees outside detention centres; and (g) what range and quantity of drugs have been administered to people in immigration detention centres for mental health conditions.
- (2) (a) What are the protocols and policies of screening for, and treatment of, the mental health problems of people in immigration detention centres; and (b) can copies of these policies be provided.

- (3) Over the past 8 years, what percentage of detainees, who have spent more than 6 months in immigration detention, were prescribed drugs for mental health conditions.
- (4) Can the Government provide a list of all staff, contractors and consultant psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists, social workers, counsellors and others providing mental health services to people in immigration detention centres, including their qualifications, hours and conditions of employment, state of registration (where applicable), and location of service.
- (5) Which of these mental health workers have specific training in the needs of refugees and training in working with people who have experienced trauma.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm recent reports suggesting that some people working under the title of psychologist in immigration detention centres are not registered with the appropriate professional board in their state; if so, what has the Government done to investigate these reports.
- (7) What has the Government done to ensure that staff providing mental health services to people in immigration detention services have the necessary qualifications to provide adequate treatment.
- (8) Will the Minister take any action to examine and evaluate the performance of immigration detention centres with regard to the mental health and welfare of people in detention.
- (9) In how many instances have detainees presenting with mental health problems been advised by mental health workers to return to their country of origin.
- (10) Have mental health workers advised detainees that they should agree to return to their country of origin; if so, have they done this on the instructions, written or verbal, of the officers of the department, or centre managers.

582 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) When will a report resulting from the review of the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992* be made publicly available.
- (2) Can the Minister account for the delay in the production of this report.
- (3) Can a list of the groups and organisations that made submissions to the review be made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (4) Will copies of submissions to the review be made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (5) What advice was contained in the submissions on the need for changes to the Act.
- (6) (a) Can a copy be provided of the evidence used to determine that ‘gains made by making amendments to the Act would be insignificant’, as stated in the media release by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing on 7 April 2005; if not, why not; and (b) who provided this evidence and/or advice.
- (7) Given that the Government has indicated it will not make any changes to the Act, how does the Government intend limiting public exposure to tobacco advertising through new and emerging forms of tobacco promotion such as the internet, text messaging, via vending machines, within movies etc.

583 **Senator George Campbell:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the Commonwealth Fleet Management Agreement:

- (1) Can a break-down be provided of all vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth Government under the Fleet Management Agreement, including: (a) the total number of vehicles; (b) vehicle type (e.g. sedan, wagon etc); and (c) user (e.g. department, authority etc).
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the Fleet Management Agreement.
- (3) Under the Fleet Management Agreement, does the Commonwealth have any say over the type of vehicles that are used.
- (4) Can full details be provided of any vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth which are not covered by the Fleet Management Agreement.

584 **Senator George Campbell:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the road works at Anzac Cove and other work/maintenance at the Gallipoli Peninsula:

- (1) Has the Government contributed any funding for the upkeep, maintenance or construction work at Gallipoli since 2001; if so, can details be provided of the amounts and the purpose of the expenditure.
- (2) Did the Government offer to contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government.
- (3) Did the Government contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government; if so: (a) how much was spent and what was it spent on; and (b) where was the funding drawn from and who approved its expenditure.

Notice given 4 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 585-615)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) how many consultants were engaged by the department and/or its agencies to conduct surveys of community attitudes to departmental programs and what was the total cost; and (b) for each consultancy: (i) what was the cost, (ii) who was the consultant, and (iii) was this consultant selected by tender; if so, was the tender select or open; if not, why not.
- (2) Were any of the surveys released publicly; if so, in each case, when was the material released; if not, in each case, what was the basis for not releasing the material publicly.

585 Minister representing the Prime Minister

586 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

587 Minister representing the Treasurer

588 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

589 Minister for Defence

590 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

591 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

592 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 593 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 594 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 595 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 596 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 597 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 598 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 599 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
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- 602 Minister for Justice and Customs
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- 611 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 612 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 613 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 614 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 615 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 616-646)—

- (1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, how many mobile phones has the department and/or its agencies, provided to: (a) a minister, including the name of the minister or ministers; (b) staff of a minister employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act (MoPS Act); (c) a departmental liaison officer in a minister's office; (d) a parliamentary secretary, including the name of the parliamentary secretary or secretaries; (e) the staff of a parliamentary secretary employed under the MoPS Act; and (f) a departmental liaison officer in the office of a parliamentary secretary.
- (2) What was the total cost of the provision of mobile phones to the abovementioned categories for the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date.

- 616 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 617 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 618 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 619 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 620 Minister for Defence
- 621 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 622 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 623 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 624 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 625 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 626 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 627 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 628 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 629 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 630 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 631 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 632 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 633 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 634 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 635 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 636 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 637 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 638 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 639 Special Minister of State
- 640 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 641 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 642 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 643 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 644 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 645 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 646 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 647-677)—For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can the following information be provided for the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) What were the base and top level salaries of Australian Public Service (APS) level 1 to 6 officers and equivalent staff employed.
- (2) What were the base and top level salaries of APS Executive level and Senior Executive Service officers and equivalent staff employed.
- (3) Are APS officers eligible for performance or other bonuses; if so: (a) to what levels are these bonuses applied; (b) are these applied on an annual basis; (c) what conditions are placed on the qualification for these bonuses; and (d) how many bonuses were paid at each level, and what was their dollar value for the periods specified above.
- (4) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with motor vehicles; and (b) what has been the cost to date.
- (5) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with mobile phones; and (b) what has been the cost to date.
- (6) How many management retreats or training programs have staff attended.
- (7) How many management retreats or training programs have been held off-site.
- (8) In the case of each off-site management retreat or training program: (a) where was the event held; and (b) what was the cost

of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.

- (9) How many official domestic trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this domestic travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.
- (10) How many official overseas trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.
- (11) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used; and (b) on how many occasions was aircraft chartered, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

- 647 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 648 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 649 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 650 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 651 Minister for Defence
- 652 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 653 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 654 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 655 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 656 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 657 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 658 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 659 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 660 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 661 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 662 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 663 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 664 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 665 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 666 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 668 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 669 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 670 Special Minister of State
- 671 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 672 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 673 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 674 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 675 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

676 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

677 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 678-708)—

- (1) In relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Minister's portfolios, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; and (c) the Minister's staff.
- (2) In relation to all air charters engaged and paid for by the Minister and/or the Minister's office and/or the department and its agencies, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

678 Minister representing the Prime Minister

679 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

680 Minister representing the Treasurer

681 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

682 Minister for Defence

683 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

684 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

685 Minister representing the Attorney-General

686 Minister for Finance and Administration

687 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

688 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

689 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

690 Minister for Family and Community Services

691 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

692 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

693 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

694 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

695 Minister for Justice and Customs

696 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

697 Minister for the Arts and Sport

698 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

699 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

700 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

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702 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

703 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

704 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

705 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

706 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

707 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

708 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

709 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) With reference to each individual minister, and in relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the minister; (b) the minister's family; and (c) the minister's staff.
- (2) In relation to all air charters engaged by the minister and/or the minister's office and/or the department and its agencies and met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 710-740)—For each financial year since 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date:

- (1) (a) What overseas travel was undertaken by the Minister; (b) what was the purpose of the Minister's visit; (c) when did the Minister depart Australia; (d) who travelled with the Minister; and (e) when did the Minister return to Australia.
- (2) (a) Who did the Minister meet during the visit; and (b) what were the times and dates of each meeting.
- (3) (a) On how many of these trips was the Minister accompanied by a business delegation; and (b) can details be provided of any delegation accompanying the Minister.
- (4) Who met the cost of travel and other expenses associated with the trip.
- (5) What total travel and associated expenses, if any, were met by the department in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; (c) the Minister's staff; and (d) departmental and/or agency staff.
- (6) What were the costs per expenditure item for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; and (c) the Minister's staff, including but not necessarily limited to: (i) fares, (ii) allowances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) hospitality, (v) insurance, and (vi) other costs.
- (7) What were the costs per expenditure item for each departmental and/or agency officer, including but not necessarily limited to: (a) fares; (b) allowances; (c) accommodation; (d) hospitality; (e) insurance; and (f) other costs.
- (8) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used by the Minister or his/her office or department; and (b) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

710 Minister representing the Prime Minister

711 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

712 Minister representing the Treasurer

713 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

714 Minister for Defence

715 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

716 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

- 717 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 718 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 719 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 720 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 721 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 722 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 723 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 724 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 725 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 726 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 727 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 728 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 729 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 730 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 731 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 733 Special Minister of State
- 734 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 735 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 736 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 737 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 738 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 739 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 740 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 741-771)—For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2002-03 can the following information relating to advertising be provided:

- (1) (a) What advertising campaigns were commenced; and (b) for what programs.
- (2) In relation to each campaign: (a) what was its total cost, including a breakdown of advertising costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs with brochures, and (v) research on advertising; and (b) what was the commencement and cessation date for each aspect of the campaign placement.
- (3) For each campaign: (a) on which television stations did the advertising campaign screen; (b) on which radio stations did the advertising campaign feature; and (c) in which newspapers did the advertising campaign feature.
- (4) Which: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, were engaged for the campaign.
- (5) In the event of a mail out, what database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (a) What appropriations did the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) in which financial year will these appropriations be made; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental

or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

- (7) Was a request made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (8) Did the Minister for Finance and Administration issue a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (7); if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (9) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

- 741 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 742 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 743 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 744 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 745 Minister for Defence
- 746 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 747 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 748 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 749 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 750 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 751 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 752 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 753 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 754 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 755 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
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- 757 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 758 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 759 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 760 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 761 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 762 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
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- 764 Special Minister of State
- 765 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 766 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 767 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 768 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 769 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 770 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

771 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 772-801)—

- (1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what boards, councils, committees and advisory bodies fall within the responsibilities of the Minister.
- (2) For each body referred to in paragraph (1): (a) who are the members; (b) when were they appointed; (c) how were they appointed and what mechanism was used in the selection process; (d) how long is their term and when does their term expire; (e) what fees, allowances and other benefits are enjoyed by the members; (f) have these fees, allowances and other benefits varied since 2000; if so, what was the reason for each variation, and what was the quantum of each variation.
- (3) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the members' publicly-funded travel.
- (4) (a) When have these appointees/boards provided formal reports to the Minister; and (b) can a copy of these reports be provided; if not, why not.

772 Minister representing the Prime Minister

773 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

774 Minister representing the Treasurer

775 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

776 Minister for Defence

777 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

778 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

779 Minister representing the Attorney-General

780 Minister for Finance and Administration

781 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

782 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

783 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

784 Minister for Family and Community Services

785 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

786 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

787 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

788 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

789 Minister for Justice and Customs

790 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

791 Minister for the Arts and Sport

792 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

793 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

794 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

795 Special Minister of State

796 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

797 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

798 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

799 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

800 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

801 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 802-832)—

(1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what sum has the department and/or its agencies spent on consultants.

(2) In relation to each consultancy: (a) what was the name of the consultant employed; (b) what was the cost; (c) what was the purpose; (d) what was the period during which the consultant was engaged; (e) what role did the Minister and/or his/her office have in the engagement of the consultant; and (f) was the consultancy subject to a tender process; if not, why not; if so, was it an open tender or a select tender.

802 Minister representing the Prime Minister

803 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

804 Minister representing the Treasurer

805 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

806 Minister for Defence

807 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

808 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

809 Minister representing the Attorney-General

810 Minister for Finance and Administration

811 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

812 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

813 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

814 Minister for Family and Community Services

815 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

816 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

817 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

818 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

819 Minister for Justice and Customs

820 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

821 Minister for the Arts and Sport

822 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

823 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

824 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

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826 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

827 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

828 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

829 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

830 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

831 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

832 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 833-863)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a list be provided of customer service telephone lines, including: (a) the telephone number of each customer service line; (b) whether the number is toll free and open 24 hours; (c) which output area is responsible for the customer service line; and (d) where this call centre is located.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the cost of maintaining the customer service lines.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a breakdown be provided of all direct and indirect costs, including: (a) staff costs; (b) infrastructure costs (including maintenance); (c) telephone costs; (d) departmental costs; and (e) any other costs.
- (4) How many calls have been received, by year, in each year of the customer service line's operation.

- 833 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 834 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 835 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 836 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 837 Minister for Defence
- 838 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 839 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 840 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 841 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 842 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 843 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 844 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 845 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 846 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 847 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 848 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 849 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 850 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 851 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 852 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 853 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 854 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
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- 857 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 858 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 859 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 860 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 861 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

862 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

863 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

864 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Will the Minister provide the eligibility criteria used by the Government to determine media attendance at the 2004 and the 2005 Budget lock-up.
- (2) Will the Minister provide a definition of mainstream media, taking into account the following extract from Mr Peter McGuaran's second reading speech, for the Broadcasting Services (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 on 21 March 2003:

Technological progress and globalisation are changing the structure of the Australian media market and patterns of media consumption—undeniably Australian media organisations are responding to these changes by investing in new technology enterprises and forming broader strategic partnerships, but the regulation of ownership and control of Australian media has been largely static. This creates ongoing tension between the trend towards convergence in the communications market and a regulatory framework which is based on sector-specific regulation and an assumption that influential sources of news and opinion are limited to the traditional domestic media outlets...The government is committed to the need for ongoing diversity of opinion and information in the Australian media.

- (3) Will the Minister provide a list of media outlets attending the 2005 Budget lock-up.
- (4) Will the Minister provide a list of press gallery members, that is those members with press gallery accreditation, who have been excluded from the 2005 Budget lock-up.
- (5) Will the Minister provide an explanation why some staff members of crikey.com.au gained accreditation to attend the 2004 Budget lock-up, but none have been granted access to the 2005 Budget lock-up.

Notice given 5 May 2005

865 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Minister's comments about tax deductibility for environment groups made on ABC Radio National on 23 April 2005: Can a list be provided of the individuals and groups which have 'complained' about environment groups and their use of tax deductible status, including: (a) the name of the complainant; (b) the date of the complaint; and (c) a summary of the complaint.

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 866-867)—With reference to environment groups with tax deductible status, which have recently been told in a letter from the Minister for the Environment and Heritage that they cannot engage in 'political activity':

- (1) Do the same restrictions apply and have similar warnings been sent to all non-profit organisations with tax deductible status, including industry associations, political think-tanks and charities; if so, can details be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) What constitutes 'political activity'.

- (3) (a) Are companies able to claim tax deductions for ‘political activity’; and
(b) how much was claimed for such purposes in each of the past 2 financial years.
- (4) (a) Are companies able to claim tax deductions for gifts to ‘private’ political think-tanks and advocates such as the Institute of Public Affairs; (b) on what basis; and (c) do such gifts constitute ‘political activity’.

866 Minister representing the Prime Minister

867 Minister representing the Treasurer

Notice given 6 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 868-898)—For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of all privately or commercially sponsored travel, including cost and sponsor for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s family; (c) the Minister’s personal staff; and (d) officers of the Minister’s department.

868 Minister representing the Prime Minister

869 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

870 Minister representing the Treasurer

871 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

872 Minister for Defence

873 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

874 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

875 Minister representing the Attorney-General

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895 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

896 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

897 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

898 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Notice given 10 May 2005

899 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—In relation to access to free breast screening for all Australian women:

- (1) How many Australian women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are eligible for free screening mammograms through the BreastScreen Australia program.
- (2) (a) Can figures be provided on the proportion of eligible women in the Indian Ocean Territories who have used the BreastScreen Australia program in each of the past 5 years; and (b) how does this compare to the proportion of eligible women in mainland Australia who have accessed the BreastScreen Australia program.
- (3) What arrangements does the Government have in place to provide local access to the necessary equipment and staff so that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories have the same access to screening mammograms as women living in mainland Australia.
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are able to access the BreastScreen Australia program.

900 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) What data does the Government have on the incidence of episiotomy in uncomplicated vaginal births in Australian hospitals; and (b) what data does the Government have on the incidence of adverse health outcomes resulting from the use of episiotomy.
- (2) Is the Government aware that according to a review of scientific evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (4 May 2005), the routine use of episiotomy does not achieve any of the goals it is commonly believed to achieve.
- (3) Is the Government aware that this review found that when providers restricted their use of episiotomy, women were more likely to give birth without perineal damage, less likely to need suturing, and more likely to resume intercourse earlier.
- (4) Is the Government aware that the review also found that women who experienced spontaneous tears without episiotomy had less pain than women with episiotomies and that the evidence showed that episiotomy did not protect women against urinary or faecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse or difficulties with sexual function in the first 3 months to 5 years following delivery.
- (5) What plans does the Government have to put in place arrangements so that many women with uncomplicated births avoid a procedure that is of no benefit to them.

901 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Has the Government ascertained conclusively the cause of the rejection of live sheep on the *Cormo Express* in 2003; if so, is the Government prepared to make this information public.

- (2) If the Government has not been able to ascertain the cause of the rejection of live sheep on the *Cormo Express* by the Saudi Government, how can the Government place confidence in the current memorandum of understanding being negotiated by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to re-open the trade.
- (3) With Meat and Livestock Australia reporting a 75 per cent increase in frozen lamb exports to Saudi Arabia in 2004 whilst the live trade has been suspended, why is the Government not focussing all efforts on increasing the carcass trade further, rather than re-opening live trade with a country that has rejected Australian live shipments on at least 12 occasions in the past 16 years.
- (4) During Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) investigations into possible breaches of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2003 which prohibits Australian exporters from assisting in the importation of sheep into Saudi Arabia, did Australian exporters refuse to co-operate with the AQIS investigation.

902 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) During the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, have any Indonesian military personnel undertaken training at the Kokoda Barracks at Canungra (the location of the Australian Army Regional Training Centre); (b) how many Indonesian military personnel have trained there during each of those years; and (c) are there any plans to train Indonesian military personnel at that location in the future.
- (2) Noting recent reports that the United States of America (US) is considering renewing military ties with Indonesia, has Australia received any indication from the US regarding a potential resumption of military ties between the US and Indonesia.
- (3) What are the current arrangements, if any, between the Australian and Indonesian military.
- (4) What joint training exercises, if any, have been undertaken involving Australian and Indonesian troops in the past 12 months, including: (a) the troops participating and whether these included Kopassus and TNI (Indonesian Army); (b) how many troops; (c) the location of the exercises; and (d) the nature of the exercises.
- (5) Does the Government maintain its commitment to ensure that no Indonesian officer who has previously been involved in human rights violations will participate in any joint arrangement with Australian troops; if so, how does the Government propose to practically implement this policy.
- (6) Is the Government aware of a report by the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, released on 4 November 2004, which found that Kopassus has not reformed its ways and recommended that Australia should not renew military ties with it; if so, what is the Government's response to that report.

903 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With respect to the sentencing in Fiji of Australian national Mr Thomas Maxwell McCoskar and Fiji local person Mr Dharendra Nandan to 2 years gaol for engaging in homosexual sex:

- (1) What assistance has the Australian High Commission in Fiji given to ensure that Mr McCoskar has access to legal representatives who can assist in the appeal against the sentence.
- (2) Has the Government made any request for clemency to the Fijian Government.
- (3) Has the Government expressed to the Fijian Government a view that such a sentence is a violation of Mr McCoskar's and Mr Nandan's basic rights, as described by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- (4) Will the department issue suitable warnings to all Australian tourists visiting countries such as Fiji, advising them of the law in relation to homosexuals.

904 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Before approving the proposal to develop a brickworks on land at Perth Airport, Western Australia, will the Government ensure that an environmental impact study has demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact upon: (a) native bushland on the site; (b) the air quality in nearby urban areas; and (c) traffic congestion in roads leading to the site.

905 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the upcoming joint United States of America (US)-Australia military exercise 'Talisman Sabre 2005':

- (1) Will any depleted uranium munitions be used.
- (2) What representations to the US military has the Government made on the issue.
- (3) What assurances has the Government received from the US Government that no such munitions will be used.

Notice given 11 May 2005

*906 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to organisations that receive public funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to impose caps on the amount of funding that can be provided to non-government organisations that are involved in advocacy or awareness-raising.
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to prohibit organisations that are involved in advocacy or awareness-raising from receiving public funding.

*907 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee report, *Report of the Working Party on the Registration of Drugs for Use in Children* was completed in 1997 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- (2) Can the Minister provide an outline of the recommendations made by the working party.
- (3) What action is planned and what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the working party.
- (4) Has the working party been discontinued; if so, has any follow-up study been established.

*908 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to in vitro fertilisation (IVF) services and proposals to restrict access:

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any investigation of the factors that have contributed to the increase in government rebates for IVF services over the past 10 years; if so, can a copy be provided of any information or report resulting from investigations.
- (2) What groups, if any, were consulted prior to May 2005 regarding possible restrictions on access to Medicare rebates for IVF procedures.
- (3) What data does the Government have on: (a) the proportion of Australian women accessing IVF services; (b) changes in the proportion over the past 10 years; and (c) the range and average number of IVF cycles undertaken by an infertile woman.
- (4) Can information be provided on the average out-of-pocket costs experienced by women for a single cycle of IVF for the past 10 years.

*909 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to funding provided to the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church and the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services:

- (1) Can the Government provide figures on: (a) the proportion of public funding received by these groups which is spent on advocacy or awareness-raising regarding abortion; and (b) the proportion of public funding that these groups receive that is spent on research into abortion.
 - (2) How does the Government ensure that: (a) any awareness-raising conducted by these organisations using public funds reflects the most up-to-date, unbiased scientific information; and (b) any research conducted by these organisations using public funds is conducted in line with good practice and ethical standards for scientific research.
 - (3) Has any investigation of the quality of advocacy, awareness-raising or research provided by these groups been undertaken; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome.
 - (4) Does the Government provide any funding to the Southern Cross Bioethics Institute; if so, can details be provided of funding for the past 5 years.
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ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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Committees

1 Allocation of departments

Departments and agencies are allocated to the legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Family and Community Services
Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury
Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment and Workplace Relations
Education, Science and Training

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Heritage
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

Attorney-General
Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Transport and Regional Services
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(1 May 1996, amended 2 September 1997, 21 October 1997, 11 November 1998, 8 February 2001, 13 February 2002 and 17 November 2004.)

2 Estimates—Answers to questions

That answers be provided by 31 January 2005 to:

- (a) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees in the course of the estimates hearings in May and June 2004; and
- (b) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees by 2 December 2004.

(Agreed to 18 November 2004.)

3 Estimates hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2005 be scheduled as follows:

2004-05 additional estimates:

Monday, 14 February and Tuesday, 15 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 16 February and Thursday, 17 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group B*)

2005-06 Budget estimates:

Monday, 23 May to Thursday, 26 May and, if required, Friday, 27 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 30 May to Thursday, 2 June and, if required, Friday, 3 June (*Group B*)

Monday, 31 October and Tuesday, 1 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 2 November and Thursday, 3 November (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Legal and Constitutional

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs

Economics

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, 15 March 2005 in respect of the 2004-05 additional estimates; and
 - Monday, 20 June 2005 in respect of the 2005-06 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 10 February 2005.)

4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 6 December 2004.)

5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

***6 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 12 May 2005, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of Auditor-General’s reports.

(Agreed to 11 May 2005.)

Meeting of Senate

7 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2004 and 2005 be as follows:

Spring sittings (2004):

Tuesday, 16 November to Thursday, 18 November

Monday, 29 November to Thursday, 2 December

Monday, 6 December to Thursday, 9 December

Summer sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 8 February to Thursday, 10 February

Autumn sittings (2005):

Monday, 7 March to Thursday, 10 March

Monday, 14 March to Thursday, 17 March

Budget sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 10 May to Thursday, 12 May

Winter sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 14 June to Thursday, 16 June

Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 23 June

Spring sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 9 August to Thursday, 11 August

Monday, 15 August to Thursday, 18 August

Monday, 5 September to Thursday, 8 September

Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Tuesday, 4 October to Thursday, 6 October

Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (2) (2005):

Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November

Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 17 November 2004.)

8 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)

9 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:

On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)

10 Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 10 May 2005 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 12 May 2005 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

- (a) the routine of business from 8 pm on Tuesday, 10 May 2005 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents 2005-06, and
 - (ii) adjournment; and
- (b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2005 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
 - (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 10 May 2005.)

Orders for production of documents

11 Trade—Free trade agreement—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 7 December 2004, the final letters and any attachments and annexures exchanged between the governments of Australia and the United States of America (US) to finalise the free trade agreement between Australia and the US.

(Motion of Senator Nettle agreed to 2 December 2004.)

12 Science and Technology—Gene technology—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than the conclusion of question time on Wednesday, 11 May 2005, the following documents:

- (a) any reports or similar materials from Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority relating to glyphosate, herbicide-tolerant genetically-engineered plants and Fusarium; and

- (b) all agronomic data from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator-approved Bayer or Monsanto genetically-engineered canola trials conducted in Australia.

(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 16 March 2005.)

***13 Foreign Affairs—Gallipoli—Road works—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than Thursday, 12 May 2005, all briefings to the Minister and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, on the matter of road works at Gallipoli over the past 4 years, and all internal minutes and file notes, including records of meetings between the Office of Australian War Graves and officials of the Government of Turkey on the same subject.

(Motion of Senator Bishop agreed to 11 May 2005.)

***14 Employment—Building on Success Community Development Employment Project—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2005, all submissions received by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in response to the Building on Success Community Development Employment Project Discussion Paper 2005.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 11 May 2005.)

***15 Employment—Breaching Review Taskforce—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (Senator Abetz), no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2005, the final report of the Breaching Review Taskforce, presented to the Minister in December 2004.

(Motion of Senator Greig agreed to 11 May 2005.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister
19.06.2002	Mining—Christmas Island	
24.06.2002	Superannuation system	
25.06.2002	Finance—Retirement and income modelling	
27.06.2002	Health—Tobacco	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
20.08.2002	Animal Welfare—Cattle	
28.08.2002	Superannuation Working Group	
11.11.2002	Environment—Queensland—Nathan Dam	
14.11.2002	Trade—General Agreement on Trade in Services	Minister representing the Minister for Trade
18.11.2002	Environment—Oceans policy	
19.11.2002	Superannuation—Insurance and Superannuation Commission	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin) and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan)
10.12.2002	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
11.12.2002	Environment—Tasmania—Logging	Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
12.12.2002	Science and Technology—Genetically-modified food	Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.03.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
25.03.2003	Immigration—Illegal migration	
14.05.2003	Environment—Radioactive waste—National store	Minister representing the Minister for Science
14.05.2003	Industry—Basslink	
19.06.2003	Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme—Draft regulations	
17.09.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	The Government
08.10.2003	Health—National Drug Research Strategy	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
13.10.2003	Immigration—Management of detention centres	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
13.10.003	Finance—Calculation of the IBNR levy	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
14.10.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	
16.10.2003	Environment—Sepon Mine	Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Education—Higher education—Regional impact statement	Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
25.11.2003	Finance—Deposit bonds	
01.12.2003	Taxation—First home owners, 'bracket creep' and Intergeneration Report	Minister representing the Treasurer
03.12.2003	Health—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	
03.12.2003	Environment—Sepon mine	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
10.02.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
24.03.2004	Superannuation—Departing temporary residents	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
24.03.2004	Australian Federal Police Commissioner—Statement	Leader of the Government in the Senate
01.04.2004	Immigration—Ministerial discretion	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
21.06.2004	Indigenous Australians—Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2)	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
22.06.2004	Defence—Iraq—Human rights abuses	Minister for Defence
23.06.2004	Science and Technology—Synthetic aperture radar	Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
23.06.2004	Defence—Office of National Assessments report	Leader of the Government in the Senate
24.06.2004	Environment—Videophone facilities	
04.08.2004	Defence—Missile defence program	Minister for Defence
05.08.2004	Environment—Bushfire mitigation and management	Minister representing the Prime Minister
10.08.2004	Environment—Repulse Bay	Minister for the Environment and Heritage
11.08.2004	Environment—Nuclear waste storage	Minister for Finance and Administration

Parliament

16 Security funding

The Senate:

- (a) notes the transfer of \$1 million from the Department of the Senate to the Department of Parliamentary Services as a special contribution to security costs in the parliamentary precincts over and above the transferred funds previously provided for security, and
- (b) agrees that, if any further funds are necessary to provide additional security costs, they be made by additional appropriation to, or savings within, the Department of Parliamentary Services.

(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)

17 Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations

The Senate is of the view that:

- (a) an initial payment to an international organisation in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and
- (b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represents an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).

(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

- 1 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

- 2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Government documents

- 4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

- 5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown

Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Statements

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Questions without notice

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day,

questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Nettle
Senator Lees

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Bolkus, Brandis, Chapman, Cherry, Crossin, Ferguson, Hutchins, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Moore and Watson

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Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References
Finance and Public Administration Legislation
Finance and Public Administration References
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References
Legal and Constitutional Legislation
Legal and Constitutional References
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

Select Committees

Administration of Indigenous Affairs
Lindeberg Grievance
Mental Health
Scafton Evidence

Joint Statutory Committees

ASIO, ASIS and DSD
Australian Crime Commission
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
Corporations and Financial Services
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
Public Accounts and Audit
Public Works

Joint Committees

Electoral Matters
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Migration
National Capital and External Territories
Treaties

N.B. Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.



COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

(appointed 16 June 2004; reappointed 17 November 2004; final report tabled 8 March 2005)

Members

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Heffernan, Nettle, Ridgeway and Scullion

Reports presented

Interim report (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

After ATSIIC – Life in the mainstream? (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee*Members*

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Reports presented

41st report—Security funding; Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

- * 42nd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2005-05 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Ferguson, Sandy Macdonald and Ray and Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Review of Division 3 Part III of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004* (*statutory responsibility*)

Reports presented

Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Review of administration and expenditure for ASIO, ASIS and DSD (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

Senator Santoro (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Denman, Ferris, Greig and Hutchins and Mr Byrne, Mrs Gash, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Report presented

Examination of the annual report for 2002-03 of the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

The President, the Speaker and Senators Faulkner and Ferris and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Lindsay, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

Community Affairs Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Knowles (*Chair*), Senator Greig (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Denman, Humphries and Moore

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Watson and Webber

Reports presented

Tobacco advertising prohibition (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (*tabled 8 February 2005*)

Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (*tabled 10 February 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Community Affairs References Committee*Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Hutchins, Lees and Moore

Substitute members

Senator Allison to replace Senator Lees for the committee's inquiry into aged care

Senator Cook to replace Senator Hutchins for the committee's inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bishop, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Greig, Harradine, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Aged care (*referred 23 June 2004; readopted 1 December 2004; reporting date: 23 June 2005*)

The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (*referred 10 February 2005; reporting date: 23 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Inquiry into aged care—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge—Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Ms AE Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Lundy, Murray and Wong and Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen, Ms JM Kelly and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Regulation of property investment advice (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*adopted 16 February 2005*)

Report presented

Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (*tabled 10 February 2005*)

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Murray, Watson and Webber

Substitute members

Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Senator Lundy to replace Senator Webber for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Cook, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Wong

Current inquiries

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*referred 9 March 2005; reporting date: 15 June 2005*)

- * Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Economics References Committee

Members

Senator Stephens (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Lundy, Ridgeway and Webber

Substitute members

Senator Allison to replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Watson and Wong

Current inquiry

Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (*referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: first sitting day in September 2005*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senators Brandis, Carr, Forshaw, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos and Mr ADH Smith

Current inquiry

Electoral funding and disclosure and any amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act necessary in relation to political donations (*referred 30 November 2004*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members

Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Stott Despoja, Troeth and Wong

Substitute members

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Carr to replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio

Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Troeth for the committee's consideration of the 2005-06 Budget estimates on 30 May 2005

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

- * Provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Reports presented

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004 (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and a supplementary report from the Australian Democrats (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004—Interim report (*presented to the President on 14 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into the proposed amendment in the form of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2004—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 27 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 (*tabled 29 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee*Members*

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senators Barnett, Collins, Kirk, Stott Despoja and Troeth

Substitute members

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Carr to replace Senator Collins for matters relating to education

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiries

Indigenous education (*referred 6 December 2004; reporting date: 15 June 2005*)

Unfair dismissal laws and the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004 (*referred 7 December 2004; amended 17 March 2005, reporting date: 14 June 2005*)

Student income support (*referred 11 March 2004; readopted 8 December 2004; reporting date: 16 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Inquiry into lifelong learning—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into Indigenous training and employment—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into student income support—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Indigenous education funding—Interim report (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Lundy (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Conroy, Santoro and Tchen

Substitute members

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

Senator Greig to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Watson and Wong

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the National Water Commission Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

- * Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Cherry (*Chair*), Senators Bishop, Conroy, Lundy, Tchen and Troeth

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Stephens and Watson

Current inquiries

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (*referred 24 June 2004; readopted 8 December 2004*)

Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (*referred 14 March 2005; reporting date: 23 June 2005*)

Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (*referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: 13 October 2005*)

Reports presented

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's energy white paper—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Turning back the tide – the invasive species challenge: Report on the regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (*tabled 10 March 2005*)

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's energy white paper—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 18 April 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2005*)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration; Human Services

Members

Senator Mason (*Chair*), Senator Murray (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, George Campbell, Forshaw and Heffernan

Substitute member

Senator Fifield to replace Senator Heffernan for the committee's consideration of the 2005-06 Budget estimates from 23 May to 27 May 2005

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Hogg, Knowles, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stephens, Tchen, Watson and Webber

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and corrigendum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 7 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), May 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators George Campbell, Heffernan, Moore and Ridgeway

Substitute members

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into government advertising

Senators Barnett and Johnston to replace Senators Watson and Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Senators Carr and O'Brien to replace Senators George Campbell and Moore for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Brandis, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Knowles, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Murray, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Tchen and Webber

Current inquiries

Government advertising (*referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 22 June 2005*)
 Regional Partnerships program (*referred 2 December 2004; reporting date: 15 August 2005*)

* Gallipoli Peninsula (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 30 June 2005*)

Report presented

Inquiry into government advertising and accountability—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Senators Bolkus, Cook, Eggleston, Harradine, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Payne and Stott Despoja and Mr Baldwin, Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Mr Turnbull, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

Review of the Department of Defence annual report 2003-04 (*under resolution of appointment*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States (*adopted 26 November 2003; readopted 17 January 2005*)

Australia's human rights dialogues (*adopted 25 March 2004; readopted 2 December 2004*)

Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula (*referred 7 April 2005*)

Report presented

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Members

Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferguson, Mackay, Payne, and Ridgeway

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Johnston, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Watson

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Hogg, Johnston, Mackay and Ridgeway

Substitute members

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system

Senators Evans and Faulkner to replace Senators Hutchins and Mackay for the committee's inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Watson

Current inquiries

Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (*referred 30 October 2003; terms of reference varied 12 February 2004; readopted 6 December 2004; reporting date: 16 June 2005*)

Australia's relationship with China (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 15 September 2005*)

Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (*referred 8 March 2005; reporting date: 21 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 6 December 2004*)

House—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President and Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Bolkus (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Greig, Kirk, Mason and Scullion

Substitute members

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Greig for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Hogg, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Lundy, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Watson

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*)

* Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

* Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 13 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Marriage Amendment Bill 2004 (*presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004 (*presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 10 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

* Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

* Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee*Members*

Senator Bolkus (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, Greig, Kirk and Scullion

Substitute members

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Senator Mason to replace Senator Scullion for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* on 21 and 22 April 2005 and 19 and 20 May 2005

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Watson

Current inquiry

Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* (referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: 30 June 2005)

Reports presented

The road to a republic (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Inquiry into Australian expatriates—Interim report (presented to the President on 1 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 6 December 2004)

They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian expatriates (tabled 8 March 2005)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Kirk, Scullion, Stephens and Tchen

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee

(appointed 1 April 2004; final report tabled 16 November 2004)

Report presented

Report (presented to the Deputy President on 15 November 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Mental Health—Select Committee

(appointed 8 March 2005; reporting date: 6 October 2005)

Members

Leader of the Australian Democrats (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*) and Senators Forshaw, Moore, Scullion, Troeth and Webber

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members

Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Kirk and Tchen and Mr L Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Randall and Dr Southcott

Current inquiry

Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (*referred 19 April 2005*)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), The Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators O'Brien, Scullion and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

Current inquiries

Adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program (*adopted 10 September 2003; terms of reference varied 26 November 2003; readopted 8 December 2004*)

- * Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

Reports presented

Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Difficult choices: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account—Joint Statutory Committee

(*term extended until 23 March 2006 in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004; name amended 22 February 2005 pursuant to Schedule 1, items 208 and 210 of the Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*)

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Ms Vamvakinou (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Lees and Scullion and Mr McMullan, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Current inquiry

Whether, and if so what, acts of unauthorised disclosure of parliamentary committee proceedings, evidence or draft reports should continue to be included among prohibited acts which may be treated by the Senate as contempts (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: 15 June 2005*)

Reports presented

120th report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of private deliberations or draft report of Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

121st report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft reports of Community Affairs References Committee (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ray

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Baldwin (*Chairman*), Senators Hogg, Humphries, Moore, Murray, Scullion and Watson and Ms AE Burke, Mr Broadbent, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

Current inquiry

Indigenous law and justice (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

Report presented

Nomination of a new Commonwealth Auditor-General, pursuant to subsection 8A(7) of the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951* (*statement made, by way of a report, 10 March 2005*)

Committee document presented

* Statement on the Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Senators Ferguson, Forshaw and Troeth and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Ripoll and Mr Wakelin

Current inquiries

Proposed refurbishment of Australia House in London (*referred 9 February 2005*)

Ordnance Breakdown facility, Proof and Experimental Establishment Site, Port Wakefield, SA (*referred 9 February 2005*)

Development of on-base house for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (*referred 9 February 2005*)

Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC) – Additional accommodation and related works (*referred 9 December 2004*)

Development of land for Defence Housing at McDowall in Brisbane (*referred 24 June 2004, readopted 6 December 2004*)

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (*referred 16 February 2005*)

New offices for the Australian Consulate-General in Bali, Indonesia (*referred 15 March 2005*)

Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian Embassy in Vietiane, Laos
(referred 15 March 2005)

Reports presented

Proposed development of land at Lee Point, Darwin, for defence and private housing
(Fifth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT (Sixth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 3-5 National
Circuit, Barton, ACT (Seventh report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)

New east building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (Eighth report of
2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia
at Hume, ACT (Ninth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Sixty-eighth annual report, March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
in Civic, ACT (First report of 2005) (tabled 16 March 2005)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Marshall, Moore and
Scullion

Reports presented

1st report (tabled 9 December 2004)

2nd report (tabled 17 March 2005)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Tchen (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore and Santoro

Documents presented

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February
to December 2004 (tabled 9 March 2005)

Delegated legislation monitor—Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the
Senate in 2004, dated February 2005 (tabled 9 March 2005)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator Buckland (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cherry, Ferris,
McGauran and Stephens

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman,
Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Greig, Harradine, Hogg, Hutchins,
Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McLucas,
Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

Provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*)

Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), including final report on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the National Animal Welfare Bill 2003—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Watson, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from the Philippines (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee*Members*

Senator Ridgeway (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, McGauran, O'Brien and Stephens

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Greig, Harradine, Hutchins, Ludwig, Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McLucas, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Compensation for wheat growers (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 16 June 2005*)

The operation of the wine-making industry (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2006*)

Report presented

Australian forest plantations: A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and corrigendum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and further corrigenda (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee

(appointed 30 August 2004; reappointed 18 November 2004; final report tabled 9 December 2004)

Members

Senator Collins (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Faulkner and Ferguson

Report presented

Report (tabled 9 December 2004)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee*Members*

Senator Ray (*Chairman*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall and Murray

Current inquiry

Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation (*referred 25 March 2004; readopted 29 November 2004*)

Alert Digests presented

No. 11 of 2004 (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

No. 12 of 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

No. 1 of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

No. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 2005*)

No. 3 of 2005 (*presented 16 March 2005*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 29 November 2004*)

Eleventh report of 2004 (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Twelfth report of 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

First report of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

Second report of 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Third report of 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee*Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

Reports presented

Report no. 12 of 2004 (*presented 1 December 2004*)

Report no. 13 of 2004 (*presented 6 December 2004*)

Report no. 14 of 2004 (*presented 8 December 2004*)

Report no. 1 of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

Report no. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 2005*)

Report no. 3 of 2005 (*presented 16 March 2005*)

* Report no. 4 of 2005 (*presented 11 May 2005*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Denman (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McGauran and Webber

Notifications of alterations of interests

Register of senators' interests incorporating a statement of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June and 6 December 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Report presented

Report 1/2005: Annual report 2004 (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Collins, Mackay, Mason, Santoro, Stephens and Tchen and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Mr Turnbull and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiry

Proposed agreement relating to US nationals and the International Criminal Court (*referred 7 December 2004; reporting date: 30 June 2005*)

Reports presented

Report 61—The Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement—Corrigenda (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Report 63—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

* Report 64—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (2) (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Faulkner—(*appointed 27 June 2002 for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Brandis (*appointed 14 March 2005 for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Cook and Watson (*appointed 13 May 1998 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

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Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Robert Hill <i>Minister for Defence</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone <i>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs</i>	Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson <i>Minister for Family and Community Services</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Human Services Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell <i>Minister for the Environment and Heritage</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Attorney-General
Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Special Minister of State</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Small Business and Tourism Minister for Workforce Participation
Parliamentary Secretary	
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	

In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.

A GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

Matters of privilege take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to uncompleted debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business is business initiated by a minister. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements of intention that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records in full current items of business of the Senate and government business, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses follows government business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses which have been presented during the week. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents appears in general business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Business for future consideration lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Bills referred to committees lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

Questions on notice includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of each period of sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the Senate’s Internet site at aph.gov.au/senate.

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.