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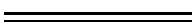
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DISSENT FROM RULING

Order of the Day

1 **Objection to ruling of the President**

Consideration of the motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)—That the ruling of the President (that the conduct of Senator McGauran in making a gesture following a division on 11 August 2005 was unseemly but not unparliamentary) be dissented from—(*pursuant to standing order 198, adjourned, 16 August 2005*).



BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 August 2005

- 1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2005 [F2005L01580], made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*, be disallowed.

Twelve sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Orders of the Day

1 **Migration Amendment Regulations—Motion for disallowance**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 171 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed—(*Senator Kirk, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

Eleven sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

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

Report to be presented on the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases and any related matters.

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

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

5 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the Day**

- 1 **Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 17 August 2005*).
- 2 **Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005**
Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 16 August 2005*).
- 3 **Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005**
Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 August 2005*).
- 7 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 8 **Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Competitive Neutrality) Bill 2005**
Medical Indemnity (Competitive Advantage Payment) Bill 2005—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 August 2005*).

- 9 **Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 10 **Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 16 August 2005*).
- 11 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 12 **Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).
- 13 **Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 14 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 15 **Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 August 2005*).
- 16 **Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 17 **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 18 **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, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Colbeck), 12 May 2005*).
- 19 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 12 May 2005*).
- 20 **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*).
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**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 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Report—The performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Bartlett)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

2 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier—Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lightfoot)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 11 August 2005*).

3 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Property investment advice – Safe as houses?

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Chapman)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 11 August 2005*).

4 Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—112th report—40th Parliament report

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

5 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Quality and equity in aged care

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 11 August 2005*).

6 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

7 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—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, 11 August 2005*).

8 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

9 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Watson—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 11 August 2005*).

10 Community Affairs Reference 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 (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 11 August 2005*).

11 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 Kirk, 11 August 2005*).

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

1 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 (*adjourned, Senator Moore, 11 August 2005*).

2 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 (*adjourned, Senator Moore, 11 August 2005*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Management of selected Defence system program offices: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Defence's management of long-term property leases

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Internationalisation of Australian education and training: Department of Education, Science and Training

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Administration of fringe benefits tax**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2004-05—Performance audit—DEWR's oversight of Job Network services to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 58 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Helping carers: the National Respite for Carers Program: Department of Health and Ageing**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 1 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of detention centre contracts—Part B: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Moore, 11 August 2005*).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 3 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier Upgrade Project**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 4 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Post sale management of privatised rail business contractual rights and obligations**
Consideration (*10 August 2005*).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 5 of 2005-06—Performance audit—A financial management framework to support managers in the Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (*11 August 2005*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

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 11 May 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”.

Notice given 16 June 2005

176 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to bring Australia's troops home from Iraq.

Notice given 11 August 2005

208 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the week beginning 1 August 2005 was World Breastfeeding Week,
 - (ii) the theme for the week was ‘Breastfeeding and Family Foods (feeding beyond 6 months)’,
 - (iii) breastfeeding is a natural and normal way of providing optimal nutrition, immunological and emotional nurturing for the growth and development of infants, and
 - (iv) every woman has the right to be supported and not discriminated against if they choose to breastfeed or not; and
- (b) notes that breastfeeding women must be supported by allowing them to take breastfeeding breaks and breaks to express milk, encouraging workplaces to provide places for mothers to breastfeed and express milk, and encouraging workplaces to provide the necessary facilities for the storage of breast milk.

Notice given 16 August 2005

219 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 26 August 2005 marks the 4th anniversary of the rescue of 433 asylum seekers by the MV *Tampa*,

- (ii) this rescue was followed by the refusal of the Government to allow the ship to enter Australian waters,
 - (iii) the asylum seekers did not have access to adequate medical care, legal advice or sanitary conditions, particularly for the pregnant women and children who were on board,
 - (iv) the MV *Tampa* was boarded by Australian Special Air Services troops and the asylum seekers taken to Nauru,
 - (v) the unnecessary and degrading cost of the resulting Pacific Solution is estimated at close to a billion dollars which does not take into consideration the cost of human suffering, and
 - (vi) some of the refugees rescued by the MV *Tampa* are still on temporary protection visas and have therefore not been able to reunite with their families after more than 4 years apart;
- (b) expresses the view that many of the changes made to the *Migration Act 1958* following the MV *Tampa* incident have undermined basic legal principles such as equality before the law, procedural fairness, transparent accountability of the actions of Commonwealth officers and protecting against refolement; and
 - (c) calls for review and reform of the Act, and an end to the Pacific Solution, mandatory detention and temporary protection visas.

221 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) acknowledges research by the Centre for Genetics Education on attitudes to predictive genetic testing as a part of the Australian National University's Australian Survey of Social Attitudes;
- (b) notes that the research reveals many Australians oppose genetic testing for insurance and employment purposes due to concerns about potential discrimination;
- (c) notes that the Government has not yet released its response to the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) report no. 96, *Essentially yours: The protection of human genetic information in Australia*; and
- (d) calls on the Government to respond to the ALRC's report and implement federal laws to protect our genetic privacy and prevent discrimination.

Notice given 17 August 2005

- *222 **Senator Ludwig:** To move—That the Senate expresses its deep concern that the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) has failed to take responsibility for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs despite the ongoing revelations and rising financial and human cost of the portfolio mismanagement.
- *223 **Chair of the Select Committee on Mental Health (Senator Allison):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on Mental Health be extended to the Thursday of the second sitting week in March 2006.
- *224 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—
 - (a) notes that:
 - (i) it has been 1 484 days since Ms Vivian Solon's unlawful deportation by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and 94 days since she was discovered in a hospice in the Philippines,

- (ii) evidence suggests that numerous officers within the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Queensland Police, knew that Ms Solon had been deported unlawfully but failed to correct the situation and bring her home, and
- (iii) the Australian Government:
 - (A) is refusing to guarantee that it will provide more than 6 months care for Ms Solon when she returns, and
 - (B) refuses to agree to arbitration should mediation not result in a compensation settlement; and
- (b) calls on the Government to allow Ms Solon to come home to Australia and be with her children by:
 - (i) extending the guarantee of care past 6 months,
 - (ii) offering her brother a visa which entitles him to work rights or a carers allowance and is not limited to 6 months, and
 - (iii) agreeing to arbitration of a compensation settlement if 6 months of mediation does not result in a settlement.

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Friday, 26 August 2005 is the 4th anniversary of the rescue of 433 asylum seekers by the MV *Tampa*, and
 - (ii) 4 years later, 32 asylum seekers remain on Nauru as part of the Government's cruel Pacific Solution; and
- (b) calls on the Government to bring the remaining asylum seekers still on Nauru to the Australian mainland.

*226 **Senator Crossin:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in 2004 the Northern Territory Parliament passed the *Nuclear Waste, Storage and Disposal (Prohibition) Act 2004* which bans the establishment and operation of a nuclear waste management facility in the Northern Territory, and
 - (ii) during the 2004 Federal Election the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell) gave an 'absolute categorical assurance' to Territorians that the Commonwealth is not pursuing any options anywhere on the mainland, including the Northern Territory, for a national nuclear waste facility; and
- (b) calls on the Commonwealth Government to honour its election promise not to locate a nuclear waste facility in the Northern Territory.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

2 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 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—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 11 August 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, 11 August 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, 11 August 2005*).
- 6 **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, 11 August 2005*).
- 7 ***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, 11 August 2005*).
- 8 **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, 11 August 2005*).
- 9 **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, 11 August 2005*).
- 10 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra's compliance with price control arrangements—Report for 2003-04**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 11 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 11 August 2005*).
- 12 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 11 August 2005*).
- 13 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 33—Review of national competition policy reforms, 28 February 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 14 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by immigration detainees concerning their detention at the Curtin Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (HREOC report no. 28)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 15 **Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 16 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 17 **Inquiry into the circumstances of the immigration detention of Cornelia Rau—Report by Mr Mick Palmer AO APM, July 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

- 18 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator George Campbell, in continuation, 16 August 2005*).

- 19 **Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Corporate plan 2005-06 to 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator George Campbell, in continuation, 16 August 2005*).

- 20 **Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report—Review into the viability of establishing an Indigenous television service and the regulatory arrangements that should apply to the digital transmission of such a service using spectrum in the broadcasting services bands, August 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 16 August 2005*).

- 21 **Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate—Joint ministerial statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Milne—That the Senate take note of the statement (*16 August 2005*).

- *22 **Customs Act 1901—Report for 2004-05 on the conduct of customs officers under subsection 233(3A) of the Act**

Consideration (*17 August 2005*).

- *23 **List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at August 2005**

Consideration (*17 August 2005*).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)
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*)
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*)
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*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 20 **Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)
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*).
- 32 **Spyware Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 May 2005*).
- 33 **Family and Community Services—Welfare reform**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—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—(*12 May 2005*).
- 34 **Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005**
Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005—(*Senate bills*)—(*Senators Nettle and Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 16 June 2005*).

- 36 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 21 June 2005*).
- 37 **Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 23 June 2005*).
- 38 **Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Brown*)
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 11 August 2005*).
- 39 **Employment—Skills shortages—Training policies**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—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—(*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).



BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (5 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

- 2 **Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2005 (8 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.

Seven sitting days after today (14 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 June 2005

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 18 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and the *Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004*, be disallowed.

Eight sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On 15 September 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

Report to be presented on matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases and any related matters.

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

Report to be presented on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

On 4 October 2005**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 6 October 2005**Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day****1 Mental Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on Regional Partnerships program.

3 Economics References Committee

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

On 10 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Fourteen sitting days after today (12 August 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 17 August 2005

- *1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Amendment Orders 2005 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of the Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1982, be disallowed.
Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**
- *2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Income Tax Assessment Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 75 and made under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, be disallowed.
Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**
- *3 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Modification Declaration No. 1, made under section 177 of the *Retirement Savings Account Act 1997*, be disallowed.
Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**
- *4 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Veterans' Entitlements (Veterans' Children Education Scheme – Scholarships, Statistics, MRCA) Instrument 2004 – Instrument No. R11/2004, made under subsection 117(1) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, be disallowed.
Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**
- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Orders, Regulations, Declaration and Instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

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.

On 31 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on industrial relations.

On the first day of the spring sittings (2) 2005 (7 November 2005)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 **Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 August 2005).

On 8 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

Report to be presented on the administration of the Migration Act.

On 10 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on government advertising.

By the first sitting day of December 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on workplace exposure to toxic dust.

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—Orders 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.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

35 National Animal Welfare Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2005*).

On the next day of sitting after the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS, and DSD reports to the Minister for Defence

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

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

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005*).

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*).

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

Referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD (*referred 16 June 2005*).

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005*).

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date varied 10 August 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†**Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date varied 9 August 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*).

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005*).

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 10 October 2005*).

Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 5 September 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.

BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

Government Bill**Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005**

Second reading negatived, 15 June 2005.

Restored to *Notice Paper* pursuant to resolution of 10 August 2005 and passed.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 1032 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.
- 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.

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.

Notice given 20 December 2004

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

- 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.

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 15 February 2005

- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

Notice given 8 March 2005

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.

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.

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.

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

471 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

473 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

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 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 8 April 2005

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.

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.

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.

Notice given 20 April 2005

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

- (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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 Minister for Veterans' Affairs—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.

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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.

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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

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
- 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 Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 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
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- 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

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.

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- 679 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 680 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 681 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 683 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 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
- 691 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 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
- 701 Special Minister of State
- 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
- 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.

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 712 Minister representing the Treasurer
 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
 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
 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
 732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
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 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
 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.

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744 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
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748 Minister representing the Attorney-General
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- 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

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.

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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.

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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.

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835 Minister representing the Treasurer

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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

844 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

846 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

848 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

849 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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856 Special Minister of State

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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

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 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
- 876 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 877 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 878 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 879 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 880 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 881 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 882 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 883 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 884 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 885 Minister for Justice and Customs

- 886 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 887 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 888 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 889 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 890 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 891 Special Minister of State
- 892 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 893 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 894 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 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.
- 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.

Notice given 11 May 2005

- 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.

Notice given 31 May 2005

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister aware the NECWG gave unanimous support to the development of a short flyer to be given to every person who buys a mobile phone explaining the proper use of 000 for mobile phones.
- (3) Has the Minister received correspondence from state or territory ministers in relation to the development of these codes; if so: (a) from which state or territory minister; (b) when did the Minister receive such correspondence; and (c) when did the Minister reply.
- (4) Can a copy of the Minister's replies to the correspondence of state and territory ministers be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Minister and/or the department had meetings with NECWG in relation to these codes; if so: (a) when did the meetings occur; (b) who attended the meetings; (c) what was discussed at the meetings; and (d) can the written records of these meetings be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

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

- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, would the Minister advise the number of instances that persons in Australia have dialled 911 instead of 000 when seeking emergency assistance by telephone.

- (2) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.
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- (7) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

919 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of \$2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

- (1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of the program; and (d) the projected completion date.
- (2) By financial year, what amount of funding is projected to be made available from: (a) the Natural Heritage Trust; and (b) the National Landcare program.
- (3) When and who in the South Australian Government did the Minister approach to: (a) negotiate the South Australian Government's contribution to this program; (b) invite the South Australian Government to jointly announce this program; and (c) negotiate the South Australian community's contribution of an estimated \$2.74 million to this program.
- (4) (a) Who made the estimate that the community's in kind support for this program would be equivalent to \$2.74 million; (b) how was this estimate made; and (c) can a copy of the modelling used to make this estimate be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) When and in what form did the Member for Grey make representations to the Minister in relation to this program.
- (6) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to \$4 000 to be made available to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (7) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to \$4 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.

- (8) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to \$10 000 to be made available to assist landholders to implement property management plans.
- (9) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to \$10 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.
- (11) How many requests for information about grants for property management plans and on-ground works have been received by Landcare and the Sustainable Industries section of the department on the telephone number 02 6272 5196.
- (12) Has a freecall number or some other low cost facility been installed to deal with long distance inquiries from South Australia; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (13) How many requests for information about this package have been received by the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay on 08 8688 2922.
- (14) (a) What extra resources were provided by the Commonwealth to the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay to assist the service to cope with the number of inquiries generated by this package; and (b) over what period of time were these resources made available.

920 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of \$2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

- (1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of this program; and (d) the projected completion date of this program.
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- (10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.

Notice given 2 June 2005

922 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) (a) Would the Minister advise: (i) the term of the Managing Director's appointment, (ii) the Managing Director's annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the Managing Director by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the Managing Director and Tourism Australia be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a motor vehicle; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what type of motor vehicle; (b) where the vehicle is garaged; (c) the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.
- (3) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with an expense account; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a credit card; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the credit card be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a mobile telephone; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) the total actual monthly cost to Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 13 December 2004.

923 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia since 13 December 2004, including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the Managing Director was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the Managing Director, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the Managing

Director, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travelling with the Managing Director.

- (2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, would the Minister advise: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the Managing Director; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

924 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Would the Minister advise from whom and on what dates: (a) Korn Ferry International sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; (b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and (c) the Minister or any member of the Minister's staff sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.
- (2) Would the Minister advise: (a) who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when the nominated referees were contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.

925 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) how Korn Ferry International was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what was the total cost to the Commonwealth of Korn Ferry International's services in this matter; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by Korn Ferry International; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Korn Ferry International; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Minister, and (iii) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; and (g) when the final decision was taken.
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.
- (3) Can the Minister advise in which media outlets the advertisement was placed and the date of each placement.

928 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Minister's media statement 036/05 dated 18 April 2005:

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the original business plan for the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence submitted by the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health in September 2003; if not, why not.
- (2) What key changes to the ethical framework were requested by the University of Tasmania and how did these differ from the Intelligent Island board's decisions with regard to the Centre and its position on the Centre's ethical framework.
- (3) (a) What modelling the department has undertaken or commissioned to assess the impact on the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence of the

application of the various proposed ethical frameworks; and (b) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

Notice given 6 June 2005

940 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) On how many occasions have children detained at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island been denied the opportunity to participate in a school excursion.
- (2) For each occasion, would the Minister identify: (a) the date of the excursion; (b) the nature of the excursion; (c) the reason permission was denied; and (d) the responsible decision-maker.

Notice given 8 June 2005

946 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service *Quarantine Matters!* public awareness campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the budgeted and actual expenditure for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, can budget details be provided for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.
- (3) What campaign funding has been expended to date on: (a) metropolitan television; (b) non-metropolitan television; (c) metropolitan radio; (d) non-metropolitan radio; (e) metropolitan newspapers; (f) non-metropolitan newspapers; (g) metropolitan cinema; (h) non-metropolitan cinema; (i) outdoor billboards; (j) airport advertising; and (k) all other media.
- (4) What moneys have been expended to date on campaign tracking research.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what amounts have been paid to: (a) Killey Withy Punshon Advertising Pty Ltd; (b) other companies for advertising services; (c) the Best Picture Show Company Pty Ltd; (d) other companies for production services; (e) Mr Steve Irwin; and (f) Australia Zoo.
- (6) How many shooting days were required to film the phase III campaign television/cinema advertisements.
- (7) What was the total cost of the phase III campaign launch at Australia Zoo on 13 May 2005.

Notice given 9 June 2005

947 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia since 29 March 2005 including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of

accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the General Manager of Corporate Affairs was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the General Manager, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the General Manager, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travel with the General Manager.

- (2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the General Manager; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

948 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':

- (1) From whom and on what dates did:
- (a) Talent 2 seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally;
 - (b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and
 - (c) the Minister or any member of the Minister's staff seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.
- (2) (a) Who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when were the nominated referees contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.

949 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':

- (1) (a) Can information be provided on: (i) the term of the General Manager's appointment, (ii) the General Manager's annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the General Manager by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the General Manager be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a motor vehicle; if so: (a) what type of vehicle; (b) where is the vehicle garaged; (c) what is the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) what is the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.
- (3) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with an expense account; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a credit card; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and

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- (5) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a mobile telephone; if so: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) what is the total actual monthly cost to Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 29 March 2005.

950 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member': What background in tourism has the successful candidate had besides the 4 year role as a senior advisor to the former Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey).

951 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':

- (1) Can information be provided on: (a) how Talent 2 was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what the total cost was to the Commonwealth of Talent 2's services; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by Talent 2; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Talent 2; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Managing Director of Tourism Australia, (iii) the Minister, and (iv) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; (g) when the final decision was taken; and (h) when the announcement made.
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.
- (3) Can information be provided outlining: (a) in which media outlets the advertisement was placed; and (b) the date of each placement.

952 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) By federal electorate, what is the current location and address of each Medibank Private office.
- (2) For each of the past 3 financial years and for the 2004-05 financial year to date, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office which has been closed.
- (3) For the 2005-06 financial year, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office scheduled for closure.

953 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Prime Minister's media statement of 29 July 2004 headlined: 'Reforms to the Family Law System':

- (1) Can information be provided on: (a) the proposed location of the 65 community-based Family Relationship Centres by: (i) state or territory, (ii) city/town/suburb, and (iii) federal electorate; and (b) the scheduled opening date of each centre.
- (2) What modelling is being conducted, or has been conducted, to determine the needs of particular communities and thereby the location of each Family Relationship Centre.

- (3) (a) When will the modelling begin and when will it conclude; (b) who will conduct the modelling; (c) how were they selected; (d) who made the final decision; and (e) can the modelling be made available; if not, why not.
- (4) For each financial year of the program's projected existence, can information be provided on the profile of total projected Commonwealth expenditure to: (a) establish; and (b) provide running costs for the community-based Family Relationship Centres.

Notice given 14 June 2005

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 954-955)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, 'Securing and Policing Australia's Major Airports', announcing a range of security measures:

- (1) (a) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Minister, or the department, to determine the impact on regional tourism of any extra costs these measures will pass onto passengers on regional air routes.
- (2) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

954 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 956-958)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, 'Securing and Policing Australia's Major Airports', announcing a range of security measures:

- (1) Can information be provided: (a) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per domestic airline ticket these measures will impose; (b) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per inbound international airline ticket these measures will impose; and (c) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per outbound international airline ticket these measures will impose.
- (2) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Commonwealth to determine these estimates.
- (3) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

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Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 960-962)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on undertakings given to fund the Australian School of Fine Furniture (ASFF) in Tasmania and the relevant program(s) under which they were given.
- (2) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on actual funds provided to the ASFF and the relevant program(s) under which they were made available.
- (3) When was each undertaking to provide Commonwealth funding to the ASFF announced and who made the announcement.
- (4) For each undertaking by the Minister or the department to make Commonwealth funding available to the ASFF can information be provided

on: (a) what due diligence or other examination of the project was carried out to ensure the financial viability of the project and to ensure Commonwealth funds would be effectively used prior to making the undertaking to make funds available to the ASFF; (b) who conducted the due diligence or other examination of the project and how were they selected; (c) when did the due diligence or other examination of the project commence and when was it completed; (d) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the due diligence or other examination of the project; (e) when was the due diligence or other examination of the project made available to the Minister; and (f) can a copy of the due diligence or other examination of the project be provided; if not, why not.

960 Minister representing the Prime Minister

961 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

962 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 16 June 2005

965 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Government's plans to introduce a policy framework for the introduction of digital radio:

- (1) (a) Will the Government's framework: (i) provide equitable access to the digital radio VHF and L band spectrum; (ii) promote modern spectrally efficient audio encoding; (iii) ensure more program choice, and promote effective competition; (iv) ensure that all Australians, including those in rural and remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high fidelity digital radio technology services; and (b) what safeguards will be incorporated in the new policy framework to achieve these objectives.
- (2) Does the Minister agree that in planning for the introduction of digital radio, it is important that all Australians, including those in rural and remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high quality digital radio technology.
- (3) In developing the new policy framework for digital radio will the Minister ensure that both satellite and terrestrial digital radio delivery platforms will be available to all Australians.
- (4) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the Government allowed the Australian digital radio satellite (DBStar) orbit reservation to lapse in 2004; and (b) if so, can the Minister explain why the Government failed to take steps to preserve the orbit reservation.

Notice given 17 June 2005

970 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's statement A76/2005 issued on 15 June 2005, in which he relies on departmental and advisory committee support for funding to support his allocation of \$500 000 to the Atherton Hotel project under the Sustainable Regions program: Will the Minister identify all Sustainable Regions and Regional Partnerships funding allocations where he has not accepted the recommendation from his department and/or local advisory committee; if not, why not.

Notice given 21 June 2005

971 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to early access to superannuation funds under the financial hardship provisions:

- (1) Why are full-time students who receive the Youth Allowance not eligible to access their funds to assist them to meet their study and other living expenses.
- (2) Can this anomaly be addressed by reclassifying the Youth Allowance (for tertiary students), including it in the list of income support payments which would entitle a recipient to early access to superannuation funds for essential living expenses.

Notice given 23 June 2005

975 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the rule that for power-assisted bicycles to be exempt from Australian Motor Vehicle Standards the motor must have a power of less than 200 watts, and that this is considerably less than the threshold which applies in many other countries:

- (1) When was the last official review of this regulation, or of the way in which it is interpreted within the various state and territory jurisdictions.
- (2) Is any such review currently in place; if so: (a) which body is conducting the review; (b) what are its terms of reference; (c) is there an opportunity for public input; if so, where should submissions be directed; and (d) will a report on the findings of the review be published; if so, where.
- (3) If there is no current review, is any future review scheduled or planned; if so: (a) will the terms of reference of the review be published, if so, where; (b) when will this review take place; (c) which body will conduct the review; and (d) will a report on the findings of the review be published; if so, where.

977 **Senator Kirk:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Since March 1996, how many unauthorised asylum seekers have arrived in Australia, and of those, how many: (a) are currently in immigration detention centres; (b) have been judged as genuine refugees; (c) have been given permanent visas; (d) are on Temporary Protection Visas; and (e) are awaiting deportation.

Notice given 24 June 2005

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

- (1) What complaints have been made about the administration of navy cadets at Training Ship (TS) *Hawkesbury* at Gosford.
- (2) Are there ongoing investigations by the New South Wales Office of Fair Trading and/or the Australian Taxation Office into fund-raising activities in support of cadet activities at TS *Hawkesbury*.
- (3) Have any matters relating to cadets at TS *Hawkesbury* been referred to the New South Wales Police for investigation.
- (4) What Defence-originated investigations have been initiated or completed on complaints of maladministration at TS *Hawkesbury*.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 982-1011)—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, has the Minister, the department or any agency or statutory authority for which the Minister is

responsible, made grants or other payments to business organisations and/or associations, including but not necessarily limited to peak employer groups; if so, can information be provided for each grant or other payment including: (a) the name and address of the recipient organisation; (b) the quantum and purpose of the payment; (c) the name of the program under which the grant or other payment was funded; (d) who approved the grant or other payment; and (e) whether the grant or payment was successfully acquitted; if so, when; if not, can details be provided, including action taken to recover the grant or other payment.

- 982 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 983 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 984 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 985 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 988 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 989 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 990 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 991 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 993 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 995 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 996 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 997 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 999 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 1000 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1001 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 1002 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1004 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 1005 Special Minister of State
- 1006 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 1007 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 1008 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 1009 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 1010 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1011 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

Notice given 5 July 2005

- 1017 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
 - (1) For the contracts which end on 30 June 2005, can a list be provided of each service provider, the area they service and the annual Commonwealth funding received from 2002 to 2005 for the: (a) National Respite for Carers Program; (b) Commonwealth Carelink Centre Program; (c) Continence Aids Assistance Scheme; and (d) Carer Information and Support Program.
 - (2) For the new contracts starting in July 2005, can a list be provided of each successful service provider, the area they are to service and the annual Commonwealth funding to be provided for the: (a) National Respite for Carers Program; (b) Commonwealth Carelink Centre Program;

(c) Contingence Aids Assistance Scheme; and (d) Carer Information and Support Program.

Notice given 8 July 2005

1020 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What powers: (a) will the proposed trial part-time employees be able to exercise under the *Customs Act 1901*; and (b) are other employees able to exercise that the proposed trial part-time employees will not be able to.
- (2) Will the proposed trial part-time employees be Australian Customs Service (ACS) officers for the purposes of the Act; if not, why not and how will they be classified.
- (3) (a) What duties will the proposed trial part-time employees be able to exercise, compared to the full-time employees; (b) of the duties which they will be able to exercise, which duties will they be normally exercising; and (c) will they be required to exercise other duties or perform other roles in case of a shortfall of staff in another area.
- (4) Can information be provided specifying: (a) which training modules are offered to new employees (i.e. other than the proposed trial part-time employees); and (b) which training modules are offered to the proposed trial part-time employees.
- (5) How much training is being given to proposed trial part-time employees, in comparison to the training given to other employees.
- (6) Have any guarantees been provided by ACS to its employees that the work of proposed trial part-time employees will not be extended to the entry desks; if so: (a) can details of the guarantee be provided; and (b) when and how was this guarantee given.
- (7) (a) What supervision will be afforded to each of the proposed trial part-time employees; and (b) what is the ratio of supervisors to: (i) proposed trial part-time employees, and (ii) to other employees performing the same duties.
- (8) Will extra supervisors be required for the trial; if so: (a) how many; (b) were they sourced and where from; and (c) were any specific groups targeted; if so, which ones and why.
- (9) For the proposed trial part-time employees: (a) what conditions of employment are being offered; (b) what annual leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements are being offered; (c) what rate of pay will the employees receive; (d) will this rate of pay be hourly or weekly; (e) what overtime entitlements will be offered; (f) what equivalent level in relation to an ACS officer will they be employed at; (g) what contract will the employees be offered; and (h) can a copy be provided of each employee's contract; if not, why not.
- (10) Were the positions for the proposed trial part-time employees advertised; if so: (a) can a copy be provided of the advertisement; (b) where and when was it advertised; and (c) what was the cost of the advertisement.
- (11) Was the advertisement targeted towards specific groups; if so, which groups and why.
- (12) (a) How many applications for the positions were received; (b) when was the cut-off date for the receipt of applications; (c) what was the interview process; and (d) was it the same as the process for other employees; if not, how did it differ.

- (13) (a) What security checks have been undertaken by ACS for each part-time employee; and (b) are these the same as the normal security checks.
- (14) (a) How many applicants were rejected because of security issues; and (b) does this represent a higher or lower proportion of rejections due to security issues than the regular intake; if so, can a comparison be provided.
- (15) (a) Can details be provided of the interview process, including details of various stages and interview techniques; and (b) did role-playing form a part of this process; if so, can a description be given.
- (16) Was the trial a departmental or a ministerial initiative.
- (17) With reference to the decision to trial the employment of part-time employees at Sydney and Adelaide: (a) how and when was the decision made; (b) who made the decision; (c) what discussions and consultations with current employees have been undertaken by ACS and can a copy be provided of those minutes, circulars and newsletters; (d) what options were considered prior to the decision to use part-time employees to deal with peak workloads; and (e) was a discussion paper produced prior to the trial being commenced; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (18) When was the need for the trial identified.
- (19) (a) Has this been referred to the Airport Security Investigation; and (b) have airport owners been consulted.
- (20) When was the Minister's office notified of this plan.
- (21) What is the projected workload for ACS officers at each airport in the various roles they perform.
- (22) What is the expected workload in each international airport.
- (23) Are projected figures for the next 12 months available; if not, why not; if so, can a copy of the figures be provided.
- (24) (a) When and how was the need for extra staff for peak periods at international airports first recognised; (b) can figures be provided from 2001 including the projected increase in work load requirements; and (c) can the figures relating to passenger movements be split between entry desk processing and exit desk processing.
- (25) Is a review of the trial scheduled at the completion of the 3 months trial period; if so, can a copy be provided when it is available.
- (26) (a) What, if any, guarantees have been given to the part-time employees about their future employment with ACS after the completion of the trial; and (b) can a copy of the guarantee be provided.
- (27) Has the measure been fully costed; if so, what is the expected cost.
- (28) (a) What are the current passenger processing target times; and (b) do these target times vary based on: (i) airport, (ii) time of day, (iii) time of year, (iv) or any other factors; if so, can a copy be provided of the variations.
- (29) For each airport, what percentage of passengers are processed: (a) within the target time; (b) more than 50 per cent but less than 100 per cent outside of the target times; (c) more than 100 per cent but less than 200 per cent outside of the target times; and (d) more than 200 per cent outside of the target times.
- (30) Who sets the targets for passenger processing times and how often are they revised.
- (31) (a) When was the last revision; and (b) what was the outcome.

- (32) What arrangements, if any, are in place which require the proposed part-time trial employees to be recalled where they may have been involved in a prosecution of a suspected breach of the Customs legislation.
- (33) (a) What arrangements are in place to protect part-time employees from any potential litigation arising from their work; and (b) what workplace workers' compensation provisions apply to the 23 proposed part-time trial employees.
- (34) Are any of the 23 proposed part-time trial employees former ACS employees; if so, how many.
- (35) Did the Minister consider an approach of Surge Capacity Building, such as used by the Australian Federal Police and other agencies; if so: (a) what was the nature of those considerations and why was the approach ultimately rejected; and (b) were any discussion papers or reports produced; if so, can copies be provided; if not, why not.

1021 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that at the estimates hearings of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee on 17 February 2005, (Committee *Hansard* p. 33) he said, 'There is one piece that has been knocked back 44 times; we know that'.
- (2) Can details be provided of those 44 times.
- (3) Can the Minister indicate whether the list below is an accurate Senate history of the rejection of the small business unfair dismissal exemption proposal: the measures which have sought a small business exemption were rejected by the Senate over the 38th to 40th Parliaments on eight occasions and are: (a) two attempts via regulations disallowed; (b) the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1997; (c) the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1997 (No. 2); (d) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998; (e) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998 (No. 2); (f) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002; and (g) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 (No. 2).

Notice given 11 July 2005

1023 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What role, if any, does the Minister have in the negotiation of sales between providers of residential aged care places and facilities.
- (2) Is the list of places and facilities that have been sold, publicly available information; if not, why not; if so, can information be provided indicating where it is available.
- (3) For each of the past 4 financial years, can a list be provided of the sales of places and facilities.
- (4) (a) What guides are in place to set the cost of aged care places; and (b) are these guides publicly available; if not, why not; if so, where are they available.

1024 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What is the department's role in negotiating the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers.

- (2) (a) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that residents, staff and community are consulted about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) can information be provided to describe the nature of these consultation mechanisms.
- (3) (a) What mechanisms exist to enable residents, staff and the community to provide feedback to the department about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; (b) how does the department handle any feedback of this nature; and (c) what part does this feedback play in the department's decisions regarding these sales.
- (4) Does the department investigate and approve the sale of aged care places and facilities.
- (5) Can a description be provided of the nature of the approval process, for example, what area of the department considers the sales, who in the department signs off on sales, is Ministerial sign-off required etc.

1025 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What role does the Minister have in approving the transfer of aged care places between providers.
- (2) (a) What factors are required to be taken into account when making these decisions about transfers; (b) what other factors can be taken into account; and (c) what factors are precluded from being taken into account when making these decisions.
- (3) What is the Minister's role, if any, in the negotiation of the transfer of places between aged care providers.
- (4) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that residents, staff and community are consulted about the transfer of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) can a description be provided of the nature of these consultation mechanisms.
- (5) (a) What mechanisms exist to enable residents, staff and the community to provide feedback to the department about the transfer of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) how does the department handle any feedback of this nature.
- (6) Is there a process in place for the Minister to declare a conflict of interest in relation to the sale or transfer process.
- (7) Since 1 January 2000, has the Minister ever declared a conflict of interest; if so, can a list be provided of occasions on which the Minister has declared such a conflict, including: (a) the dates of the conflict; (b) the name of facility; (c) the location of facility; and (d) the reason for the conflict etc.

1026 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Since 1 January 2000, has the department received applications for the sale of, or transfer of places from: (a) Alloa Nursing Home, New South Wales; (b) Parkview Nursing Home, New South Wales; (c) Vaucluse Nursing Home, New South Wales; and (d) Austral Nursing Home, South Australia.
- (2) Can information be provided on: (a) the dates that the transfer applications were received; (b) details of the applicant(s); (c) how many places were requested to be transferred; (d) the status of the application; (e) the outcome of the application; (f) the date on which the application was processed; and (g) how many places were transferred.

1027 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Since 1 January 2000, can a list be provided of all 'spot checks' by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency on facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies and Vacluse Nursing Home, including: (a) the date of the spot checks; (b) the name and location of the facility that was checked; (c) whether any issues or problems were identified; and (d) the nature of any issues or problems that were identified.
- (2) Is the department informed of aged care facilities inspections by Worksafe Australia or equivalent agencies; if so, since 1 January 2000, can a list be provided of all worksafe inspections on either Vacluse Nursing Home or facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies be provided, including: (a) the date of the inspections; (b) the purpose of the inspection; (c) the name and location of the facility that was checked; (d) whether any issues or problems were identified; and (e) the nature of any issues or problems that were identified.
- (3) (a) Does the department express concerns to providers when it becomes aware of occupational health and safety and/or resident care concerns arising from poor maintenance of facilities, such as ceilings collapsing; (b) what are the responsibilities of the department or agencies under these circumstances; and (c) how are these concerns progressed with providers.
- (4) (a) How can the department assure the safety of residents and staff when incidents like this may be occurring on a regular basis; and (b) what is the department's responsibility to ensure that providers have safe working environments for staff and living environments for residents.
- (5) (a) Is the department aware of the number or details of workers' compensation claims at aged care facilities; (b) how is the department provided with this information; and (c) what is the requirement on providers to provide this information as part of, for instance, their ongoing licensing responsibilities.
- (6) Is the department aware of the number or details of workers' compensation claims at either Vacluse Nursing Home or facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies; if so, can information be provided on: (a) the date of the claims; (b) the purpose of the claims; (c) the injuries that resulted in the claims; (d) the outcome of the claims; and (e) what was done in response to the claims.
- (7) Does the department consider and monitor workers' compensation claims and injury rates and check to see if mechanisms are in place to address the concerns when they conduct accreditation checks; if not, why not.
- (8) Is the proportion of permanent employees, casual employees, trainees, contractors or agency employees considered and monitored by the department when it conducts accreditation checks on aged care facilities; if not, why not.

Notice given 13 July 2005

1028 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Zentai matter:

- (1) With reference to the requested extradition by the Hungarian authorities on 30 March 2005 of Mr Charles Zentai, to which the Australian Government responded with a request for additional information from the Hungarian authorities: (a) on what date did the Government request the additional information; (b) when was the information provided; and (c) on what date

did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) begin acting on behalf of the Hungarian authorities.

- (2) On what date did the DPP begin preparing an application for a provisional warrant and when was the application finalised.
- (3) (a) On what date was a provisional warrant sought from a magistrate; (b) was it granted on this date; if not, why not and when was it granted; and (c) have there been any appeals.
- (4) (a) On what date did the Minister begin consideration of the section 16 requirements and when was his consideration finalised; and (b) when and how did the Minister communicate his consideration to the DPP; if communicated in writing at a later date, when.
- (5) (a) When was a hearing held to determine whether the person was eligible for surrender; and (b) is it correct that the person was found eligible for surrender on Friday, 8 July 2005.
- (6) What is the status of the Australian Federal Police investigation in this matter; if it has concluded, when did it conclude and what was the outcome of the investigation.
- (7) On what date was the Minister advised of the outcome of the investigation.
- (8) Was this matter referred to the DPP; if so, what was the DPP's conclusion and was this communicated to the Minister; if so, when.

Notice given 14 July 2005

1029 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What are the annual rates of iatrogenesis resulting from: (a) failure to diagnose; (b) failure to treat; (c) incorrect diagnosis; (d) injury from therapeutic devices; (e) hospital acquired infections; (f) malnutrition amongst hospitalised patients; and (g) bedsores.
- (2) Within all categories of the iatrogenic spectrum, what is the total number of public health patients who die in Australia each year as a result of iatrogenesis.

Notice given 19 July 2005

1030 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the aviation industry:

- (1) How does the Minister account for the fact that the number of general aviation operations, aircraft parts, manufacturers and maintenance organisations has halved since 1996.
- (2) Does the Minister accept that the decline of 100 000 jobs in the sector is in any way due to: (a) CASA's aggressive application of aviation laws; (b) the increasing cost and complexity of complying with restrictive regulatory and administrative processes; (c) the lack of harmonisation of general aviation legislation with the United States Federation Aviation Association or the European Aviation Safety Authority; (d) the loss of trust and respect once held for CASA by the sector; and (e) the restructure of CASA into Compliance and Regulatory Services Divisions.

- (3) Does the Minister agree that correcting deficiencies in maintenance regulations in recent years has not removed unnecessary and ambiguous requirements and practices.
- (4) Will the Government consider the proposal by Aviation Maintenance Repair Overhaul Business Association to: (a) close down the 'Safety Forum' and other civil aviation committees recently formed and replace them with an Aviation Review Board to oversee proposed legislation, procedures and practices proposed by CASA for the sector; (b) staff the Board with leaders from all sectors of the industry including business associations; (c) provide funding for the Board for Industry/Government working groups on regulatory requirements, industry procedures and practices; (d) make the Board responsible for allocating the aviation safety promotion budget; and (e) provide the Board with a permanent secretariat from within the Department of Transport and Regional Services.
- (5) If not, what steps does the Minister propose to take to restore the viability of general aviation in Australia.

1031 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What are the most recent figures available for expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
- (2) How many people have registered for the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
- (3) How many people have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
- (4) Can information be provided on: (a) when, by electorate, the next Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; (b) how frequently Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; and (c) how frequently, by electorate, Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available.

1032 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What data does the Australian Bureau of Statistics have on national trends in suicide, for the past 10 years.
- (2) What changes were made in the late 1990s to the coding and classification of deaths in Australia and how have these changes affected the collection of suicide data.
- (3) Given that national levels of, and trends in, suicide are based on the way that deaths are coded, are reported reductions in suicide rates in Australia simply a result of changing the way that the death data is coded and classified.

Notice given 20 July 2005

1033 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the recently completed competitive application process for community care services, including the National Respite for Carers, Commonwealth Carelink, Continence Aids Assistance, and Carer Information and Support programs:

- (1) Can a list be provided of the organisations that received funding, broken down by location and type of service; if not, why not.

- (2) How many organisations, previously providing these services, were unsuccessful in their applications to continue receiving funding to deliver these services.
- (3) Can a list be provided of the organisations that have lost funding, broken down by location and type of service; if not, why not.
- (4) What criteria were used to determine the loss of funding to these organisations.
- (5) How many clients and/or carers will be forced to try and get services from a new provider.
- (6) What processes has the Government put in place to monitor access to these programs to ensure that there will be continuity of service for clients and carers.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1035-1036)—

- (1) Is it the case that Indigenous Australian 4-year-olds are receiving preschool education at half the rate of their non-Indigenous counterparts.
- (2) (a) What is the Government doing to increase the number of Indigenous 4-year-olds in preschool; and (b) have targets been set; if so, what are they and when are they to be met; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) For each year since 1999, what proportion of Indigenous students exceeded the cut-off point for the national literacy benchmarks in schools; (b) how does this compare with numbers for non-Indigenous students; and (c) how does the Government account for the difference.
- (4) Have targets been set for Indigenous students to achieve the national literacy benchmarks; if so, what are they and when are they to be met.
- (5) Is it the case that the Indigenous Australian participation rate in higher education is 1.2 per cent, compared with the non-Indigenous rate of 2.5 per cent.
- (6) (a) What is the Government doing to improve the Indigenous participation rate in higher education; and (b) have targets been set; if so, what are they and when are they to be met; if not, why not.
- (7) (a) Why are there significant gender differences in the participation and performance of Indigenous Australians in higher education; (b) why do Indigenous males continue to fall even further behind; and (c) how is this situation being improved.

1035 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

1036 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 21 July 2005

1037 **Senator Forshaw:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the current and proposed advertising campaign on the Government's proposed changes to workplace laws:

- (1) For the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years, what is the total budget for the campaign.
- (2) For each of the financial years in (1), can information be provided on the budgeted advertising costs, including: (a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (3) Which creative agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.

- (4) Which research agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.
- (5) How were the creative agencies and research agencies selected for the campaign.
- (6) During the campaign to date, what research reports have been supplied to the department by the creative agencies and research agencies.
- (7) To date, what payments have been made to each agency used in the campaign.
- (8) If there is to be a mail out to taxpayers as part of this campaign: (a) to how many households and businesses will information be sent; and (b) what databases will be used to select the addresses.
- (9) (a) What appropriations have the department been using to pay for the advertising campaign; and (b) from what appropriations will future expenditures be drawn.

Notice given 25 July 2005

1038 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

- (1) What proportion of Commonwealth public servants are identified as having a disability.
- (2) For each year from 1996 to date, what was the proportion of Commonwealth public servants identified as having a disability.
- (3) What proportion of employees, identified as having a disability, are employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.
- (4) For each year from 1996 to date, what proportion of Commonwealth public servants, identified as having a disability, were employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.

1039 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

- (1) What proportion of Commonwealth public servants are identified as being Indigenous.
- (2) For each year from 1996 to date, what was the proportion of Commonwealth public servants identified as being Indigenous.
- (3) What proportion of employees, identified as being Indigenous, are employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and (c) Centrelink.
- (4) For each year from 1996 to date, what proportion of Commonwealth public servants, identified as being Indigenous, were employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.
- (5) What amount of funding has been provided to Commonwealth departments and agencies under the Indigenous Wage Assistance program over the period 1996 to 2005.
- (6) (a) What were the total amounts budgeted for the Indigenous Wage Assistance program; and (b) what was the actual amount spent on the Indigenous Wage Assistance program.

Notice given 28 July 2005

1040 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article in the 18 July 2005 issue of the *Medical Journal of Australia* by Dr Ken Harvey calling for drug advertising to be banned on prescribing software.
- (2) Will the Government consider this and/or other recommendations made in the article that: (a) spending caps be introduced on prescription pharmaceutical advertising; and (b) fines be imposed for individual marketing and sales staff involved in campaigns found to have breached the Medicines Australia code of conduct.
- (3) Does the Government accept the results of the survey conducted by the University of South Australia which assessed 60 advertisements that made a promotional claim and found that 57 appeared not to comply with one or more requirements of the Medicines Australia code of conduct.
- (4) Does the Government accept Dr Harvey's conclusion that in terms of pharmaceutical promotion, industry self-regulation has failed; if not, why not.

1041 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the following 'super-strength' pre-mixed drinks are now being sold: (a) Woodstock Blue (9 per cent alcohol by volume and the 375ml can contains 2.7 standard drinks); (b) Bulleit Bourbon (9 per cent alcohol by volume and the 375ml can contains 2.7 standard drinks); and (c) Jim Bean Long Black (8 per cent alcohol by volume and the 330ml bottle contains 2.1 standard drinks).
- (2) Is the Minister concerned that these products contain approximately twice as much alcohol as standard pre-mixed drinks, wine and beer.
- (3) Does the Minister consider that the availability of these drinks will increase unsafe levels of drinking, especially among young people.
- (4) Would the Minister be concerned at any move to double the alcohol content of all pre-mixed drinks; if so, are there any proposals to prevent this level of alcohol content becoming the 'norm'.
- (5) Given that the industry has justified the selling of pre-mix drinks on the basis of parity of alcohol content with beer: (a) what, if any, justification has been given to the Government for putting these super-strength drinks on the market; and (b) how does this move comply with the industry's claim to be committed to the responsible marketing of alcohol.
- (6) Will the Government consider imposing limits on the distribution and marketing of these super-strength drinks.
- (7) Will the Government commission research to determine the extent to which pre-mix drinks contribute to the burden on the health system of acute drinking episodes or binge drinking.
- (8) Will the Government consider reforming alcohol labelling laws to require clear and prominent warnings on containers, particularly for super-strength drinks.

Notice given 1 August 2005

1042 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) To date, how much has been spent by the department in relation to Mrs Susan Campbell's application to the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal of Tasmania.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking injunctive action with respect to Mrs Campbell's application.
- (3) What legal costs have been incurred in relation to other applications by Mrs Campbell, including a previous application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC).
- (4) In (1) and (3) above: (a) which law firms represented the Commonwealth; (b) to date, what total payments have been made; and (c) who was the approving delegate.
- (5) (a) At what level was the decision made to seek the injunction; (b) who made the decision; and (c) was the Minister informed.
- (6) What is the reason for making the application, and would that apply to any other state constituted tribunal of a similar nature.
- (7) Has the approval or opinion of the Attorney-General or his department, been sought; if so, what was the substance of that advice.
- (8) Has Mrs Campbell sought assistance with legal costs; if so, when and with what outcome.
- (9) Has an offer of compensation been made to Mrs Campbell with respect to: (a) her own costs; and (b) pain and suffering as the result of the suicide of her daughter.
- (10) (a) What other legal disbursements have been paid by the department in the matter of Lt Commander Robyn Fahy, including representation before HREOC, but excluding the \$384 000 plus \$60 000 costs already incurred on behalf of Commander McKenzie; and (b) to whom were those payments made.

Notice given 2 August 2005

1043 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) (a) What guidelines apply to public events and publicity for Green Corps projects; and (b) when and to whom were the guidelines issued.
- (2) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions that all public notification of Green Corps vacancies must be made through the office of the local member of parliament from the Liberal Party of Australia or The Nationals.
- (3) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions that all graduation ceremonies for Green Corps participants are to include the local member of parliament from the Liberal Party of Australia and/or The Nationals.
- (4) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions to exclude non-coalition members of parliament from graduation ceremonies for Green Corps participants.

Notice given 3 August 2005

1044 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Would the banning of Australian investors from obtaining majority ownership in Chinese steel mills, be accepted in an Australia-China free trade agreement; if so, would Australia reciprocate.
- (2) Does a free trade agreement entail restrictions on ownership or investment; if so, to what degree.

1045 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the 1996 Blackhawk helicopter tragedy:

- (1) (a) Are the pensions and other payments made to widows, family members or other dependents, secure; and (b) in what circumstances could any of these payments be withdrawn or cease.
- (2) In the event of other payments being secured, for example from an involved third party, will there be any review of government payments; if so, what type of review.
- (3) Will the government review its payments to improve the circumstances of payees.

1046 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to aerial spraying of chemicals on Australian crop lands: (a) what information does the Government have and what is its understanding of the ability for spray to drift beyond target land; and (b) has the possibility of drift over distances of kilometres beyond target land been dismissed; if so, how and by whom; if not, what safety standards have been instigated or put in place by relevant Government departments and agencies.

1047 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can information be provided on directives, guidelines or other instructions, issued or developed by the department or the wider Australian Defence Organisation (ADO), regarding the procurement and contracting of transport services by the Commonwealth for either the department or wider ADO, including the Australian Defence Force.
- (2) Can information be provided on: (a) when contracts were agreed to; (b) the entity with which the Commonwealth has contracted; and (c) the total costs of the contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.

Notice given 4 August 2005

1048 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many navy, army and air force cadet units exist in each state and in which communities are they located.
- (2) (a) What was the total funding allocated to Australian Defence Force (ADF) Cadet Corps in the 2004-05 financial year; and (b) by what process was this money distributed between: (i) the three cadet services, and (ii) each group within each service.
- (3) What formula, if any, is applied to the distribution of grants, and what is the process and timing each year.
- (4) (a) How much funding was allocated to each unit in the 2004-05 financial year; and (b) on what basis was this decision made.
- (5) (a) What additional grants were made to individual cadet units; (b) what was the total amount of the additional grants expended in the 2000-05 financial year; (c) which cadet units received the additional grants; and (d) what criteria were set to qualify for these grants.

- (6) For the financial years from 2000-01 to date: (a) what was the annual increase in funding for the ADF Cadet Corps; (b) which cadet units received an increase in funding and what was the amount given; and (c) what criteria was used to determine distribution of additional funds.
- (7) How many salaried ADF positions are attached to the ADF Cadet Corps for the 2004-05 financial year and how many are: (a) regular defence force personnel; (b) reservists; and (c) other.
- (8) For the year 2004-05, how many positions: (a) were allocated to each state; (b) were allocated to each cadet unit; and (c) were part-time.
- (9) Is the cost of salaries to the Cadet Corps met from the funding described in (4) above; if not, under which budget stream is funding made.
- (10) (a) What is the role and function of these positions within the Cadet Corps unit; (b) what types of instruction are given to cadets; and (c) what are the obligations as set out in the duty statements.
- (11) Can a copy be provided of the duty statements for each type of position in each of the three service streams.
- (12) Was there a review, conducted by the Director of the Naval Reserve Cadets (NRC) in 1999 to establish possible initiatives to assist NRC units with the broking of public liability insurance; if so: (a) what were the findings and recommendations of the review; (b) what action was taken as a result; and (c) can a copy be provided of the report.
- (13) Given the Government's recognition of the importance of the Cadet Corps as an entry point for the future recruitment of personnel to defence services, what action has been taken to ensure the continued viability of the Cadet Corps given the increasing cost of public liability insurance.

1049 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has an investigation been carried out into the allegation that an organised network of soldiers and civilians have been using, selling and distributing amphetamines at Woodside army barracks; if so: (a) who conducted the investigation; and (b) what was the outcome.
- (2) (a) What charges, if any, have been laid against serving personnel by the military command and by state police; and (b) how many military personnel are implicated.
- (3) How many personnel have been tested for drug usage, and how many tests returned positive.
- (4) In how many cases have discharge procedures been commenced, commensurate with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) zero tolerance policy under the new regulations.
- (5) Since 1 July 2005: (a) how many other ADF personnel have been tested for drug usage; (b) at which bases; and (c) with what results in terms of outcomes and penalties imposed.

1050 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has COMCARE conducted an inquiry into the alleged bullying of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel at Robertson Barracks, Darwin, and in particular the circumstances surrounding the complaint of Private Tim Williss, as publicised in the *Northern Territory News* of 12 July 2005; if so, what were the findings of the investigation, and what action resulted.

- (2) (a) In how many instances during the past 5 years has COMCARE investigated similar occupational health and safety complaints from other ADF bases; (b) what were the particular circumstances of each investigation; and (c) what was the outcome in each case.
- (3) Given that the Department of Defence is a licensee of the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (SRCA), under what power are such interventions made.
- (4) In the event of breaches of the SRCA Act, regulations and guidelines by licensees; (a) what sanctions exist; (b) in how many instances since 1986 have they been exercised; and (c) against which agencies.

1051 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the report in Crikey.com of 2 August 2005, concerning the injuries sustained by soldiers of Tonga, Fiji and Australia as a result of a motor vehicle accident in the Kimberleys; if so: (a) what investigation has been conducted into the accident; (b) by whom; (c) what were the findings; and (d) what disciplinary or other action has been taken.
- (2) (a) What was the extent of injury sustained by the soldiers; and (b) what was the cost of the damage done to the vehicle.
- (3) Was alcohol consumption found to be a contributing factor.

1052 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the United States of America's (US) Department of Defence report entitled, *Worldwide Manpower Distributed by Geographical Area (2001)* which states that 663 US Marines were stationed in Australia:

- (1) Why and for what purpose were 663 US Marines stationed in Australia in 2001.
- (2) For the years 2002 to date, how many US Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force personnel, respectively, were deployed in Australia.
- (3) For the years 2002 to date, what was the total number of US military personnel deployed in Australia.
- (4) For the years 2002-05 to date, what was the number of US dependents in Australia.

1053 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the National Missile Defence:

- (1) What is the status of negotiations regarding Australia's participation in the United States of America's National Missile Defence.
- (2) What commitments have been made by the Government regarding Australia's contribution to National Missile Defence.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of each element of Australia's intended contribution.

1054 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to evidence on the Tomson case given to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee during additional estimates on 14 February 2005, (*Hansard* reference L&C p.182):

- (1) Has compensation been finalised; if so, what is the offer and when will it be submitted to Mr Tomson; if not, can details be provided on the outstanding matters under consideration that are delaying the finalisation of this matter.

- (2) For the outstanding matters identified in paragraph (1), can information be provided on how these matters will be progressed.

1055 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) How many staff have been seconded from other areas of the Australian Customs Service to work on the Cargo Management Re-engineering (CMR) project since it began; and (b) can details be provided for: (i) the length of secondment, (ii) the Australian Public Service classification, (iii) the background and relevant skills, and (iv) the duties in the CMR project.
- (2) What training is given to staff that are seconded to the CMR project.
- (3) How many staff were assigned to the Integrated Cargo Service since the project began.

1056 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) For each of the years 2000 to date, how many cases of bird and animal smuggling have been referred to the Australian Customs Service (ACS) for prosecution from the Department of Environment and Heritage.
- (2) Does the ACS initiate prosecutions for bird and animal smuggling of its own volition; if so, can details be provided, by year from 2000 to date, on the breakdown of prosecutions; if not, why not.
- (3) Can details be provided for the number of cases regarding birds and animals: (a) smuggled into Australia; and (b) smuggled out of Australia.
- (4) (a) Of these cases, how many has ACS prosecuted; (b) how many were successfully prosecuted; and (c) how many persons have been convicted, based on these prosecutions.
- (5) (a) Is funding given to ACS specifically for this purpose; if so, how much; if not, what output is this funded under; and (b) what is the total cost of the prosecutions that ACS has undertaken for animal and bird smuggling.

1057 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can details be provided on: (a) the training given to part-time exit line Customs officers under the recently announced plan for 'surge capacity' in Customs airport operations; and (b) how this training differs from regular training for new Customs personnel.
- (2) How many persons have begun the three-week training.
- (3) Of those persons, how many have completed the training.
- (4) Of those persons who did not complete the training: (a) how many failed the course; (b) how many chose not to complete the training; and (c) how many left the course for other reasons, and what were the reasons.
- (5) Of those who have completed the training, how many have since resigned or been dismissed.
- (6) Can information be provided, by area, on ACS staff turnover.
- (7) (a) For each of the years 2001 to date, how many persons undertake the general training stream; and (b) of those persons, how many have completed the training.
- (9) Of those who did not complete the training: (a) how many failed the course; (b) how many chose not to complete the training; and (c) how many left the course for other reasons, and what were the reasons.

- 1058 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the screening of Australia Post mail and non-mail parcels (distributed through DHL, FedEx etc) by the Australian Customs Service (ACS):
- (1) (a) For the year 2004, can details be provided, by outlets in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory on the approximate number of individual overseas letters or postal items, including parcels, received at each mail screening centre; and (b) for each centre, did the ACS reach the 100 per cent screening target.
 - (2) (a) What is the target percentage for individual non-mail overseas parcels screened; (b) when was this target set; (c) how was it calculated; (d) who, or which committee, set this target; (e) when was this target last revised; and (e) what was the target before the last revision.
 - (3) For each of the years 2000 to date, can details be provided, by state, on the: (a) approximate number of individual non-mail overseas parcels that arrive in Australia; and (b) the number of individual overseas parcels screened.
 - (4) (a) What is the policy for determining which parcels are screened and which are not; and (b) is it based on a risk assessment basis or is it random.
 - (5) If it is based on a risk assessment basis, can details be provided on the factors that are taken into account when determining which parcels are screened.
- 1059 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the matters that were referred to the Director of International and Operations:
- (1) For each of the years 2001 to date: (a) how many matters were referred; and (b) to which countries did these matters relate.
 - (2) What action was taken on these matters.
 - (3) Of these matters, how many were referred to: (a) the Minister for Justice and Customs; and (b) the Attorney-General.
 - (4) Of those matters referred to the Minister for Justice and Customs and the Attorney-General, what action was taken.
 - (5) Was the Bali 9 case referred to: (a) the Director of International and Operations; (b) the Minister for Justice and Customs; or (c) the Attorney-General; if so, what action was taken in relation to that specific matter.
 - (6) (a) Can a copy be provided of the current mutual assistance manual used to cover informal police-to-police assistance rendered before charge; (b) when was this manual last revised; (c) are any revisions currently being undertaken; and (d) are any revisions planned.
 - (7) Are the mutual assistance procedures different in countries with the death penalty to those countries without the death penalty; if so, what is the difference; if not, why not.
- 1060 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many personnel will be stationed at the Majura International Training Complex.
 - (2) What is the budgeted annual running cost of the complex.
 - (3) Annually, how many personnel can be trained at the complex.
 - (4) (a) How many police from foreign jurisdictions have undergone training at the complex; (b) what was the cost of their training; and (c) from which countries did they come.

- (5) (a) What role did the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) play in the construction of the facility; (b) what role will the CIT play in the upkeep and maintenance of the facility; and (c) is CIT receiving any remuneration for its part in the upkeep and maintenance of the facility.
- (6) What personnel will be trained at this facility.
- (7) Are other similar centres planned.

1061 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can a breakdown of costs be provided for the total cost of Missing Persons Week.
- (2) How many posters were: (a) printed; and (b) distributed.
- (3) What was the cost of the printing and distribution of the posters.
- (4) To whom were the posters distributed and was there any cost to the persons requesting the posters.
- (5) How many pamphlets were: (a) printed; and (b) distributed.
- (6) What was the cost of the printing and distribution of the pamphlets.
- (7) To whom were the pamphlets distributed and was there any cost to the persons requesting the pamphlets.
- (8) (a) Who was invited to the launch of National Missing Persons Week; and (b) who attended.
- (9) What events did the Minister or his representative attend throughout the week.
- (10) Can information be provided on the nature of the agreement between the National Missing Persons Unit (NMPU) and Foxtel's Crime and Investigation network and what resources of the NMPU will be devoted to the agreement.
- (11) Prior to Missing Persons Week commencing, was it advertised: (a) on television; (b) on radio; or (c) in newspapers; if so, which medium and what was the cost of these advertisements; if not, why not; and (d) can a copy be provided of the advertisements.
- (12) What books were launched during the week.
- (13) (a) Does the Australian Federal Police, or any other body, conduct any media monitoring as to the number of mentions and stories; if not, why not; if so, what is the cost of this monitoring; and (b) can information be provided on the outcome of the monitoring.

Notice given 8 August 2005

1062 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the St Marys Sewage Scheme Effluent Reuse Project for which funds were granted to the Break O'Day Council under the Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust Funding in 2002:

- (1) Has the Commonwealth grant money been spent in accordance with the grant as approved.
- (2) Is there a requirement for an operational contract to be in place.
- (3) What are the reporting requirements to the Commonwealth on the ongoing operations of the scheme to evaluate its effectiveness in meeting the project objectives.

- (4) If breaches of the grant have occurred what mechanisms exist to either recoup the grant monies or address the problems to ensure the project priorities are met.

1063 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the allegation of harassment of Falun Gong:

- (1) Since the year 2000, have members of the Falun Gong approached the Minister and/or the department alleging that Falun Gong members were being harassed in Australia by Chinese Government officials; if so, in what year and approximate month was the first occasion that the Minister and/or the department were approached about the allegations.
- (2) Since then, on what dates have Falun Gong members approached the Minister and/or the department, alleging harassment in Australia of Falun Gong members by Chinese Government officials.
- (3) Have the Minister and/or officials of the department approached the Chinese Embassy, or other officials of the Chinese Government, asking the Chinese Government to ensure that its officials cease the alleged harassment; if so: (a) on how many occasions; (b) when; and (c) with what response from the Embassy or other officials.

1064 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article in *The West Australian* of 4 August 2005 entitled, 'Military explosives left in car', which reported that explosives were found in an abandoned car and that they were marked with a military serial number.
- (2) Were the explosives part of an ongoing investigation of the theft of the ordnance; if so: (a) at what facilities were the ordnance stored; (b) when did the theft take place; (c) when was it reported; (d) who reported the theft; and (e) to which agencies was the report made.
- (3) What amount and type of ordnance was taken during the theft and were any other items stolen at this time.
- (4) Have all stolen ordnance items been recovered; if not, what types of ordnance are still unaccounted for.
- (5) Over the past 5 years, have there been any other incidents of theft at these facilities; if so: (a) when did they occur; and (b) what was taken.
- (6) (a) What action has been taken, as a result of the thefts, to improve security at the facilities which are used for ordnance storage; and (b) when were the new security measures put in place.

1065 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When will an announcement be made on the successful tenderer for the Defence Headquarters Joint Operations Command in Bungendore, New South Wales.
- (2) Can information be provided on the updated time frame for the design process, including: (a) the construction phase; (b) the installation of internal fit-out; and (c) occupation.
- (3) (a) What was the original announced cost of the project; and (b) what is the current estimated cost of the project, including: (i) construction, (ii) infrastructure, and (iii) installation of internal fit-out.

- (4) What funding commitments will be made by the Commonwealth Government to assist local communities which will be affected by: (a) the construction process; and (b) a fully-operating headquarters.
- (5) What funding estimates have been made for road upgrades to: (a) Kings Highway through Queanbeyan and Bungendore; (b) Canberra Avenue, Queanbeyan; (c) other roads in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory which will have increased traffic use due to commuters from the Canberra area; and (d) in particular, the four rural intersections at Weetalabah, Captains Flat Road, the Ridgeway and Regents Drive.
- (6) (a) On how many occasions have meetings been held with the Australian Capital Territory Government; and (b) what funding is expected to be provided by the Australian Capital Territory Government for road access from the Australian Capital Territory.
- (7) What commitments for road funding have been obtained from the New South Wales Government.
- (8) Are the costs of all road funding, transport and community assistance included within the total current estimated cost; if not, why not.
- (9) (a) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Australian Public Service (APS) personnel are estimated to be housed in the new complex; and (b) what proportion of these personnel will be required to undertake shift work.
- (10) How many ADF personnel employed at the current operations headquarters sites will be required to relocate.
- (11) What is the estimated travel time by road from: (a) Canberra Airport compared with the same travel to Russell Hill; and (b) between Russell Hill and the new site.
- (12) Given the likely significant relocation of ADF families to the shire, what planning and funding has been allocated to Palerang Council to assist with improvements to local services, including: (a) sporting and leisure facilities; (b) childcare facilities; (c) preschool facilities; and (d) school places.
- (13) What plans exist for the purchase and/or construction of housing in the shire by the Defence Housing Authority.
- (14) What planning and funding has been allocated for the introduction of a public transport system to service the new headquarters site.
- (15) Will ADF and APS personnel who will work at the new site be provided with a transport allowance.
- (16) (a) What studies have been completed to investigate claims by the University of Sydney's Molonglo Radio Observatory that radio frequency interference from the new headquarters will impact negatively on its operations; and (b) what were the findings.
- (17) (a) What landscaping of the headquarters site has recently been completed; (b) what types of plants were included; (c) what is the purpose of the trees included in the landscape design; (d) what was the cost; and (e) does the cost of landscaping form part of the overall cost of the project or is it a separate expenditure.
- (18) Was recent landscaping undertaken to form a buffer for the increased radio frequency interference from the headquarters; if so: (a) how many years will it take for the trees to adequately provide a buffer to protect the operations of the project; and (b) what other actions have been taken.

- (19) (a) What studies have been completed to investigate the impact of aerial spraying by neighbouring properties on the headquarters when it is fully operational; and (b) what are the findings.

1066 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to round 6 of funding under the Australian Government Envirofund for Tasmanian projects:

- (1) How does the project 'Leading Practice Property Management – Residential Developments, East Coast', awarded to two individual property owners, meet the criterion of 'a very high public benefit'.
- (2) In relation to this project, can funds be used to compensate for site rehabilitation work which has already been completed.
- (3) Can funds be used to cover the costs of site rehabilitation work which has been mandated by state resource management planning processes.
- (4) Why was funding provided for this project if the apparent 'public benefit' element (i.e. a natural resource management planning manual) replicates a manual already produced by a local community group in conjunction with the University of Tasmania.
- (5) What projects have received Envirofund funding in the Break O'Day municipality.
- (6) What mechanisms exist for monitoring and evaluating local Natural Resource Management co-ordinators to ensure that projects are developed with local land/bush and coast care groups that meet funding objectives and guidelines.

Notice given 9 August 2005

1067 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of an e-mail sent to the office of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services on 25 May 2005 on behalf of a former Trans Air pilot, known as Pilot B, who raised serious questions about aspects of Trans Air Papua New Guinea's safety and operational practices with the Papua New Guinea (PNG) authorities in 2002.
- (2) Did that e-mail: (a) contain advice that Pilot B had reiterated his warnings about Trans Air directly to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) by telephone in October 2004; and (b) strongly criticise the lack of action by CASA and the ATSB in investigating those allegations against Trans Air, made in October 2004.
- (3) Did ATSB state to Pilot B, as claimed in the e-mail, that it could not act on his information unless it was put in writing.
- (4) Is it the case that the ATSB has repeatedly stated that in-confidence telephone reports remain an acceptable means of whistle-blowing and that all that is required is a name and contact details.
- (5) Did the e-mail state that: (a) CASA had failed 'to deal with systematic breaches of the regulations' by Trans Air 'over a long period of time'; and (b) Pilot B had made ATSB aware by telephone in October 2004 of Trans Air's 'attitude towards rules and regulations', and the likelihood 'of dire consequences unless the relevant authorities acted'.

- (6) Is it the case that, at no stage, did Pilot B claim knowledge of the events immediately surrounding the Lockhart River accident.
- (7) Is it correct that Pilot B claimed knowledge of a prior history of safety and operational failings by Trans Air and inaction by the authorities when they were, or should have been, aware of those failings.
- (8) Did Pilot B telephone Mr John Robbins, the ATSB's Confidential Aviation Incident Reporting System manager, at 11am on 20 October 2004 to discuss aspects of Trans Air's safety and operational conduct in PNG.
- (9) (a) Did Mr Robbins refer Pilot B to CASA's legal counsel, Mr Jonathon Aleck; and (b) is it the case that Mr Aleck and the pilot had a long discussion about this matter.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm that during this conversation Pilot B repeated his allegations against Trans Air.
- (11) Is it correct that, despite both CASA and ATSB knowing of these serious allegations against Trans Air 7 months prior to the Lockhart River tragedy, no action was taken by either organisation by way of investigation of Trans Air.
- (12) Did Mr Alan Stray, ATSB Deputy Director of Aviation Safety Investigations, telephone another former Trans Air pilot, Pilot A, on the morning of 20 May 2005 to ask Pilot A to go on the record with similar allegations about Trans Air.
- (13) Why is it necessary for the allegations by these two pilots specifically to be 'on the record' when making a call to CASA or the ATSB hotline, giving personal particulars and providing details of allegations, is enough to trigger an investigation.
- (14) Did ATSB legal counsel, Mr Pat Hornby, also speak to Pilot A and tell him that he had the power to call him for a formal interview.
- (15) Does Mr Hornby have this power and did he use it; if not, why not.
- (16) Did the ATSB's Lockhart River investigator, Mr William Fry, receive an e-mail from Pilot A about noon on 20 May 2005 repeating his willingness to take part in an off-the-record interview at a venue suitable to both parties and subject to the inclusion of a witness of Pilot A's choosing.

1068 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is it correct that at least one set of allegations against Trans Air, made verbally by a third pilot known as Pilot C, was investigated a matter of months before the Lockhart River crash and that 'nothing was found'.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) investigated a series of allegations made by Pilot C about the operating practices of Trans Air such as 'inappropriate procedures, not appropriate training and checking arrangements for pilots and inexperience of co-pilots'.
- (3) Is it correct that Pilot C contacted CASA three times before the Lockhart River crash with serious allegations against Trans Air and its Big Sky operations in New South Wales.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that interview notes taken by CASA in September 2004 state that the pilot 'expressed his concerns clearly and sincerely. There is no reason to doubt the veracity of his information'.

- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the interview notes contained the following entries or issues:
- (a) 'A pilot told to fudge the figures on a load sheet of an overloaded aircraft';
 - (b) 'the interviewed pilot was faced with attempted coercion when told of other pilots' agreement to fly an aircraft with unserviceable landing light/s when the Minimum Equipment List (MEL) does not permit operation of the aircraft at night without landing lights and told to fly the aircraft';
 - (c) 'poor training of first officers illustrated by them not knowing how to complete an aircraft walk-around';
 - (d) 'a Maintenance Controller does not encourage the writing up of aircraft defects';
 - (e) 'a 'cost cutting culture' articulated by describing an event that had an aircraft descending below steps of an instrument approach in order to save time by not flying overhead the airfield';
 - (f) 'as Captain he was required to take control of the aircraft from first officers on a number of aircraft landing occasions. This event description was to re-enforce a statement that he thought the training of first officers was very poor';
 - (g) 'he alluded to the possibility of false experience being recorded';
 - (h) 'when joining the company he had no access to regulatory documentation because the computer was down';
 - (i) 'no CAO 20.11 training given';
 - (j) 'no dangerous goods training given';
 - (k) 'no instrument rating check undertaken/or check of instrument proficiency before revenue operations';
 - (l) 'no examination of aircraft knowledge prior to being released to line operations';
 - (m) 'described his check and being released for line operations as being minimal. He expressed he had expected more checking';
 - (n) 'during a CASA line check (audit), no check of aircraft documentation or licences by the CASA Freedom of Information'; and
 - (o) 'loading of passengers when the 'offside' engine is still running (Metro Operation)'.
- (6) Did Pilot C also state that Trans Air's Big Sky Express operation had a cost-saving culture that extended to short-cutting.
- (7) Will the Minister provide full details of the investigation conducted as a result of Pilot C's allegations.
- (8) Is it the case that despite finding no evidence to sustain the allegations, CASA increased its surveillance of Trans Air, and then carried out a "fairly fulsome audit" of the airline earlier in 2005.
- (9) Can the Minister give precise details of the 'fairly fulsome audit', and state whether it covered the same ground as the earlier investigation.
- (10) Has Trans Air conducted ground school for the pilots it has trained on its larger aircraft such as the Fairchild Metroliner and Cessna Citation types over the past 2 years; if so, who conducted the ground school, and how extensive was it.

- (11) Can a copy be provided of the written examinations completed by these pilots and required to be kept on file by the airline.
- (12) In relation to the allegations made to CASA and the ATSB about Trans Air's performance in Papua New Guinea, is it correct that CASA does not monitor, or is not required to monitor, Australian-registered aircraft and Australian-licensed pilots when they are operating overseas.
- (13) Is it correct that CASA is not required to be informed by its overseas counterparts in relation to Australian-registered aircraft and Australian-licensed pilots operating overseas when a regulatory breach is found to have occurred overseas, or when such a pilot is disciplined by his employer.

1069 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the quality and level of monitoring and surveillance of the aviation industry in North Queensland, in particular with regard to safety, and the performance of those charged with air transport safety.
- (2) Can the Minister detail any changes in personnel, or positions, in the North Queensland CASA office in the 3 months ending 9 August 2005.
- (3) What action, if any, has the department, or any statutory authorities for which the Minister is responsible, taken to reduce North Queensland's tragic record of 52 aviation fatalities in the past 5 years.
- (4) Has the Minister, or his predecessor, requested any report, analysis, study or other information that might help to explain North Queensland's aircraft fatality record; if so, can details be provided.

1070 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is it the case that the tender documents for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Search and Rescue (SAR) contract for Cairns, ask whether the tenderer, in this case Trans Air's partner airline Aero Tropics, has achieved in Australia or New Zealand appropriate quality system certification to AS/NZS9000, ISO9000, AS/NZS1400 or ISO1400 series standard.
- (2) Did Aero Tropics have the above accreditation at the time the contract was let; if not, has Aero Tropics made progress towards appropriate quality system certification to the above series standards.
- (3) Has the company been able to nominate a firm time table for future implementation of a quality process; if so, can details be provided; if not, can details be provided of any other quality management systems accreditation held by Aero Tropics.
- (4) Is it a requirement of the contract that the holder have the accreditation mentioned above.
- (5) What is the minimum quality accreditation for an SAR contract acceptable to the Minister and the department.
- (6) Has the holder of the contract demonstrated a satisfactory level of commitment to quality issues; if so, can details be provided, and how was any such commitment demonstrated.

1071 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) (a) Is it the case that the department's conditions of offer for the provision of weekly mail services to remote areas of Australia state in part that the department must be satisfied that offerers have a quality system that meets the requirements of the department; and (b) what are those requirements.
- (2) Did the holder of the contract for the Cape York air mail run, Aero Tropics, have any quality system certification or accreditation at the time the mail run contract was awarded; if so, can details be provided; if not, has Aero Tropics made progress towards appropriate quality system certification, and to what standard.
- (3) Has the company been able to nominate a firm time table for future implementation of a quality process.
- (4) What is the minimum quality accreditation for an aviation contract of this nature acceptable to the Minister and the department.
- (5) What documentation, correspondence, references, agreements or potential contracts did Aero Tropics use to establish its quality assurance credentials with the department.
- (6) (a) Is it the case that the contract also states that the offerer must have sufficient finances to meet the requirements of the department; and (b) what are those requirements and how is 'sufficient finances' established by the department.
- (7) Did Aero Tropics have a stop put on its credit for fuel at Lockhart River airstrip at any time in the past 6 months.
- (8) Has Aero Tropics had sufficient cash throughout the past 6 months to be able to pay all of its pilots on time and in full.

1072 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Can a list be provided of airlines operating in North Queensland that complied with the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* as at 10 March 2005, the date on which new security provisions came into effect.
- (2) (a) Can the list specify which airlines have not complied, in particular in relation to the purchase and use of wheel clamps, control locks or padlocks connected to permanent tie-down points; and (b) which of those airlines hold Commonwealth contracts.
- (3) Can details be provided of the actions the Minister and the department took to ensure compliance with the Act in this respect by 10 March 2005.
- (4) Can details be provided of the security arrangements required for North Queensland airport buildings occupied by secondary airlines, in particular, in relation to alarm systems, and what action the Minister and the department have taken to ensure that security measures are adequate and comply with the Act.
- (5) Can details be provided of the checks carried out on individual airlines in North Queensland to see that the building security and airport perimeter provisions of this Act were complied with by the due date.

1073 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Can details be provided of the unavailability of any of the primary and secondary Cairns Search and Rescue aircraft since the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) contract was let in March 2005.
- (2) Can the department provide the reasons given for the unavailability of either aircraft.
- (3) Can details be provided of what alternative arrangements were made by Aero Tropics when either aircraft was unavailable.
- (4) (a) At any time was search and rescue training disrupted by the unavailability of either aircraft; and (b) can details be provided of the disruptions.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the entire Daily Status Report required to be submitted to AMSA concerning the two aircraft specified under this contract.

1074 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the department investigating whether there was an incident in mid-March 2005 in which an aircraft flying the Cape York Mail Run landed at a closed and disused strip at Holroyd Station north of Cairns.
- (2) (a) Was that incident reported; and (b) was it required to be reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or any other transport authority.
- (3) Is the department investigating: (a) whether the aircraft became bogged; and (b) if help from the nearby Strathmay Station had to be sought to lighten its load for take-off; if so, was that also reported, and was it required to be reported.
- (4) Is the department investigating whether a second aircraft from the same company flew in to render assistance and became bogged, and was that also reported or required to be reported.
- (5) What are the penalties for failing to report incidents of this nature.

1075 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister or the department aware of a facsimile received by the Safety and Security Manager at Cairns Airport on 31 March 2005 in relation to the operation of Fairchild Metroliner VH-TFU at the airport.
- (2) Is the Minister or the department aware of the following allegations contained in the facsimile:
 - (a) ‘that the aircraft is taxied through lines of parked aircraft at “relatively high speed”’;
 - (b) ‘that this poses a potential risk to people, other aircraft and buildings and equipment’;
 - (c) ‘that the aircraft is parked outside its designated position, causing obstruction to taxiing aircraft’;

- (d) 'that the airline's luggage tug has been seen operating in reverse, towing baggage trolleys within 5 metres of this aircraft while the aircraft was moving'; and
 - (e) 'that this aircraft is not fitted with the required locking devices while unattended'.
- (3) (a) Is the department investigating these claims; and (b) can details be provided on the outcome.

1076 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the department investigating whether there was an incident at Horn Island Airport in early April 2002 in which a Piper Navajo aircraft experienced a landing gear problem.
- (2) Is it the case that: (a) the aircraft circled the airport for approximately one hour, escorted by another aircraft from the same company; (b) no emergency was declared; and (c) the staff of the airline in question used their own vehicles and fire extinguishers from the airport terminal to provide a de-facto fire-fighting service.
- (3) Were there any breaches of aviation regulations in this instance.
- (4) (a) Was this incident reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or any other authority; and (b) was it required to be reported.

Notice given 10 August 2005

1077 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation budgeted actual revenue for the 2004-05 financial year and Table 5.1: Analysis of Budgeted Financial Statements, Statement of Financial Performance for the 2004-05 period:

- (1) Will the Minister provide a financial breakdown of revenues from the sale of radioisotopes for:
 - (a) radiopharmaceuticals derived from the High Flux Australian Reactor (HIFAR) at Lucas Heights for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export;
 - (b) industrial radioisotopes derived from the HIFAR at Lucas Heights for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export;
 - (c) radiopharmaceuticals derived from the National Medical Cyclotron (NMC) at the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export; and
 - (d) industrial radioisotopes derived from the NMC at the RPA Hospital for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export.
- (2) For the 2005-06 financial year, will the Minister provide the projected revenues from the sale of radioisotopes for:
 - (a) radiopharmaceuticals derived from the HIFAR at Lucas Heights for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export;
 - (b) industrial radioisotopes derived from the HIFAR at Lucas Heights for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export;
 - (c) radiopharmaceuticals derived from the NMC at the RPA Hospital for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export; and

- (d) industrial radioisotopes derived from the NMC at the RPA Hospital for: (i) domestic use, and (ii) export.

1078 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to inbound tourism:

- (1) Has the Government received any representations from the inbound tourist industry, the Transport Worker's Union or other bodies regarding: (a) a breach of visa conditions by persons from overseas who are working as guides in the Australian inbound tourist industry; (b) the exploitation of such guides through their being paid below award wages and being on sub-standard Australian Workplace Agreements; and (c) the abuse of driver safety regulations with respect to hours of driving.
- (2) Has the Government implemented any measures to prevent such abuses.
- (3) Is regulation of the use of tour guides and drivers from overseas within the terms of reference of the Tourism Accreditation Working Group.

Notice given 11 August 2005

1079 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) For each of the years from 2001 to 2004, can information be provided on the 50 qualifications for which the highest number of incentive payments were made under the New Apprenticeship Employer Incentive.
- (2) For each of the years from 2001 to 2004, can information be provided on the total value of the payments for each of the qualifications listed in (1) above.

1080 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—What are the: (a) registered schools; (b) registered training organisations; and (c) other partners in each of the successful consortia which will operate the Australian Technical Colleges in the locations announced on 15 July 2005.

1081 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) For the year 2006, what is the expected number of students to be enrolled at each Australian Technical College (ATC).
- (2) For each of the proposed ATCs, what is the expected number of enrolled students when each college is operating at full capacity.

Notice given 15 August 2005

1082 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the development of Burrup Peninsula:

- (1) Has the Minister received a nomination to list Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula on the National Heritage List; if so, what is the current status of that nomination.
- (2) Has the Minister received a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* from Woodside Energy in relation to development on Burrup Peninsula, which has the potential to disturb ancient rock art on the site.
- (3) Will the Minister consider implementing an emergency heritage listing for the area while consideration is given to whether the application for

development by Woodside Energy will have a significant impact on Australia's cultural heritage.

- (4) Has the Minister given, or is he aware of, any assurances that have been given, regarding the future heritage listing of the site, to: (a) the original nominees; or (b) parties interested in further development.

1083 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) fact sheet on Bt-10 published on 21 April 2005, there is reference to Syngenta producing 'several hundred tonnes' of Bt-10. Can the Minister explain why this figure differs so dramatically from Syngenta's own published figure of over 150 000 tons.
- (2) The fact sheet on Bt-10 indicates that the amounts of Bt-10 that might have come into Australia are 'extremely small'. Apart from the claim by Syngenta on the total amount of Bt-10 corn produced (Syngenta has estimated around 150 000 tons): (a) what documents or data have formed the basis for this conclusion; (b) has FSANZ confirmed this figure; if so, what data forms the basis for that confirmation; (c) what amounts of Bt-10 have possibly come into Australia; (d) what is the basis for the estimate; if no estimate has been made, why has no work been done to ascertain the amounts that have or may have entered Australia; (e) what foods are most likely to have been imported into Australia containing Bt-10; and (f) in how many different products.
- (3) What steps have been taken to ascertain whether any Bt-10 has been imported into Australia during the 4 years in which it was illegally produced and distributed.
- (4) Can a description be provided on how the safety assessment undertaken by FSANZ for Bt-10 differs from the normal food safety assessment processes and why.
- (5) Under what provisions of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* or Code did FSANZ: (a) review Bt-10; and (b) determine that no testing of imports or food products was required.
- (6) Given that the Act provides for urgent assessment of a food under Division 5, following a declaration of 'urgency' under section 24 in that division, has FSANZ made any declaration of urgency.
- (7) Is it the case that allowing a product to possibly remain on supermarket shelves and to continue to be imported into the country while an assessment is being undertaken, circumvents established processes.
- (8) Given that the fact sheet claims that FSANZ has no health or safety concerns regarding Bt-10, has Syngenta 'demonstrated' the safety of Bt-10, which would appear to be a higher standard.
- (9) Was all the data received from Syngenta produced according to good laboratory practice; if not, why not.
- (10) The critique Dr Jack Heinemann has produced, located at <http://www.nzige.canterbury.ac.nz/>, of two Syngenta documents released by FSANZ, Western Blot Analysis of Cry1Ab and PAT Proteins Expressed in Field Corn – Report No. SSB-112-05 – a Western blot analyses of leaf extracts of Event Bt-11 and Event Bt-10-derived corn plants ... Sequencing of the Bt-10 insert and comparison with the previously reported Bt-11 sequence, Report No. SSB – 104-05, makes a number of findings

apparently at odds with conclusions of FSANZ. Has FSANZ read that critique; if so, how does FSANZ respond to the critique's conclusions regarding Bt-10 and Bt-11.

- (11) Does FSANZ have a comprehensive dossier of quality assured raw experimental data for Bt-10; if not, why not.
- (12) Given that the FSANZ website located at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/mediareleasespublications/factsheets/factsheets2002/faqsongmfoods6august1632.cfm> indicates that FSANZ undertakes comparative analysis of the 'molecular, toxicological and nutritional and compositional properties of the food to the non-GM form', was such an analysis done for Bt-10 corn.
- (13) Can a list be provided of the documents upon which FSANZ relied for its safety assessment.
- (14) Given that the FSANZ safety assessment of Bt-10 was based on documents received from Syngenta, did FSANZ receive safety studies carried out on Bt-10 from Syngenta; if so, did this include: (a) human feeding studies; (b) animal feeding studies; if so, were any of the animal feeding studies long-term (at least several months); and (c) did this study include: (i) any feeding studies using the whole corn, (ii) any studies of allergenicity, (iii) generational feeding studies, and (iv) cancer studies.
- (15) Did FSANZ receive: (a) molecular characterisation of Bt-10 from Syngenta; (b) a genetic profile of Bt-10; and (c) a complete and certified history of the planting and shipments of Bt-10.
- (16) Did FSANZ require or seek any independent verification of the data provided by Syngenta; if so, can details be provided on how verification was provided.
- (17) Given that the FSANZ fact sheet on Bt-10 indicates that Bt-11, which has been approved for human consumption in Australia, and Bt-10, produce identical novel proteins, what data forms the basis for that conclusion.
- (18) Do identical proteins in different genetic structures and inserted in different locations in a plant cell express themselves identically.
- (19) Is it the case that Northrop King (later taken over by Syngenta) applied for unregulated status of Bt-11 in 1995 and that in the appendix to that 'petition', a comparison of Bt-10 and Bt-11 showed that Bt-11 produced about 7 times more toxin protein than Bt-10; if so: (a) is FSANZ familiar with this report; and (b) does FSANZ agree that this would strongly indicate significant protein differences between the two constructs.
(NOTE: reference - Pilancinski W and Williams D. Petition for Determination of Non-regulated Status for: Insect protection corn expressing the Cry1Ab gene from *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* 1995.)
- (20) What steps has FSANZ taken to ensure that no future imports contain Bt-10; if no steps have been taken, can FSANZ: (a) guarantee that no Bt-10 corn is being produced in the United States of America (US); and (b) that Bt-10 seed is not widely distributed in corn producing areas in the US.
- (21) (a) Is it the case that in its assessment of Bt-11, FSANZ indicates that the most likely source of Bt-11 coming into Australia would be in processed corn foods such as syrups, flours, oils, chips etc; and (b) is this also the most likely source of Bt-10 arriving in Australia.

- (22) Has the department tested or commissioned, or requested testing of, any of these foods to determine if Bt-10 is present; if not, why not; if so, can details be provided on: (a) the number of tests; (b) what foods were tested; and (c) the results.
- (23) Is it the case that the European Union has imposed a certification requirement on corn imports that are most likely to contain Bt-10 because the import of Bt-10 is unlawful; if so, as Bt-10 is also unlawful in Australia and it is possible that Bt-10 is being imported into Australia, why has FSANZ not imposed a similar requirement on corn imports most likely to contain Bt-10 (i.e. processed foods).
- (24) Given that the FSANZ fact sheet notes that FSANZ was not informed of the Bt-10 mistake until some 4 months after the US Government was notified, has any explanation been sought from Syngenta or the US Government to explain the failure to immediately notify countries that may or do import Bt-11 products.
- (25) How many Genetically Engineered (GE) foods or crops are: (a) being produced or trialled in the US that are not approved for use in Australia; and (b) have the potential to enter the world food chain.
- (26) How many of these crops do not have validated detection tests.
- (27) Given that it is well established that the US does not have segregation or coexistence systems to separate GE and non-GE crops and foods, does not have stringent testing requirements to prevent contamination and that the US system is not preventing unknown and untested GE organisms from entering the food chain, what steps are being taken in Australia to deal with these potential unwanted imports.

Notice given 16 August 2005

- 1084 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Can the Minister provide copies of all permits issued by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service for the importation of corn, canola, soy and mustard seeds to be used for breeding programs in Australia from 1998 to date.
- 1085 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that international students are experiencing delays of up to 3 months between their payment to the universities of private health insurance premiums (as a condition of their visa) and receiving private health coverage.
 - (2) Will the Minister investigate the situation and urge universities to arrange cover as soon as possible after payment of the premium is received.
- 1086 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Which new oral contraceptives have been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) since 1996; if none are listed: (a) why is this the case; and (b) can details be provided of the applications that have been made to list new oral contraceptives on the PBS in that time and the reason why they were not listed.
 - (2) How many and which lowest dose (20 microgram) oral contraceptives, are currently listed on the PBS; if none have been listed: (a) why is this the case; and (b) can an explanation be provided for why the oral

contraceptives Diane 35 Ed (Brenda, Celeste, Juliette, and Estelle), Femoden Ed, Minulet, Trioden Ed, TR-Minulet, Marvelon 28, Microgynon 20 Ed, Loette and Yasmin are not listed on the PBS.

- (3) Which low progesterone oral contraceptives are currently listed on the PBS.
- (4) For each of the oral contraceptives listed on the PBS, how many doses were funded, by year, from 1996 to date.
- (5) Is it the case that Postinor is not listed on the PBS; if so, can details be provided of the reason that it is not listed.
- (6) What research has been conducted into patient preferences and reproductive health outcomes for: (a) oral contraceptives on the PBS; and (b) those that are not listed.
- (7) What research has been conducted to determine the rate of unwanted pregnancies that arise due to inability to afford oral contraception.

1087 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) When conducted in day procedure centres, why can a Medicare rebate not be claimed for both a dilation and curettage (D&C) (item number 35640) and the insertion of an inter-uterine contraceptive device (IUD) (item number 35503) when the attending doctor determines that a D&C is necessary prior to insertion of the IUD.
- (2) Can information be provided on the reason for the difference in the Medicare rebate for a D&C of \$85.90 when performed by a general practitioner in a day procedure centre and \$116.50 when performed by a specialist.
- (3) (a) Can data be provided on the level of the Medicare rebate over the past decade on item number 35640; and (b) how does this compare with average Medicare rebate increases over the same period.
- (4) (a) Can information be provided on the reason for the change in Medicare rebates for terminations of pregnancies post-12 weeks gestation performed in day procedure centres whereby the day one procedure lamtent (item no. 35500) and the day two procedure (item no. 35643) were combined as item no. 16525; and (b) why has this now resulted in no rebate being available for anaesthetist procedures (item nos 17603, 20940 and 23021) used in the day one procedure in termination of pregnancies post-12 week gestation.
- (5) Can information be provided on the reason ultrasounds at: (a) less than 12 weeks gestation (item no. 55703) and ultrasounds at 12 to 16 weeks (item no. 55705) have separate item numbers when the rebate is the same (\$29.75); and (b) 17 to 22 weeks gestation (item no. 55709) and ultrasounds at 22 plus gestation weeks (item no. 55723) have separate item numbers when the rebate is the same (\$32.30).

1088 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flights requisitioned by the Hon. I Macfarlane on: (i) 4 July 2004 from Canberra to Oakey and Oakey to Canberra, (ii) 11 July 2004 from Canberra to Oakey, and (iii) 12 July 2004 from Oakey to Canberra; (b) did the VIP CL604 aircraft remain at Oakey overnight on 11 July 2004; and (c) what was the cost of these flights.
- (2) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. Dr D Kemp which commenced at Canberra 5 July 2004 and

- terminated at Canberra 8 July 2004; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight from Melbourne to Canberra for what appears to be a lone staff member.
- (3) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. J Hockey on 6 July 2004 from Canberra to Kununurra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for what appear to be two staff members.
 - (4) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. J Lloyd on 25 July 2004 from Norfolk Island to Darwin to Bali; (b) why did the VIP CL604 aircraft remain in Bali for 6 days; (c) what was the cost of the flight, including travel allowance paid to flight and cabin crew for this period; and (d) why did the aircraft return to Canberra on 31 July 2004 without passengers.
 - (5) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Abetz on 31 July 2004 from Canberra to Hobart to Williamstown to Hobart to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP 737 flight and a commercial flight for the two people listed on the manifest.
 - (6) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 5 August 2004 from Canberra to Melbourne; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and Mr Vanstone and one other person listed on the manifest.
 - (7) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. M Vaile on 13 August 2004 from Canberra to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for three persons from Sydney to Canberra as listed on the manifest.
 - (8) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 25 August 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person from Adelaide to Sydney.
 - (9) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 27 October 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person from Canberra to Adelaide.
 - (10) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Hill on 30 October 2004 from Canberra to Melbourne to Alice Springs to Adelaide to Canberra; (b) as the Minister joined the flight on the Melbourne to Alice Springs leg and was joined by his wife on the Alice Springs to Adelaide leg, was the purpose to take Mrs Hill home; (c) how was the Adelaide to Alice Springs travel for Mrs Hill funded; and (d) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and Mrs Hill from Alice Springs to Adelaide.
 - (11) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 17 November 2004 from Canberra to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person for this flight.
 - (12) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. I Macfarlane on 3 December 2004 from Canberra to Oakey; (b) what was the cost of that flight; and (c) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and the other travel options.

- (13) (a) Why was it necessary for a VIP flight to be dispatched from Canberra to Adelaide at the request of Senator Minchin on 5 December 2004 for travel from Adelaide to Canberra with four other people; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.
- (14) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. M Vaile on 9 December 2004 from Canberra to Coolangatta; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.
- (15) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. A Downer on 14 December 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Sydney with one passenger on the Canberra to Adelaide leg and the Minister and his wife travelling from Adelaide to Sydney; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.

1089 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—With reference to the answer to question no. E144_06 provided to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee during estimate hearings on 2 June 2005: Can the Minister update the second table (Percentage of New Apprentices/Vocational Education and Training (VET) Students) with the 2004 figures following the National Centre for Vocational Education Research's release of the 2004 VET students statistics on 4 July 2005.

1090 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the joint United States of America (US)-Australia seismic monitoring station at Alice Springs:

- (1) Did the seismic monitoring station at Alice Springs register the earthquake that caused the tsunami in Asia; if so, what action did the employees at the station take; if not, what is the role of such a monitoring station.
- (2) Does this monitoring station have any connection with the Japanese early warning systems for tsunamis.
- (3) Does the joint US-Australia seismic monitoring service have the equipment to measure earthquakes of the size that caused the Asian tsunami.
- (4) Is the monitoring station's equipment calibrated for military reasons such as detecting underground nuclear explosions, rather than 'natural' earthquakes.

Notice given 17 August 2005

*1091 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 365 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 August 2005, p. 80) relating to pregnancy counselling which states that, 'The objective of the Family Planning Program is to provide a balanced approach to differing family planning service models, aimed at promoting responsible sexual and reproductive behaviours, rather than focusing on one particular strategy or program. There are no requirements in the contracts with these organisations for them to declare whether or not they are 'pro-life' or 'pro-choice'. Consumers are protected by the provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* which deals with misleading or deceptive conduct by a corporation': Can the Minister indicate if services for which no fee is charged and which are funded by the Commonwealth through the Family Planning Program are covered by section 75AT of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

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 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 18 August 2005, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005.

(Agreed to 17 August 2005.)

3 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.)

4 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.)

5 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Finance and Public Administration References Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sitting of the Senate on the following days:

- (a) Thursday, 11 August 2005, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program; and
 (b) Thursday, 18 August 2005, from 4 pm to 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into government advertising.

(Agreed to 10 August 2005.)

6 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.)

7 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.)

***8 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, 18 August 2005, from 10.45 am to 11.45 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into aviation security in Australia.

(Agreed to 17 August 2005.)

First speeches

9 Routine of business—First speeches

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

- (a) Wednesday, 10 August 2005—Senators Ronaldson, Fielding and Milne;
 (b) Thursday, 11 August 2005—Senators Adams, Polley and Siewert;
 (c) Tuesday, 16 August 2005—Senators Trood, Sterle and Joyce; and
 (d) Thursday, 18 August 2005—Senators Nash, Wortley and Parry.

(Agreed to 10 August 2005.)

Legislation

*10 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005.

(Agreed to 17 August 2005.)

Meeting of Senate

11 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

Tuesday, 16 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; amended 10 August 2005.)

12 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.)

13 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.)

Orders for production of documents**14 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.)

15 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.)

16 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents

(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) That this order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)

17 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents

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 and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 12 May 2005.)

18 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than 3.30 pm on 22 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Prime Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 14 June 2005.)

19 Family and Community Services—Pregnancy counselling and family planning—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 21 June 2005, copies of all reports, including financial statements, provided as part of their reporting requirements for the past 5 years by all agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing, other than those already provided in the past month.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 15 June 2005.)

20 Law and Justice—Airport security—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Justice and Customs, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 20 June 2005, copies of all reports prepared by the Australian Customs Service since 1 January 2004 which refer to issues of airport security, including the report completed in September 2004, referred to on page 1 of *The Australian* on 31 May 2005 ('Airport staff "smuggling drugs"'), other than material specifically relating to current ongoing investigations.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 20 June 2005.)

21 Taxation—Deductible gift recipient status—Environment groups—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 June 2005, all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 21 June 2005.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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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)
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	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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	
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)

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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	
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

22 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.)

23 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 Nettle

Senator Fielding

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 Nettle
Senator Fielding

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 Nettle
Senator Fielding

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 Nettle
Senator Fielding

- 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 Nettle

Senator Fielding

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 Nettle

Senator Fielding

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 Nettle

Senator Fielding

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 Nettle

Senator Fielding

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 Nettle
Senator Fielding

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 Barnett, Brandis, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

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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 ATSIC – 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 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

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

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Ferguson 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*)

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 16 June 2005*)

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*)

Annual report of committee activities 2004-05 (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Review of the listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

Senator Santoro (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, Ludwig and Polley and Mr Byrne, Mrs Gash, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Review of the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (*adopted 20 July 2005*)

Reports 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*)

Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Supplementary report (*tabled 11 August 2005*)

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 Humphries (*Chair*), Senator Moore (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Barnett, Fielding and Polley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Hogg, Hurley, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005*)

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*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Community Affairs References Committee*Members*

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Allison, McLucas and Polley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Hurley, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: first sitting day of December 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*)

The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Quality and equity in aged care (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

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

Current inquiries

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

Corporate responsibility (*adopted 22 June 2005*)

Reports presented

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

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Inquiry into the exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*tabled 16 June 2005*) and erratum (*tabled 16 June 2005*)

Property investment advice – Safe as houses? (*tabled 23 June 2005*) and erratum (*tabled 23 June 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 member

Matters relating to the Resources portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Murray, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stott Despoja and Wong

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 5 September 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*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Economics References Committee

Members

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

Substitute member

Matters relating to the Resources portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bartlett, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stott Despoja, 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: 6 October 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 Troeth (*Chair*), Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, Johnston and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 10 October 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*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Provisions of Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, McEwen and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Industrial agreements (*referred 23 June 2005; reporting date: 31 October 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*)

Unfair dismissal and small business employment (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

Indigenous education funding—Final report (*tabled 22 June 2005*) and corrigendum (*tabled 23 June 2004*)

Student income support (*tabled 23 June 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 Brown, Ronaldson, Santoro and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Boswell, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Watson, Webber 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); tabled 12 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Bartlett (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Conroy, Lundy, Ronaldson and Wortley

Substitute member

Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment—Senator Stephens to replace Senator Conroy

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Humphries, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

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*)

Lurching forward, looking back: Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 16 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2005*)

The performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (*tabled 10 August 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, Fifield, Forshaw and Stephens

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Hogg, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Trood, 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*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Fifield, Moore, Murray and Stephens

Substitute members

Gallipoli Peninsula—

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Murray

Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Fifield

*Government advertising—*Senator Carr to replace Senator Moore

Regional Partnerships program—

Senator Barnett to replace Senator Watson

Senator O'Brien to replace Senator Moore

Senator Johnston to replace Senator Fifield

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Murray, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Government advertising (*referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 10 November 2005*)

Regional Partnerships program (*referred 2 December 2004; reporting date: 6 October 2005*)

Gallipoli Peninsula (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 15 September 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 George Campbell, Eggleston, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Moore, Payne, Scullion, Stott Despoja and Webber and 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 CP Thompson, 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*)

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority (*referred 14 June 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 Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferguson, Joyce and Payne

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Hurley, Johnston, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Ray, Santoro, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

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*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Hogg, Nash and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq—

Senator Evans to replace Senator Hutchins

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hurley, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

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: 18 August 2005*)

Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases (*referred 16 June 2005; reporting dates: report on matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the terms of reference and any related matters; 18 August 2005; report on matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference and any related matters; 15 September 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*)

The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (*tabled 16 June 2005*)

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 Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Mason and Scullion

Substitute member

Matters relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Bartlett

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Hogg, Humphries, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood 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*)

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); tabled 12 May 2005*)

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); tabled 12 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 17 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 June 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 15 August 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2005*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Joyce, Kirk and Ludwig

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Humphries, Lightfoot, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood and Watson

Current inquiry

Administration of the Migration Act (*referred 21 June 2005; reporting date: 8 November 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*)

The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988* (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Joyce, McEwen, Polley and Trood

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

Mr Randall (*Chair*), Senator Kirk (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston and Parry and Mr L Ferguson, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Price and Dr Southcott

Current inquiry

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

Report presented

Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (*tabled 22 June 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 Joyce, Lundy and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

Current inquiry

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*)

Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier—Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

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*), Mr McMullan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Scullion and Siewert and Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

Report presented

Examination of annual reports in fulfilment of the committee's duties pursuant to s.206(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993*—
2003-04 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Current inquiry

Whether there have been any failures by Senator Lightfoot to comply with the Senate's resolution of 17 March 1994 relating to registration of interests, and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 16 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*)

122nd report—Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*tabled 21 June 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

Current inquiries

Adequacy and appropriateness of the Register of Senators' Interests (*referred 20 June 2005*)

Proposed amendments to the standing orders (*referred 23 June 2005*)

Proposals relating to the unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings as contained in the 122nd report of the Committee of Privileges, its appendices and associated documents (*referred 11 August 2005 upon adoption of a recommendation in the Committee of Privileges 122nd report*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Baldwin (*Chairman*), Senators Hogg, Humphries, Moore, Murray, Nash and Watson and Ms AE Burke, Mr Broadbent, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

Reports 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*)

Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services (*tabled 22 June 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 Parry, Troeth and Wortley and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Ripoll and Mr Wakelin

Current inquiries

Operational upgrade of the Darwin detention facility, Northern Territory (*referred 26 May 2005*)

CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Holsworthy Program—Special Operations Working Accommodation and Base Redevelopment Stage 1, Holsworthy, NSW (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Upgrade of Patrol Boat Facilities, Darwin Naval Base, NT (*referred 11 May 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*)

New housing for Defence Housing Authority at McDowall, Brisbane, Queensland (Second report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Provision of facilities for Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre additional accommodation and related works, Maribyrnong, Victoria (Third report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Development of on-base housing for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (Fourth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Defence Science and Technology Organisation Ordnance Breakdown Facility, Port Wakefield, South Australia (Fifth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Australia House Defence and lightwells refurbishment, Australian High Commission, London (Sixth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (Seventh report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

New Consulate-General building, Bali, Indonesia (Eighth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Construction of Chancery, Vientiane, Laos (Ninth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Reserve Bank of Australia business resumption site (Tenth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Johnston, Marshall, Nash, Polley, Sterle and Wortley

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

2nd report (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

3rd report (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

4th report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Mason, Santoro, Sterle and Wortley

Report presented

112th report—40th Parliament report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

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*), Senators Ferris, McEwen, McGauran, Milne and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Hogg, Hutchins, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McLucas, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 27 May 2005*)

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005*)

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 10 August 2005; reporting date: 5 September 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 New Zealand (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005* (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Murray (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators McEwen, Nash, O'Brien and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Hutchins, Ludwig, Lightfoot, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

The operation of the wine-making industry (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2006*)

Reports 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*)

Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers (*tabled 16 June 2005*)

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, McEwen 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*)

No. 4 of 2005 (*presented 12 May 2005*)

No. 5 of 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2005*)

No. 6 of 2005 (*presented 15 June 2005*)

No. 7 of 2005 (*presented 22 June 2005*)

No. 8 of 2005 (*presented 10 August 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*)

Fourth report of 2005 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Fifth report of 2005 (*tabled 15 June 2005*)

Sixth report of 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Seventh report of 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens 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 (*presented 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*)
 Report no. 5 of 2005 (*presented 15 June 2005*)
 Report no. 6 of 2005 (*presented 22 June 2005*)
 Report no. 7 of 2005 (*presented 10 August 2005*)
 * Report no. 8 of 2005 (*presented 17 August 2005*)
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Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Webber (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

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, Mason, Santoro, Sterle, Trood and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott and Mr Wilkie

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*)

Report 65—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (3) and 8 February 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America (US) relating to the surrender of US nationals to the International Criminal Court (*statement made, by way of a report, 20 June 2005*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Faulkner (*reappointed 20 June 2005, with effect from 27 June 2005, 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 Faulkner and Watson (*appointed 1 July 2005 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

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HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate

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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 Vocational and Technical Education Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
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 Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	
Senator the Honourable John Macdonald (<u>Sandy</u>) <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade</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.