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12 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell), at the request of Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002, taking into account the findings of the Private Forests Consultative Committee's review of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' which is due to report to the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in November 2002:

- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
- (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in light of any impediments identified;
- (c) whether there are further opportunities to maximise the benefits from plantations in respect of their potential to contribute environmental benefits, including whether there are opportunities to:
 - (i) better integrate plantations into achieving salinity and water quality objectives and targets,
 - (ii) optimise the environmental benefits of plantations in low rainfall areas, and
 - (iii) address the provision of public good services (environmental benefits) at the cost of private plantation growers;
- (d) whether there is the need for government action to encourage longer rotation plantations, particularly in order to supply sawlogs; and
- (e) whether other action is desirable to maintain and expand a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector, including the expansion of processing industries to enhance the contribution to regional economic development.

Question put and passed.