

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 60

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1981

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Fife, Mr Lusher, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Moore and Mr Uren—from certain residents of the Electoral Divisions of Maranoa, Farrer, Hume, Calare, Ryan and Reid, respectively, praying that steps be taken to prevent the Australian Postal Commission implementing any plan which will downgrade postal and mail services.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Humphreys and Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that the Government's sales tax legislation be withdrawn or repealed.
 - Mr Campbell and Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn from the Budget proposals.
 - Mr Charles and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the proposed changes to assistance to the passenger motor vehicle and components industries after 1984 as recommended by the Industries Assistance Commission not be given effect.
 - Mr Charles and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.
 - Mr Humphreys and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.
 - Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that Australia make an immediate and substantial offer of food aid to the Polish Government.
 - Mr Charles—from certain citizens praying that the Community Youth Support Scheme be continued.
 - Mr Jarman—from certain parishioners of St Luke's Church of England, Vermont, Vic., and Mr B. O. Jones—from certain residents of Victoria, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Charles—from certain citizens praying that immediate and positive action be taken to avert further poverty and suffering in the community by raising the level of all pensions and benefits to the poverty line and by reconsidering the recent Government decisions taken in relation to the health system.
 - Mr Charles—from certain residents of Victoria praying that musicians dismissed from the A.B.C. Melbourne Showband be re-instated and that funds be made available to enable the band to continue.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to transfer funding of women's refuges to the States not be proceeded with and Federal funding levels for women's refuges be increased.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the drug *Pancrease* be evaluated by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee of the Department of Health as a matter of high priority.

- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that telegram services be retained at a standard and cost that will not disadvantage the ordinary citizen.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test for all pensions be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that no approval be given to the application of Trans Australia Airlines or any other airline for a relaxation or withdrawal of the curfew at Eagle Farm Airport, Qld.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced, visa charges upon private overseas students be removed, the decision to introduce a loans scheme be reversed and the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be increased and extended.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that very ill pensioners living alone be supplied with a free telephone.
- Mr Falconer—from certain employees of Hardy Spicer (Australia) Company, Vic., praying that the current level of imports of cars and parts be reduced.
- Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that any ordinance to authorise the establishment of a gambling casino in Canberra be disallowed.
- Mr Groom—from certain residents of north west and west coast municipalities of Tasmania praying that funds be provided to upgrade Wynyard Airport, Tas. to the standard required for it to accommodate medium size jet aircraft.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent the closing of Aspect House for handicapped children, New Town, Tas.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that donations to animal welfare organisations be tax deductible.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to extend the existing curfew at Brisbane's International Airport be refused and siting plans for the proposed new runway be reconsidered.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the effects of health proposals and of the necessity for compulsory health insurance on lower income groups be re-examined and the criteria determining the genuinely needy be redefined.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.
- Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the Family Planning Association of Victoria.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained, community health program funding and services be increased, the means test be abandoned and certain other action be taken in relation to the health care needs of the community.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the latest increase in taxes be stopped and a referendum be held on taxes and interest rates.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.
- Sir Phillip Lynch—from certain residents of the Geelong region, Vic., praying that the Industries Assistance Commission recommendations on the motor vehicle industry not be accepted.
- Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that the decision to dispose of all census forms be reconsidered.
- Mr J. L. McMahan—from certain citizens praying that Government policy on subsidy payments for nursing home residents on short leave be relaxed.

Mr Mildren—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Ballarat praying that immediate attention be given to an already seriously depressed housing industry.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the Commonwealth funding of health services be continued at an improved level and the recommendations of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Functions not be proceeded with.

Petitions received.

3 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the National Assembly of the Hungarian People's Republic, led by Mr Janos Peter, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: Mr Dawkins, by leave, presented the following paper:
States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1981—Draft Explanatory Memorandum, dated 13 October 1981.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Attorney-General's Department—Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—2nd Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs—Annual Report by Secretary of Department for period 4 July 1980 to 30 June 1981.

7 NABARLEK—UNAUTHORISED RELEASE OF WATER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Report of Supervising Scientist on the unauthorised release of water at Nabarlek on 7 March 1981, dated 6 October 1981.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

14 October 1981—Message—

No. 171—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

No. 172—Apple and Pear Levy Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 173—Apple and Pear Export Charge Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 174—Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

No. 175—Income Tax Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1981.

No. 176—Income Tax (Individuals) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 177—Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) 1981 (*without requests*).

9 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 75th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, together with copies of the minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOIL CONSERVATION:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Kerin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to accept its national responsibility and be involved in Australia's soil conservation programs and in the prevention of further land degradation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Kerin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 CUSTOMS (VALUATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.**13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82:**

Estimates Committee D—Further consideration of report: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

Department of the Treasury, \$375,042,000

Department of Primary Industry, \$108,673,000

Department of Finance, \$52,094,000

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000, and

Department of Transport, \$447,589,000, and

(2) That the resolution agreed to by Committee D in relation to the Department of Transport be noted, namely:

"That this committee, recognising the disruption being caused to air services and the tourist industry in Australia and the substantial costs being incurred by air service operators because of the shortage of Air Traffic Controllers, commends the Government in its immediate efforts to overcome the shortage of Air Traffic Controllers and calls upon the Government not to relent in those efforts."—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee D concluded.

Estimates Committee E—Consideration of report:

Question proposed—

(1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

Department of Industrial Relations, \$24,370,000

Department of Education, \$543,843,000

Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, \$334,998,000, and

Department of Housing and Construction, \$308,264,000, and

(2) That the expression of opinion agreed to by Committee E in relation to the Department of Education be noted, namely: "That the committee is of the opinion that—

- (1) the change from cost supplementation to the outturn basis in relation to determining the level of programs administered by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission and the Commonwealth Schools Commission, and the reluctance of the Minister for Education to provide details of the prospective calculations, should be reconsidered as the change could result in over or under payments to non-government schools, and
- (2) in determining capital grants for schools, universities and colleges of advanced education it is apparent that no account has been made for the impact of sales tax on building costs in setting capital grants for 1982."

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

14 CUSTOMS (VALUATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 1 agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Amendments—

Clause 2, page 1, sub-clause 2 (3), after "8" insert ", 10A".

Clause 8—

Page 2, proposed section 154, after the definition of "computed value" insert the following definition:

"'container' means an article of transport equipment that—

- (a) is fully or partially enclosed so as to constitute a compartment intended for containing goods;
- (b) is of a permanent character and strong enough to be suitable for repeated use;
- (c) is specially designed to facilitate the carriage of goods, by one or more modes of transport, without intermediate reloading;
- (d) is designed for ready handling, particularly when being transported from one mode of transport to another;
- (e) is designed to be easy to fill and to empty; and
- (f) has an internal volume of one cubic metre or more;"

Page 3, omit the definition of "place of export", substitute the following definition:

"'place of export', in relation to goods exported from a country, means—

- (a) where, while in that country, the goods were packed in a container—the place at which the goods were so packed in the container;
- (b) where the goods (not being goods referred to in paragraph (a)) were exported by sea or by air—the place, or the first place, at which the goods were placed on board a ship or aircraft for export from the country; or
- (c) in any other case—the place at which the goods crossed the border of the country;"

Page 4, proposed section 154, omit paragraph (2) (a), substitute the following paragraph:

"(a) a Collector shall not have regard to—

- (i) any rebate of, or other decrease in, that price the right to which has not accrued when the ascertainment is made; or

- (ii) any costs, charges or expenses in respect of activities undertaken by the purchaser on his own account in connection with the goods (including any activities of the purchaser relating to advertising or promoting the sale of the goods or relating to warranties or guarantees in respect of the goods); and”.

Page 4, omit proposed sub-paragraph (2) (b) (i).

Page 9, proposed section 158, omit paragraph (5) (c), substitute the following paragraph:

“(c) advise the owner of—

- (i) the view that the Comptroller has formed of the possible effect on the price of the goods of the relationship between the purchaser and the vendor;
- (ii) the reasons for forming that view; and
- (iii) the fact that, because of that view, the Comptroller may be required to determine under sub-section (6) that the transaction value of the goods cannot be determined; and”.

Page 10, proposed section 159, after paragraph (3) (c) insert the following paragraph:

“(ca) any goods or services that have been supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser in connection with the production of goods or services specified in a sub-paragraph of paragraph (c) that have been supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser (whether or not free of charge or at a reduced cost) in connection with the production of the goods to be valued;”.

Page 13, at the end of proposed section 159 add the following sub-section:

“(8) Sub-sections (4), (5), (6) and (7) do not apply in relation to the determination of an amount under sub-section (3) in respect of goods specified in paragraph (3) (ca).”.

Page 17, proposed section 161A, in paragraph (3) (c) after “under” insert “paragraph”.

Page 17, proposed section 161A, in paragraph (3) (d) after “under” insert “paragraph”.

Page 18, proposed section 161A, after paragraph (3) (d) insert the following paragraph:

“(da) the value of any goods or services that have been supplied, directly or indirectly, by a person in Australia in connection with the production of goods or services specified in a sub-paragraph of paragraph (d) that have been supplied, directly or indirectly, by that person (whether or not free of charge or at a reduced cost) in connection with the production of the goods to be valued to the extent that that value is not taken account of under paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d);”.

Page 18, proposed section 161A, sub-section (4), omit “(6) and (7)”, substitute “(6), (7) and (8)”.

Page 18, at the end of proposed section 161A add the following word and paragraph:

“and (e) a reference in sub-section 159 (8) to paragraph (3) (ca) were a reference to paragraph (3) (da) of this section.”.

New clause—

Page 20, after clause 10, insert the following new clause:

Review of decisions

“10A. Section 273GA of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1) (h) ‘section 157’ and substituting ‘section 161B’; and

- (b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:
 '(2) Where a dispute referred to in sub-section (1) of section 167 has arisen and the owner of the goods has, in accordance with that sub-section, paid under protest the sum demanded by the Collector, an application may be made to the Tribunal for review of the decision to make that demand and of any other decision forming part of the process of making, or leading up to the making of, that first-mentioned decision.'''

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Moore, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **JUDGES' PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 91, dated 23 September 1981, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 92, dated 15 October 1981, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment to be moved to the Bill by a Minister.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the following amendment was made, after debate:

Clause 4, page 3, line 24, omit "7", substitute "6".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82:**

Estimates Committee E—Further consideration of report: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the proposed expenditures covered in the report of Estimates Committee E be agreed to and the expression of opinion in relation thereto be noted (*see* entry No. 13)—

Debate resumed.

Paper: Mr Hawke, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Viner (Minister for Industrial Relations)—

Mr Viner laid upon the Table the following paper:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Review—Copy of letter from Mr Viner to Mr R. Searby, Q.C., dated 29 May 1981.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee E concluded.

Estimates Committee A—Consideration of report:

Question proposed—

- (1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:
 - The Parliament, \$22,973,000
 - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$76,338,000
 - Department of Foreign Affairs, \$740,511,000, and
 - Department of Defence, \$3,728,017,000;
- (2) That the resolutions agreed to by Committee A in relation to the Parliament be noted, namely:
 - “(1) That this committee resolves that in appropriation procedures for 1982–83 the funds for Parliament should be contained in a separate single line Appropriation Bill and notes the support for this procedure contained in the recommendations of the Report of the Senate Select Committee on the Parliament’s Appropriations and Staffing.
 - “(2) That this committee registers its grave disquiet at many of the proposed cuts in real terms in the budget for the Parliament.”, and
- (3) That the expressions of opinion agreed to by Committee A in relation to the Department of Foreign Affairs, be noted, namely:
 - “(1) That this committee expresses its concern at the reduction in contributions to two well-known and respected institutions, the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the United Nations Association of Australia, and requests that the amounts provided to institutions including the Australia/Britain Society be reviewed.
 - “(2) That this committee is of the view that the Government should accept, and work towards meeting, the United Nations target of 0.7% of Gross National Product as official development assistance.
 - “(3) That the committee is of the opinion that the Government should consider the resumption of the two suspended aid projects to the People’s Republic of Vietnam as a contribution to the stability of the region.”.

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

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

14 October 1981—Message—

No. 178—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment 1981.

No. 179—Companies and Securities Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1981.

15 October 1981—Message No. 180—Epidemiological Studies (Confidentiality) 1981.

18 QUEENSLAND GRANT (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to Queensland.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

19 CENSUS AND STATISTICS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 20 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) BILL 1981:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for and in relation to schools and other matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Blewett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS (LOANS GUARANTEE) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Non-government Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act 1977*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Blewett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 1981:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory in connection with tertiary education.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1981:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National University Act 1946*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82:**
Estimates Committee A—Further consideration of report: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the proposed expenditures covered in the report of Estimates Committee A be agreed to and the resolutions and expressions of opinion in relation thereto be noted (*see entry No. 16*)—
Debate resumed.
Mr Morrison moved the following amendment: Omit the words “the expressions of opinion agreed to by Committee A in relation to the Department of Foreign Affairs be noted”, substitute the following words: “this House fully endorses the expressions of opinion agreed to by Committee A in relation to the Department of Foreign Affairs and requests appropriate action by the Government”.
Debate continued.
Mr Fry addressing the House—
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26 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Dawkins moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) speaking for a further 5 minutes.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 October 1981, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Books) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Act—Return for period 23 May 1980 to 22 May 1981.

Bounty (Metal-working Machine Tools) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Non-adjustable Wrenches) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Penicillin) Act—Return for period 1 June 1980 to 31 May 1981.

Bounty (Refined Tin) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Bounty (Rotary Cultivators) Act—Return for period 5 February 1980 to 7 May 1981.

Bounty (Ships) Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—J. Novakovic.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1980–81.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1980–81.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bouchier*, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Cross, Mrs Darling, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi, Dr Jenkins, Mr Johnson*, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Scott and Mr Spender.

*On leave

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives