

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 140

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1989

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), Senator Cook (Minister for Resources) was acting as Minister for Primary Industries and Energy and Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations) was representing the Acting Minister in this House.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION—ESTIMATES 1989-90—CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUDITOR-GENERAL—PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:
  - Aboriginal Development Commission—Explanatory notes 1989-90—
    - Letter to Mr Speaker from Mr J. C. Taylor, Auditor-General, dated 15 September 1989.
    - Revised pages 133 to 136 of notes in respect of Aboriginal Affairs (Employment, Education and Training portfolio)—Budget related paper No. 7.6B.
- 5 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
  - Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Bank Group)—Reports and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.
- 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Revocation of declaration pursuant to subsection 10 (1), relating to significant Aboriginal area, Perth.
  - Advance to the Minister for Finance—
    - Statement for August 1989.
    - Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during August 1989.
  - Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.
  - Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—Report for period July 1984 to June 1988 (Report No. 11).
  - Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Profile of Australian science: A study of the current state and potential of basic scientific research, dated August 1989.

- Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of electoral divisions, 1989—Victoria—Documents pursuant to section 75.
- Fisheries Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for period 14 April to 31 December 1988.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.
- Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988.
- Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1988-89.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—OTC Limited—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for year ended 31 March 1989.
- Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Final financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 January to 31 July 1989.
- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984*—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1987.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88—Corrigendum.
- Superannuation Fund Investment Trust Property Fund (SPF)—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1989.
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988.

**7 AUSTRALIAN IONISING RADIATION ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—Report for period July 1984 to June 1988 (Report No. 11).

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

**8 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—REPORT—PROFILE OF AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Profile of Australian science: A study of the current state and potential of basic scientific research, dated August 1989.

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

**9 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT—REVOCATION OF DECLARATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Revocation of declaration pursuant to subsection 10 (1), relating to significant Aboriginal area, Perth.

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

- 10 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—  
That leave of absence for three months be given to Dr Klugman, on the ground  
of parliamentary business overseas.  
Question—put and passed.
- 11 **GOVERNMENT PURCHASING REFORMS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr West  
(Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement  
on forthcoming reforms to Government purchasing.  
Mr Moore, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BALANCE OF PAYMENTS:**  
The House was informed that Dr Hewson had proposed that a definite matter  
of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The  
action of the Treasurer in doing political deals with various vested interest  
groups rather than addressing our balance of payments crisis”.  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Dr Hewson addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from  
His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that  
His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:  
21 September 1989—Message No. 248—Child Support (Assessment) 1989.
- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL HEALTH (PHARMACEUTICAL  
BENEFITS DETERMINATION REVOCATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Message  
No. 447, dated 7 September 1989, from the Senate was reported transmitting  
for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the National  
Health Act 1953 to revoke a determination of the Pharmaceutical Benefits  
Remuneration Tribunal, and for related purposes*”.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Shack moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr MacKellar seconded the motion.  
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day  
for the next sitting.
- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1989:**  
The following message from the Senate was reported:
- Message No. 448
- Mr Speaker,  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act  
to amend the National Health Act 1953, and for related purposes*”, and  
acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the  
Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the  
Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
- KERRY SIBRAA  
President
- The Senate,  
Canberra, 27 September 1989  
Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the  
whole House, at the next sitting.
- 16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1989-90:** The House, according to order, resolved  
itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$630 091 000—agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Community Services and Health, \$1 478 313 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 241 762 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$1 449 208 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, \$1 197 740 000—

Department of Industrial Relations, \$281 705 000—

together debated.

Dr H. R. Edwards addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories, \$522 719 000—debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, \$277 459 000—

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

17 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.07 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 October 1989:

Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act—

Amendments to General Conditions formulated under section 10F, dated 27 June 1989.

- Determination pursuant to subsection 10D (6), dated 27 June 1989.
- Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Act—Ordinances—1989—
- No. 1—Criminal Code.
  - No. 2—Application of Laws.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1989—
- No. 15—Topic to be included as a supplement to the monthly labour force survey: retirement and retirement intentions.
  - No. 16—Survey of interstate road freight movements.
  - No. 17—Survey of company profits.
  - No. 18—Survey of interest and royalties, 1988-89.
- Civil Aviation Act—
- Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—
- 105—Amendments, dated 29 (2) August and 1, 14, 19 (2) September 1989.
  - 106—Amendments, dated 29 August and 14 September 1989.
  - 107—Amendments, dated 29 August 1989.
- Statement pursuant to section 14 relating to Joint Venture Between Civil Aviation Authority and Preston Group Pty Ltd, dated 9 September 1989.
- Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1989—
- No. 122—Revised Rates of Allowance and other allowances.
  - No. 125—Rates of Travelling Allowance—San Francisco and other allowances.
  - No. 127—Members serving with United Nations Forces and other allowances.
  - No. 128—Beijing—Post Allowance.
  - No. 130—Post Allowance.
  - No. 131—Post Allowance—Vanuatu.
  - No. 132—Overseas Outfit Allowance.
  - No. 133—Medical Expenses—Excess overseas costs.
  - No. 134—Commencement of Overseas Defence Determination 1989/127.
  - No. 135—Namibia Allowance.
  - No. 136—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Bangladesh and other allowances.
  - No. 137—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Japan and other allowances.
  - No. 138—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Nauru and other allowances.
  - No. 139—Defence Force Academy Textbook Allowance.
  - No. 140—Revised Rates of Allowance and other allowances.
  - No. 141—Antarctic Allowance.
  - No. 142—Aircraft Allowance.
  - No. 143—Determination No. 97 of 1989.
  - No. 144—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Netherlands and other allowances.
  - No. 145—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Papua New Guinea and other allowances.
  - No. 146—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Brunei and other allowances.
  - No. 147—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Indonesia—Jakarta and other allowances.
  - No. 148—Recreation Leave.
  - No. 162—Compensation for Loss of Family Allowance.
- Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order under Regulation 67—Refuelling of Vehicles Engaged in Long Distance Haulage of Commonwealth Explosives, dated 29 August 1989.
- Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA relating to Dr A. Gouras, dated 28 August 1989.
- Higher Education Funding Act—Determination—1989—T20—Grants for Renovation Projects.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 22 August 1989.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement under subsection 40 (1).

## National Health Act—

Guidelines under section 82F relating to appointment of members of the Private Health Insurance Administration Council, dated 28 August 1989.

Nursing Homes Patients Classification Principles, formulated under subsection 40AFA (3), dated 21 September 1989.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—

*Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Amendment Act 1989*—Provisions of the Act (other than sections 1 and 2, paragraphs 11 (e) and 17 (g), subsection 21 (1) and section 27)—11 September 1989.

*Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Amendment Act 1985*—1 October 1989.

*Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Act 1988*—Section 14—1 September 1989.

*Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988*—Sections 47, 51, 52, 53, 57, 62 and 65—5 September 1989.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 105, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131, 133, 135.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1989—No. 57—Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment).

Regulation—1989—No. 19 (Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction)).

Variation of plan of layout of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 7 September 1989.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment to the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 12 September 1989.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 240.

Telecommunications Act—Determination of Technical Standards—1989—Austel Nos. 5 and 6.

Trade Practices Act—

Declaration of designated peak shipper body—Australian Exporters Shipping Association, dated 28 July 1989.

Guidelines to be applied by Registrar of Liner Shipping in nominating designated secondary shipper bodies, dated 25 July 1989.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cohen, Mr Cowan, Mr R. F. Edwards, Ms Fatin, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin, Dr Klugman\*, Mr Mildren, Mr Millar, Mr Punch, Mr Scholes, Mr Sciacca and Dr Theophanous.

\* On leave

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives