

1996-97

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 102

MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 1997

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker informed the House that Mr I. C. Harris had been appointed Clerk of the House from 27 July 1997.

3 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr K. J. Andrews (Chair) presented the following papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of section 44 of the Australian Constitution—

Report, July 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr K. J. Thomson, Mr Sinclair, Mr McClelland, Mr Barresi, Mr Kerr and Dr Southcott made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr K. J. Andrews moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr K. J. Andrews was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TREATIES TABLED ON 18 MARCH AND 13 MAY 1997—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr McClelland—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 June 1997*), viz.:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Eighth report, June 1997—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for consideration of committee and delegation reports having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 INTERNET

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr E. H. Cameron—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the growing use of and demand for the Internet in Australia;
- (2) notes that a large number of Internet users are families and individuals; and
- (3) affirms its support for untimed local calls for Internet users—

Debate resumed.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, Mrs Gallus was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

7 THREDBO LANDSLIDE

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House:

- (1) expresses its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who were killed and to those who were injured in the landslide at the Thredbo Village on 30 July 1997; and
- (2) highly commends the efforts and sacrifices of rescuers and support teams in the extremely delicate and difficult operations following the landslide.

Debate ensued.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—put and passed.

8 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GARFIELD BARWICK)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Right Honourable Sir Garfield Barwick, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the

death on 13 July 1997, of the Right Honourable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, AK, GCMG, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1964 to 1981, Member of this House for the Division of Parramatta from 1958 to 1964, Minister for External Affairs from 1961 to 1964 and Commonwealth Attorney-General from 1958 to 1964, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion, and Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) addressed the House in support thereof.

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

9 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE L. H. BARNARD)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Lance Herbert Barnard, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on 6 August 1997, of the Honourable Lance Herbert Barnard, AO, a Member of this House for the Division of Bass from 1954 to 1975, Deputy Prime Minister from 1972 to 1974, Minister for Defence from 1972 to 1975, Minister for the Navy, the Army, Air and Supply from 1972 to 1973, Postmaster-General and Minister for Labour and National Service, Immigration, the Interior, Primary Industry, Repatriation, Health, National Development and Social Services in December 1972 and Ambassador of Australia to Sweden, Norway and Finland from 1975 to 1978, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion, and Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) addressed the House in support thereof.

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

10 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS—PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House of the resignation of Mr Prosser as Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs.

Mr Howard also informed the House that Mr Reith had been appointed Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business, Senator Ellison had been appointed Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs and Minister Assisting the Attorney-General, Dr Kemp (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) had been appointed Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Mr Cadman had been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business, Ms Worth had been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services and Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology) would represent the Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in the House.

Paper

Mr Howard presented the following paper:

Howard Ministry, 25 August 1997.

Mr Howard further informed the House that Mr J. N. Andrew had been appointed Chief Government Whip and Mr Slipper had been appointed Government Whip and that, during the absence abroad of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade) would answer questions on his behalf.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade) presented the following paper:

Tax reform proposals—Copy of media note issued by Mr Fischer, 14 August 1997.

Questions without notice continued.

12 PAPER

Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Tax reform and a possible goods and services tax—Copy of transcript of interview with Mr G. J. Evans on *Sunday*, Nine Network, 17 August 1997.

13 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mrs Bailey, Mr Billson, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Lloyd, Mr McGauran, Mr P. F. Morris and Mr Rocher, from 41, 24, 31, 40, 38, 8 and 8 petitioners, respectively, praying that action be taken to remove the exclusion of members of the Royal Australian Navy, who served in the Malaya campaign, from repatriation benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.

Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Forrest, Mr McLachlan and Mrs West, from 83, 27, 36, 27 and 222 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

Mr Billson, Mr Mossfield, Mr Neville and Mr Rocher, from 44, 84, 30 and 23 pensioners, superannuants and retirees, respectively, praying that funding be provided to the Australian Pensioners' and Superannuants' Federation.

Mr Fischer, from 582 readers of Australia, Mr Lee, from 83 petitioners and 17 friends of the ABC, respectively, praying that the current level of funding to the ABC be maintained.

Mr M. J. Ferguson and Mr Mossfield, from 146 and 22 petitioners, respectively, praying that a high profile anti-racism campaign be mounted.

Mr Mossfield and Mr O'Keefe, from 118 and 19 petitioners, respectively, praying that an Australian Service Medal be awarded to veterans in recognition of defence service between 1945 and 1975.

Mr P. J. Baldwin, from 5 petitioners, praying that the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be funded appropriately.

Mr Bartlett, from 2204 electors of the Divisions of Macquarie, Lindsay and Mitchell, praying that the proposal to progressively close RAAF Base Richmond by 2005 be opposed.

Mr Charles, from 100 residents of Boronia, Vic., praying that alternative Medicare facilities be provided through local pharmacy agents.

Mr Entsch, from 129 petitioners, praying that funding to the Family Resource Centre Program be restored.

Mr Lee, from 307 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr M. J. Evans, from 1840 electors of the Division of Adelaide, praying that the Sefton Park, SA, Medicare office retain its functions.

Mr M. J. Evans, from 171 supporters of Para West Adult Campus Child Care Centre, SA, praying that the operational subsidy to community based child care centres be maintained.

Mr Fischer, from 384 petitioners, praying that any attempts to wind back tariff protection be opposed.

Mrs E. J. Grace, from 301 petitioners, praying that certain ex-service personnel be awarded the Australian Active Service Medal.

Mr Holding, from 41 petitioners, praying that Radio Australia's funding base be restored to its pre 1996-97 Budget level and maintained in real terms.

Mr Jenkins, from 1368 residents of Victoria, praying that funding to the Whittlesea Plenty Valley Family Resource Centre be restored.

Mr Lee, from 168 petitioners, praying that the ABC's funding base be restored to its pre 1996-97 Budget level and maintained in real terms.

Mr Lee, from 48 petitioners, praying that the ban on the importation of cooked chicken meat be maintained.

Mr Lieberman, from 22 petitioners, praying that the importation of animals for exhibition in circuses be prohibited.

Mr Lindsay, from 1327 petitioners, praying that certain changes to the Family Law Act and the Child Support Scheme be implemented.

Mr McDougall, from 53 petitioners, praying that the Coorparoo, Qld, Medicare office remain open.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 1309 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the Belmont, NSW, Medicare office remain open.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 101 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the proposal to introduce nursing home entry fees be abandoned and full funding for capital assistance to nursing homes be restored.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 60 petitioners, praying that the removal of the superannuation means test exemption for people aged 55 to age pension age be recognised as unfair and disappointing.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 24 residents of Newcastle, NSW, praying that the principles of cultural diversity, freedom of speech and mutual respect be promoted actively.

Mr Mossfield, from 1832 residents of New South Wales, praying that legislation that would lead to the construction of an airport at Badgerys Creek, NSW, not be passed.

Mr Mossfield, from 66 residents of New South Wales, praying that the importation of cooked chicken meat products not be permitted.

Mr Mossfield, from 31 petitioners, praying that budget decisions relating to pharmaceutical benefits be reconsidered.

Mr Mossfield, from 25 residents of New South Wales, in similar terms.

Mr Mossfield, from 8 petitioners, praying that timed local calls on data services be recognised as an untenable proposition for small business.

Mr Nehl, from 3907 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to amend the Veterans' Entitlements Act in relation to rental allowances.

Mr O'Keefe, from 1156 residents of Victoria, praying that the Deer Park, Vic., Medicare office remain open.

Mr Price, from 500 residents of Western Sydney, praying that the Mt Druitt, NSW, Medicare office remain open.

Mr Price, from 68 families and friends of Margaret Druitt Day Care Centre, NSW, praying that operational subsidies to community based long day care centres be retained.

Dr Southcott, from 267 residents of South Australia, praying that the construction of a Telstra telecommunications tower at Sheoak Road, Belair, SA, cease.

Dr Southcott, from 18 residents of South Australia, praying that automotive tariffs be frozen at 15 percent in 2000 until 2005 and that the export facilitation scheme be replaced with an export incentive scheme.

Mr Truss, from 2180 petitioners, praying that the City of Gympie and the Shire of Cooloola be included in the Sunshine Coast local telephone call area.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile, from 325 electors of the Division of Lyne, praying that SBS television services be extended to the lower mid-north coast, NSW.

Petitions received.

14 IMPORTATION OF NEW ZEALAND APPLES

Mr Adams, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the risk to the Australian apple and pear industry should the Government allow the importation of apples from New Zealand;
- (2) considers the impact chemicals used to eradicate the disease will have on the local environment should fire blight take hold in local orchards;
- (3) acknowledges that despite new research from the New Zealand industry suggesting there is no risk of fire blight entering this country through the

export of New Zealand apples, it is not a 100% guarantee and that the most effective no risk quarantine policy would be no imports of apples from New Zealand;

- (4) calls on the Government to provide certainty to the industry by taking a strong stand on Australia's quarantine standards as the Australian apple industry continues its expansion into the Asian market where the widespread image of Australian apples is that of a clean and fresh industry; and
- (5) calls on the Government, when making its announcement on this issue at the end of March, to protect Australia's apple industry and reject the importation of New Zealand apples.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 ABC CHARTER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Broadbent—That this House:

- (1) notes in the recommendations by Mr Bob Mansfield on the role and functions of the ABC, that a revised ABC Charter should emphasise the importance of providing services to regional Australia and the need for ABC services generally to reflect Australian regional and cultural diversity;
- (2) strongly endorses the recommendation; and
- (3) calls on the Government to adopt the recommendation and to expand urgently the Charter accordingly—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr E. H. Cameron, by leave, presented the following paper:

Cash Converters Group—Copy of documents concerning the operations of the group.

Debate continued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

17 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GARFIELD BARWICK)—MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Prime Minister) (*see* entry No. 8)—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on 13 July 1997, of the Right Honourable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, AK, GCMG, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1964 to 1981, Member of this House for the Division of Parramatta from 1958 to 1964, Minister for External Affairs from 1961 to 1964 and Commonwealth Attorney-General from 1958 to 1964, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

18 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE L. H. BARNARD)—MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Prime Minister) (*see* entry No. 9)—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on 6 August 1997, of the Honourable Lance Herbert Barnard, AO, a Member of this House for the Division of Bass from 1954 to 1975, Deputy Prime Minister from 1972 to 1974, Minister for Defence from 1972 to 1975, Minister for the Navy, the Army, Air and Supply from 1972 to 1973, Postmaster-General and Minister for Labour and National Service, Immigration, the Interior, Primary Industry, Repatriation, Health, National Development and Social Services in December 1972 and Ambassador of Australia to Sweden, Norway and Finland from 1975 to 1978, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

27 June 1997—Message No. 159—

Wine Export Charge 1997.

Wine Export Charge (Consequential Amendments) 1997.

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Simplification Measures) 1997.

30 June 1997—Message—

No. 160—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment (TSRA) 1997.

No. 161—

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1997-98.

Appropriation (No. 1) 1997-98.

Appropriation (No. 2) 1997-98.

No. 162—

Aged Care Income Testing 1997.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Infrastructure Borrowings) 1997.

Bounty Legislation Amendment 1997.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Activity Test Penalty Periods) 1997.

Financial Laws Amendment 1997.

Wool International Amendment 1997.

No. 163—

Australian National Railways Commission Sale 1997.

Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

No. 164—

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment 1997.

Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Customs) 1997.

Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Excise) 1997.

Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—General) 1997.

No. 165—

Industry, Science and Tourism Legislation Amendment 1997.

Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1997.

National Residue Survey (Ratite Slaughter) Levy 1997.

Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1997.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1997.

7 July 1997—Message—

No. 166—

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment 1997.

Environment, Sport and Territories Legislation Amendment 1997.

Communications Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

Fisheries Legislation Amendment 1997.

No. 167—

Broadcasting Services Amendment 1997.

Therapeutic Goods Amendment 1997.

No. 168—

Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Amendment 1997.

Commonwealth Vehicles (Registration and Exemption from Taxation) 1997.

Aged Care 1997.

Aged Care (Compensation Amendments) 1997.

Aged Care (Consequential Provisions) 1997.

No. 169—Social Security Legislation Amendment (Work for the Dole) 1997.

8 July 1997—Message—

No. 170—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

No. 171—Tax Law Improvement 1997.

20 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, RESOURCES AND RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr S. F. Smith to be a member of the Standing Committee on Primary Industries, Resources and Rural and Regional Affairs in place of Mr McLeay.

21 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 27 August 1997, at 10 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 38, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

23 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (ELECTION) BILL 1997—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 264

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of message No. 264 from the Senate returning the Constitutional Convention (Election) Bill 1997—

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to amendments Nos. 1 to 8 and 10 to 68 insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

AYES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Andren	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mrs E. J. Grace	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit

NOES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin*	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

24 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 August 1997:
 Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 156.

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 177, 178, 199, 200, 201.

Audit Act—Finance Regulations—Commonwealth procurement guidelines.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1997 Nos. 11, 12.

Australian Communications Authority Act, Radiocommunications Act, Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act and Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Radiocommunications (Definitions) Determination No. 2 of 1993 (Amendment No. 8).

Cattle Transaction Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 182.

Child Support (Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 170.

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 171.

Christmas Island Act—

Casino Control Ordinance—Appointments—

Administrator of Casino Operations (Amendment), 16 July 1997.

Chairperson of the Casino Surveillance Authority, 27 June 1997.

Member of the Casino Surveillance Authority, 27 June 1997.

Ordinance 1997 No. 2.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 167.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Civil Aviation Orders—

Part 20—Amendments 1997 20 June, 4 August.

Part 40—Amendment 1997 30 July.

Part 105—Amendments 1997 12, 20, 23(2), 24(2), 26, 30(5) June, 1(3), 2, 3(3), 4(12), 16, 22, 23(2), 24(2), 31 July, 4(11), 5 August.

Part 106—Amendments 1997 2, 4, 25 July, 4(2) August.

Part 107—Amendments 1997 26, 30 June, 4, 23 July.

Exemptions 1997 Nos. 48/FRS, 49/FRS, 50/FRS, 51/FRS, 52/FRS, 53/FRS, 54/FRS, 55/FRS, CASA 12, CASA 13, CASA 15, CASA 16.

Instruments 1997 Nos. CASA 137, CASA 159, CASA 160, CASA 164, CASA 184, CASA 188, CASA 199, CASA 200, CASA 202, M64.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—

Ordinance 1997 No. 2.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 168.

Commonwealth Vehicles (Registration and Exemption from Taxation) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 194.

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 165.

Defence Act—**Defence Force Regulations—Notice 9 July 1997.****Determinations under section 58B 1997 Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.****Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—****Export Control Orders 1997 Nos. 1, 2.****Livestock Export (Merino) Orders (Amendment) 1997 No. 1.****Prescribed Goods (General) Orders (Amendment) 1997 No. 3.****Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act—Regulations—
Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 183, 190.****Export Market Development Grants Act—****Determinations 1997 Nos. 1 AB, 1 AJV, 1 ATH, 1 CRP, 1 GCB, 1 GET, 1
IPCA.****Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 195.****Family Law Act—****Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 157.****Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 154, 155.****Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos.
174, 204.****Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 186.****Foreign Judgments Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 205.****Forest Industries Research Export Charge Act, Forest Industries Research
Import Charge Act and Forest Industries Research Levy Act—Regulations—
Statutory Rules 1997 No. 202.****Health Insurance Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. 3GC(1)/1, 3GC (2)/1,
3GC(3)/ 1, 2, 3, HS/2.****Hearing Services Act—Determination 1997—Declared hearing services.****Hearing Services Administration Act—Instrument 1997—Hearing Service
Providers Accreditation Scheme.****Hearing Services and AGHS Reform Act—Determination 1997—Australian
Hearing Services (Eligible Persons-Transitional Arrangements).****Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. T14, T15, T16.*****Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—*****Determination—Heritage Conservation Rebate (Provisional Certificate Criteria
and Procedures) —Amendment 1997 No. 1.****Heritage Conservation Rebate (Recognised Heritage Register and Recognised
Heritage Body)—Declaration 1997 No. 1.****Notice under section 159, 7 July 1997.****Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 148, 169, 191, 196, 197.*****Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No.
198.******Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 176.***

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 181, 193, 203.

Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 172.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, 13 August 1997.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement.

Laying Chicken Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 164.

Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 209.

Meat Chicken Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 163.

Migration Act—

General direction 1997 No. 4.

Notices under—

Section 96 (2).

Section 502 (2).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 184, 185.

Statement under section 48B.

Statements (11) under section 351.

Statements (3) under section 345.

Statements (32) under section 417.

National Health Act—

Declarations 1997 Nos. PB 9, PB 10

Determinations 1997 Nos. 1997-98/ACC6, HIS 12, PB 11, 24SH 2.

Instrument for the purposes of section 40AA, 26 June 1997.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 160, 179.

National Residue Survey (Horse Slaughter) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 207.

Navigation Act—Marine orders 1997 No. 5.

Navigation Act and Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment Act—Revocation of order under section 422A, 6 August 1997.

Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 180.

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 192.

Petroleum Excise (Prices) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 166.

Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 211.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 189, 208.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act and National Residue Survey (Ratite Slaughter) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 206.

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

Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997—Items 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 40 of Schedule 1 and items 6 and 27 of Schedule 2—1 August 1997.

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Act 1997—Items 1, 7, 8, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36, 51, 57, 58, 62, 81, 82, 83, 87, 89, 96, 97, 98, 102 and 105 of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2—9 July 1997.

Items 16, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 84, 88, 93 and 103 of Schedule 1—7 August 1997.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1997—Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 1, and items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Schedule 16—1 July 1997.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Activity Test Penalty Periods) Act 1997—Schedule 1—10 July 1997.

Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act—Marine orders 1997 No. 4.

Public Service Act—

Determinations 1997 Nos. LES 15, LES 16, LES 17, LES 18, LES 19, LES 20, LES 21, SESROB 38, SESROB 39, SESROB 40, SESROB 41, SESROB 42, SESROB 43, SESROB 44, SESROB 45, SESROB 46, SESROB 47, SESROB 48, SESROB 49, SESROB 50, SESROB 51, SESROB 52, SESROB 53, SESROB 54, SESROB 55, SESROB 56, SESROB 57, SESROB 58, SESROB 59, SESROB 60, SESROB 61, SESROB 62, SESROB 63, SESROB 64, SESROB 65, SESROB 66, SESROB 67, SESROB 68, SESROB 69, SESROB 70, SESROB 71, SESROB 72.

Speaker's determination 1997 No. 1.

Quarantine Act—Determinations 1997 No. 2.

Radiocommunications Act—

Direction 1997 Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Limits—800 MHz and 1.8 GHz Bands).

Determinations—

Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Land Mobile Licence) 1997 No. 1.

Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Maritime Ship Licence) 1997 No. 1.

Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Outpost Licence) 1997 No. 1.

Spectrum re-allocation declarations 1997 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Variation—900 MHz Band Plan, 26 June 1997.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination—Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) No. 1 of 1996 (Amendment No. 1).

Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 158.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1997 No. 5.

Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Regulations Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 150, 151.

Rice Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 210.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1997 No. STD 97/5.

Student and Youth Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 159, 187.

Superannuation (Productivity Benefit) Act—

Declaration—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 144, 145, 146.

Determination—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 147.

Superannuation Act 1976—

Declaration—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 149.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 188.

Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act—

Determination 1997 No. SCD 97/1.

Ruling 1997 No. SCR 97/1.

Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition Act—Determination 1997 No. SCD 97/4.

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 152, 153.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations 1997 Nos. TD 93/52 addendum, TD 93/53 addendum, TD 97/18, TD 97/19.

Rulings 1997 Nos. IT 2660 addendum, TR 93/17 , addendum, TR 93/33 addendum, TR 95/36 addendum, TR 96/5 addendum, TR 97/7 addendum, TR 97/16, TR 97/17.

Telecommunications Act 1991—

Determination of a technical standard—1997 Nos. TS 004, TS 005, TS 006, TS 009, TS 019, TS 022, TS 024, TS 026, TS 028, TS 038.

Notices—1997 Nos. TN 9, TN 10, TN 11, TN 12, TN 13, TN 14, TN 15, TN 16, TN 17, TN18.

Revocation of a technical standard—1997 Nos. TN 6, TN 7.

Telecommunications Act 1997—

Declarations 1997—

Carrier Licence Conditions (Optus Mobile Pty Ltd).

Carrier Licence Conditions (Optus Networks Pty Ltd).

Carrier Licence Conditions (Telstra Corporation Limited).

Carrier Licence Conditions (Vodafone Pty Limited).

Determinations 1997—

Telecommunications (Emergency call service).

Telecommunications (Provision of Pre-selection).

Regulation impact statement.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 175.

Rules of Conduct 1997 No. 1.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Declaration—Western Australian Police Service.

Termination Payments Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. SCD 97/2, SCD 97/3.

Termination Payments Tax Imposition Act—Determination 1997 No. SCD 97/2.

Therapeutic Goods Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 162.

Therapeutic Goods Orders Nos. 55A, 60.

Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 161.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—

Instruments under section 196B 1997 Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 173.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Downer, Mr Hatton, Mrs D. M. Kelly and Mr Sawford.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives