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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 194

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2007

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following document:

Labor—Big government—Listing of 67 proposed new departments, ministries, commissions, taskforces, councils and offices and 96 proposed reviews, audits, inquiries and investigations.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following document:

Politicians grind teeth—Article from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 16 February 2005.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.36 p.m. the Member for Sturt (Mr Pyne) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continual interjection, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 DOCUMENT

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Extract from Hansard—Speech given by Mr Lindsay during adjournment debate on 16 August 2007.

4 DOCUMENT

Mr Edwards, by leave, after putting a question to the Speaker, presented the following document:

The great achievement—How the falling value of our disability pensions was halted—Letter from Vietnam Veterans' Federation to Mr Edwards, 16 September 2007.

5 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Criminal Code Act 1995—Control orders and preventative detention orders—Report for 2006-07.

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Neo Pty Limited—Reports for 2005-06.

Migration Act 1958—

Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 March to 30 June 2007.

Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 March to 30 June 2007.

Science and Innovation—Standing Committee—Report—Pathways to technological innovation—Government response, September 2007.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act—Quarterly report on the operation of the Act for the period 1 April to 30 June 2007, together with report for 2006-07.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly report on movement cap for Sydney airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2007.

Treaties—

Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—

Treaty between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (Hobart, 26 July 2007).

Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates (Hobart, 26 July 2007).

Multilateral—Explanatory statements—5 of 2007—Amendments, adopted at London in July 2007, to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

6 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Migration Act 1958—

Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 March to 30 June 2007.

Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 March to 30 June 2007.

Science and Innovation—Standing Committee—Report—Pathways to technological innovation—Government response, September 2007.

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

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DENTAL CARE

The House was informed that Ms Roxon had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The crisis in dental care caused by the Government’s distorted funding priorities”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Roxon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under sessional order No. 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

8 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following document:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 15 October 2007.

9 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) 2007; and

Defence Legislation Amendment 2007.

Question—put and passed.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 608, 17 September 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 without amendment.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007

Message No. 609, 18 September 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

12 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE DENTAL SERVICES) BILL 2007

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.

Mr Price addressing the House—

13 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 18 September 2007:

Aged Care Act—Principles under subsection 96-1 (1)—2007 Investigation Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03718].

Australian National University Act—Order—2007 Tuition fees [F2007L03667].

Broadcasting Services Act—Declarations—2007—

Broadcasting (Hours of local content) No. 1 [F2007L03668].

Broadcasting (Hours of local content) No. 1 (Amendment No. 1) [F2007L03725].

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2007 No. 2.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2007—

12 (4) September [F2007L03660], [F2007L03661], [F2007L03662], [F2007L03663].

13 September [F2007L03681].

14 (5) September [F2007L03708], [F2007L03710], [F2007L03711], [F2007L03712], [F2007L03714].

Exemption—2007 No. CASA EX45 [F2007L02697].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under section 194D—16 August 2007 [F2007L03593].

Family Law Act—Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations—Approval—2007 Family Law (Superannuation) (Methods and factors for valuing particular superannuation interests) Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03687].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variation to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2007 Amendment No. 93 [F2007L03630].

Health Insurance Act—Determinations under subsection 3C (1)—2007—

Health Insurance (Gippsland and South Eastern New South Wales mobile MRI trial) [F2007L03671].

Health Insurance (Positron Emission Tomography) [F2007L03685].

Higher Education Support Act—

Guidelines—Other Grants—2006 Amendment No. 5 [F2007L03649].

Higher education provider—Notice of approval—2007 No. 10 [F2007L03647].

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—Standard—2007 Cosmetics [F2007L03680].

Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act—Declarations—2007—

Other areas (Nos 1, 3) [F2007L03682], [F2007L03683].

Town camps (No. 1) [F2007L03684].

Social Security (Administration) Act—Determinations—2007—
Social security (Administration) (Declared relevant Northern Territory area—Finke or Aputula) [F2007L03693].

Social security (Administration) (Declared relevant Northern Territory area—Imanpa) [F2007L03689].

Social Security (Administration) (Declared relevant Northern Territory area—Mutitjulu) [F2007L03691].

Social security (Administration) (Declared relevant Northern Territory area—Titjikala) [F2007L03692].

Social Security (FaCSIA) (Exempt Northern Territory persons) [F2007L03694].

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act—Declaration under section 6N—Staff members of Western Australia Police—12 September 2007 [F2007L03688].

Therapeutic Goods Act—Therapeutic Goods Order No. 75 [F2007L03598].

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Instruments under subsection 196B—2007 Nos 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 [F2007L03579], [F2007L03580], [F2007L03581], [F2007L03582], [F2007L03583], [F2007L03585].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Ms Hoare and Mrs May.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives