

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2008

1 The House met, at 12 noon, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **RESERVE BANK AMENDMENT (ENHANCED INDEPENDENCE) BILL 2008**

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Turnbull moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 51

Fran Bailey	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay*
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Pearce	Dr Southcott
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mr Pyne	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Ramsey	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull*	Mr Randall	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Robb	Mr Turnbull
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Robert	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Coulton	Ms Ley	Mr Ruddock	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Ms Marino	Mr Simpkins	

NOES, 73

Mr Adams	Mrs Elliot	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Ms Saffin
Mr Bevis	Dr Emerson	Ms McKew	Mr Shorten
Mr Bidgood	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Bradbury	Mr Garrett	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr B. P. J. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Mr Gray	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Champion	Ms Grierson	Ms Parke	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Griffin	Mr Perrett	Mr Trevor
Mr Clare	Mr Hale	Ms Plibersek	Mr Turnour
Ms Collins	Ms Hall*	Mr Price	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia
Mrs D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Ms Rea	
Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rishworth	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Swan (Treasurer), by leave, moved—That the bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

Mr Adams	Mrs Elliot	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bidgood	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Ms Saffin
Mr Bowen	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Shorten
Mr Bradbury	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr Sidebottom
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Ms George	Ms Neal	Mr Sullivan
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr Neumann	Mr Swan
Mr Champion	Mr Gray	Mr B. P. J. O'Connor	Mr Symon
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Grierson	Ms Owens	Mr Tanner
Mr Clare	Mr Griffin	Ms Parke	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Collins	Mr Hale	Mr Perrett	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Trevor
Mrs D'Ath	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price	Mr Turnour
Mr Debus	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea	Mr Zappia

NOES, 51

Fran Bailey	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay*
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Pearce	Dr Southcott
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mr Pyne	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Ramsey	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull*	Mr Randall	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Robb	Mr Turnbull
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Robert	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Coulton	Ms Ley	Mr Ruddock	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Ms Marino	Mr Simpkins	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a third time.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2008-2009—BUDGET DEBATE

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.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following documents:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2007–2008—Performance audits—

No. 34—Administration of the Pathology Quality and Outlays Memorandum of Understanding: Department of Health and Ageing.

No. 35—Building certification of residential aged care homes: Department of Health and Ageing. Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

6 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan for July 2007 to June 2012.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Chief Military Judge—Australian Military Court—Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007.

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Homelessness Green Paper—Which way home?—A new approach to homelessness.

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06.

7 HOMELESSNESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's Green Paper on homelessness, entitled "Which way home?—A new approach to homelessness".

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Ms Plibersek, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Ms Ley speaking for a period not exceeding 11 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Ley addressed the House.

8 110TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS DOREEN WASHINGTON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mrs Elliot (Minister for Ageing), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the 110th birthday of Mrs Doreen Washington.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mrs Elliot, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mrs B. K. Bishop speaking for a period not exceeding five minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mrs B. K. Bishop addressed the House.

9 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (LUXURY CAR TAX) BILL 2008

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) 2008.

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment 2008.

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment 2008.

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment 2008.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swan moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

10 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swan moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

11 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swan moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

12 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swan moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

13 PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Deputy Speaker presented copies of the terms of the following private Members' motions:

Mr Gibbons—Workplace factors (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Wood—Microfinance (*see item No. 6, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Ms Owens—Ovarian Cancer (*see item No. 7, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

In accordance with standing order 41(h) the motions were made orders of the day and referred to the Main Committee.

14 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSES

Petitions lodged for presentation and ministerial responses were announced.

15 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE) BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

16 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 15 May 2008, were reported:

- (a) informing the House of the appointment of Senator Forshaw to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security—Message No. 29;
- (b) returning the following bills without amendment:
 - No. 30—Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments and Other Budget Measures) 2008;
 - No. 31—Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Amendment 2008; and
 - No. 33—Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) 2008; and
- (c) informing the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendments made by the House to the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Message No. 35.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2008

Message No. 32, 15 May 2008, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to make various amendments of the statute law of the Commonwealth, to repeal certain obsolete Acts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRUSTEE BOARD AND OTHER MEASURES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008

Message No. 34, 15 May 2008, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson (Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services) moved—That leave of absence from 26 May to 4 September 2008 be given to Ms King for maternity purposes.

Question—put and passed.

21 BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) unless otherwise ordered, at the commencement of the Main Committee meeting tomorrow, the first item of business shall be Members' statements, each for no longer than three minutes, with the item of business continuing for 30 minutes irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House; and
- (2) the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:
Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (1999 Montreal Convention and Other Measures) 2008;
Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment 2008; and
Health Insurance Amendment (90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme) 2008.

Question—put and passed.

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2008-2009

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 Simpkins addressing the House—

It being 8.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 34, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM

Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Queensland Government will soon deliver an environmental impact assessment of its proposed Traveston Crossing Dam to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Honourable Peter Garrett MP, under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*;
 - (b) the Traveston Crossing Dam is an expensive, inefficient, unreliable and environmentally destructive option for delivering water to Brisbane;
 - (c) the Traveston Crossing Dam will displace hundreds of Mary Valley families, inundate some of the finest farm land in south east Queensland, and destroy at least \$1 billion of infrastructure;
 - (d) the Traveston Crossing Dam will decimate the habitat and threaten the survival of the rare or endangered Mary River turtle, the Australian lung fish, the Mary River cod and a range of other species; and
 - (e) the Traveston Crossing Dam will significantly reduce water flows into the Great Sandy Straits Ramsar listed wetlands, threatening fish breeding, Dugong feeding areas and the waters of Hervey Bay and World Heritage listed Fraser Island; and
- (2) calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Honourable Peter Garrett MP to exercise his powers under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to reject the Traveston Crossing Dam absolutely.

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.

24 BUDGET

Mr Turnour, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House congratulates the Government on bringing down a budget that:

- (1) begins tackling Australia's 16 year high inflation rate and puts downward pressure on interest rates so as to ease the pressure on family budgets;
- (2) delivers on the Government's election commitments restoring confidence in an electorate cynical about political promises; and
- (3) sets out a plan to tackle the long term challenges facing the nation so as to secure our prosperity into the future.

Debate ensued.

Mr Hartsuyker addressing the House—

25 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 10 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 26 May 2008:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 78 [F2008L01523].

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act—Rules—2008 Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L01373].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Order—2008 Civil Aviation Order 100.66—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L01197].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives under—

Part 39-105—

AD/A320—Nos 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 223 [F2008L01490], [F2008L01491], [F2008L01492], [F2008L01493], [F2008L01500], [F2008L01501], [F2008L01502], [F2008L01504], [F2008L01505], [F2008L01401].

AD/A330—No. 87 [F2008L01509].

AD/AS 355—No. 91—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L01510].

AD/B727—Nos 210, 211 [F2008L01402], [F2008L01512].

AD/B737—Nos 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326 [F2008L01486], [F2008L01513], [F2008L01403], [F2008L01404], [F2008L01514], [F2008L01515], [F2008L01516], [F2008L01517].

AD/B747—Nos 349, 375, 376 [F2008L01518], [F2008L01519], [F2008L01520].

AD/B767—Nos 240, 241 [F2008L01522], [F2008L01532].

AD/BEECH 35—

No. 29—Cancellation [F2008L01534].

No. 38—Cancellation [F2008L01535].

No. 51—Cancellation [F2008L01537].

No. 54—Cancellation [F2008L01539].

AD/BEECH 36—

No. 8—Cancellation [F2008L01540].

No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L01543].

No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L01556].

No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L01557].

AD/BEECH 50—

No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L01560].
No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L01562].
No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L01563].
No. 31—Cancellation [F2008L01564].
AD/BEECH 55—
No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L01565].
No. 2—Cancellation [F2008L01568].
No. 6—Cancellation [F2008L01569].
No. 7—Cancellation [F2008L01405].
No. 8—Cancellation [F2008L01570].
No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L01406].
No. 14—Cancellation [F2008L01576].
No. 19—Cancellation [F2008L01577].
No. 21—Cancellation [F2008L01407].
No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L01578].
No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L01408].
No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L01409].
No. 28—Cancellation [F2008L01579].
No. 30—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01580].
No. 31—Cancellation [F2008L01410].
No. 35—Cancellation [F2008L01411].
No. 37—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01412].
No. 53—Cancellation [F2008L01413].
No. 55—Cancellation [F2008L01414].
No. 65—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L01415].
No. 68—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01417].
AD/BEECH 56—
No. 9—Cancellation [F2008L01418].
No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L01419].
No. 25—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L01420].
AD/BEECH 60—
No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L01421].
No. 5—Cancellation [F2008L01422].
No. 12—Cancellation [F2008L01423].
No. 16—Cancellation [F2008L01605].
No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L01606].
No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L01607].
No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L01424].
No. 33—Cancellation [F2008L01425].
No. 34—Cancellation [F2008L01426].
No. 39—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L01429].
AD/BELL 430—No. 13 [F2008L01614].
AD/CESSNA 180—
No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L01430].
No. 33—Cancellation [F2008L01432].
No. 34—Cancellation [F2008L01446].
No. 39—Cancellation [F2008L01447].
No. 48—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01448].
No. 49—Cancellation [F2008L01449].
No. 55—Cancellation [F2008L01450].
AD/CESSNA 320—
No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L01621].
No. 27—Cancellation [F2008L01451].
AD/CESSNA 337—
No. 2—Cancellation [F2008L01452].
No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L01622].
No. 12—Cancellation [F2008L01453].

- No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L01623].
 No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L01454].
 No. 30 [F2008L01455].
 AD/CESSNA 340—
 No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L01456].
 No. 6—Cancellation [F2008L01457].
 No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L01458].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L01460].
 No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L01461].
 No. 36 [F2008L01462].
 AD/DA42—No. 4 [F2008L01624].
 AD/DAUPHIN—
 No. 68—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L01625].
 No. 95 [F2008L01647].
 AD/DHC-6—Nos 75, 76 [F2008L01626], [F2008L01627].
 AD/DO 228—No. 14 [F2008L01575].
 AD/ECUREUIL—No. 100—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L01628].
 AD/ERJ-170—No. 4—Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L01463].
 AD/ERJ-190—No. 7 [F2008L01487].
 AD/P68—No. 43—Amendment (No. 5) [F2008L01636].
 AD/PA-11—No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L01465].
 AD/PA-18—No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L01466].
 AD/PA-20—
 No. 9—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L01648].
 No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L01468].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L01469].
 AD/PA-22—
 No. 24—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01470].
 No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L01471].
 No. 30—Cancellation [F2008L01473].
 AD/PA-28—
 No. 7—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L01474].
 No. 9—Cancellation [F2008L01475].
 No. 32—Cancellation [F2008L01476].
 No. 41—Cancellation [F2008L01483].
 AD/ROBIN—No. 28—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L01638].
 AD/S-PUMA—No. 75 [F2008L01485].
 Part 39-107—
 AD/EMY—No. 35 [F2008L01629].
 AD/INST—No. 56—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L01464].
 AD/PARA—No. 18 [F2008L01676].
 Exemption—2008 No. CASA EX31 [F2008L01550].
 Corporations Act—ASIC Class Orders—2008—
 CO 08/35 [F2008L01573].
 CO 08/171 [F2008L01574].
 Currency Act—Determinations—2008 Royal Australian Mint (Nos 4, 5) [F2008L01660], [F2008L01661].
 Customs Act—
 Orders—Tariff Concession—2008 Nos 0718565, 0718566, 0721703, 0721744, 0721745, 0721746, 0721905, 0721998, 0800156, 0800278, 0800279, 0800380, 0800659, 0800662, 0800663, 0800664, 0800795, 0800982, 0800990, 0801034, 0801079, 0801248, 0801293, 0801294, 0801351, 0801762, 0801913, 0801919, 0802087, 0802155, 0802281, 0802326, 0802361, 0802479, 0802532, 0802633, 0802634, 0802637, 0802797, 0802798, 0803084, 0804540 [F2008L01567], [F2008L01553], [F2008L01376], [F2008L01377], [F2008L01484], [F2008L01496], [F2008L01438], [F2008L01355], [F2008L01498], [F2008L01497], [F2008L01494], [F2008L01439], [F2008L01343], [F2008L01341], [F2008L01339], [F2008L01345], [F2008L01379], [F2008L01338], [F2008L01495], [F2008L01336], [F2008L01545], [F2008L01344], [F2008L01507], [F2008L01548], [F2008L01503], [F2008L01528], [F2008L01335], [F2008L01544], [F2008L01546], [F2008L01547], [F2008L01558], [F2008L01525],

[F2008L01549], [F2008L01350], [F2008L01349], [F2008L01353], [F2008L01506], [F2008L01352], [F2008L01508], [F2008L01561], [F2008L01511], [F2008L01499].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 74 [F2008L01400].

Export Market Development Grants Act—Determination—2008 No. 1.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Determinations transferring appropriations—2008 Nos 19, 20 [F2008L01667], [F2008L01668].

Order—2008 [F2008L01582].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variation to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2008 Amendment No. 98 [F2008L01488].

Health Insurance Act—Determinations—Diagnostic imaging accreditation—
9 May 2008 [F2008L01571].

Approved accreditors, 9 May 2008 [F2008L01572].

Higher Education Support Act—Other Grants Guidelines 2006—2008 Amendment (No. 10) [F2008L01643].

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 81 [F2008L01434].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments—2008—

Migration occupations in demand, No. IMMI 08/034 [F2008L01524].

Regional certifying bodies and post codes defining regional Australia for certain visas,
No. IMMI 08/020 [F2008L01641].

Navigation Act—Marine Orders—2008 No. 1 [F2008L01631].

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—Statements under section
18—5 May 2008.

Remuneration and Allowances Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 76
[F2008L01416].

Research Involving Human Embryos Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 80
[F2008L00983].

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice—2008 Definition of employee (No. 1)
[F2008L01552].

Social Security (Administration) Act—Determination—2008 Declared relevant Northern Territory
areas—Various (No. 16) [F2008L01645].

Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 79 [F2008L01467].

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—

1993—TD Nos 86 (Addendum), 159 (Withdrawal).

2008—TD Nos 9 (Erratum), 13.

Rulings—

1994—TR Nos 4 (Withdrawal), 5 (Withdrawal), 6 (Withdrawal).

2007—PR No. 11 (Withdrawal).

2008—

CR Nos 35, 36, 37, 38.

PR Nos 13 (Addendum), 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

TR No. 2.

Old series—IT No. 2484 (Addendum).

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—

Determination—2008 Emergency call service—Amendment (No. 1)—Amendment [F2008L01646].

Direction—2008 Australian Communications and Media Authority (Advice about universal service
subsidies) No. 1 [F2008L01566].

Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 82 [F2008L01521].

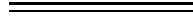
Veterans' Entitlements Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 75
[F2008L01260].

Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 73 [F2008L01394].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrews, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mr Forrest, Mr Irons, Ms King*, Mr Laming, Mr McMullan, Mrs Moylan and Mr Neville.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, express our loyalty to the Sovereign, and thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Document

Ms Grierson, by leave, presented the following document:

Newcastle 2020 summit communiqué, 5 April 2008.

Debate continued.

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

3 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008

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.

Ms Saffin addressing the Main Committee—

It being 6.40 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 192, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

5 WORKPLACE FACTORS

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

- (1) notes the need for Australian businesses to be globally competitive in order to sustain economic prosperity after the current resources boom;
- (2) notes the alarming decline in Australia's productivity and export performance over the last five years;
- (3) notes research findings that less than one in five Australian businesses is currently "world class";

- (4) notes the Government's election commitments and subsequent policy announcements about measures to improve national productivity including public investment in education, skills training and national infrastructure;
- (5) notes research findings that people management practices are the predominant factor affecting company productivity and performance;
- (6) notes research findings that indicate Australian managers are paying insufficient attention to workplace practices and employee satisfaction; and
- (7) supports the establishment of a National Commission for Workplace Innovation and Excellence that will, in conjunction with the business community, trade union movement, professional associations and education providers:
 - (a) identify workplace factors that positively impact on workplace innovation, excellence and productivity including human resource management practices and organisational culture;
 - (b) develop policies that promote workplace innovation, excellence and productivity including best practice models, codes of practice, awareness programs, business exchanges and awards; and
 - (c) support research, management education and training in conjunction with higher education providers and professional associations (*see item No. 13, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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

6 MICROFINANCE

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) microfinance has proven to be a particularly effective and sustainable means of eradicating poverty;
 - (b) microfinance borrowers, particularly women, generate income that allows them to feed, clothe, educate and care for the health of their children;
 - (c) in December 2006, 93 million of the poorest people had access to microfinance services, which is a 12-fold increase since 1997;
 - (d) in support of the poverty eradication goal of the Millennium Development Goals, the Microcredit Summit Campaign, launched in 1997, is working to expand microfinance to 175 million of the poorest people by 2015;
 - (e) the Microcredit Summit Campaign is holding an Asia-Pacific Microcredit Summit in Bali between 29 and 30 July 2008;
 - (f) the Asia-Pacific region contains 64 per cent of the world's population who live in absolute poverty, and as such it has a large unmet need for credit and other financial services; and
 - (g) the Bali Summit is a significant opportunity to examine ways to expand the use and effectiveness of microfinance in the region and to realise the Government's policy objective of reducing poverty in the Asia-Pacific region; and
- (2) urges the Australian Government to send the appropriate Minister and appropriate Shadow Minister as leaders of an Australian delegation to the Asia-Pacific Microcredit Summit in Bali in July 2008 (*see item No. 13, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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.

7 OVARIAN CANCER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Owens—
That the House notes:

- (1) that Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week will be held from 24 February to 2 March 2008;

- (2) that ovarian cancer is the sixth most common cause of cancer death in women, with nearly 1,200 Australian diagnoses each year and nearly 800 Australian deaths from it each year;
- (3) that when ovarian cancer is diagnosed at an early stage, the outlook is very good—as many as 90 per cent of women diagnosed early are cured. However, 75 per cent of women are diagnosed at the advanced stage when it is very difficult to treat;
- (4) that it is a devastating disease that is difficult to diagnose early and treat at an advanced stage. A woman dies every 10 hours largely because of the lack of early detection tests and poor knowledge of the disease throughout the community;
- (5) that a recent Senate Community Affairs inquiry into gynaecological cancer in Australia (tabled 27 February 2007) identified a need for increased awareness amongst the broader community about gynaecological cancers and symptoms and better educational support for general practitioners;
- (6) that a survey commissioned by the National Breast Cancer Centre has revealed that half of all Australian women believe incorrectly that a pap smear will detect ovarian cancer and that 56 per cent of women are unable to correctly name any signs or symptoms of the disease; and
- (7) the need for greater focus on education and additional research funding to help Australian scientists to find early detection markers and more effective treatments of this insidious disease (*see item No. 13, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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.

8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 192B, the order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That grievances be noted—

Debate ensued.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Irwin, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.22 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 4 p.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee