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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2008

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS—ACCREDITATION AS BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY WORKPLACES—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning the accreditation of the parliamentary departments as breastfeeding friendly workplaces.

3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT

Ms Bird, by leave, presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 29th AIPA General Assembly, August 2008—Report, October 2008.

4 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr K. J. Thomson (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 95: Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008—Report, incorporating a dissenting report and supplementary remarks, October 2008.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

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

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

5 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIA–CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 2008

Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Debus presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIA–CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 2008

Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Debus presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

7 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2008

Mrs Elliot (Minister for Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to aged care, and for related purposes.

Document

Mrs Elliot presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Elliot moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

8 WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the bill—

Bill, as a whole—

Mr Windsor moved an amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Abbott	Mr Haase	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Robert
Mr Andrews	Mr Hartsuyker	Ms Marino	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baldwin	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Markus	Mr Scott
Mr Billson	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs May	Mr Secker
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Simpkins
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mr Morrison	Mr Slipper
Mr Briggs	Mr Hunt	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Irons	Dr Nelson	Mr Somlyay
Mr Chester	Dr Jensen	Mr Neville	Dr Southcott
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson*	Mr Oakeshott	Dr Stone
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Coulton	Mr Keenan	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Dutton	Mr Laming	Mr Ramsey	Dr Washer
Mr Forrest	Ms Ley	Mr Randall	Mr Windsor
Mr Georgiou	Mr Lindsay	Mr Robb	Mr Wood

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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Mr Garrett (Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Garrett, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (8) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Garrett, the bill was read a third time.

9 TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs), amendments Nos 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, amendments Nos 2 and 5 were disagreed to, after debate.

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Mr Bowen presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, further amendments Nos 1 to 6 were agreed to, after debate.

Mr Bowen presented reasons for the House disagreeing to Senate amendments Nos 2 and 5, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

The House disagrees with Senate amendments (2) and (5).

During consideration in the House, the Opposition moved an amendment to the second reading motion, calling on the Government to abandon its plans to allow the Federal Magistrates Court (FMC) to hear section 46 matters. However, in the Senate the Opposition failed to oppose the Government amendment that actually bestows jurisdiction on the FMC (Schedule 1, item 7).

The House rejects the Senate amendments as they give rise to uncertainty as to the operation of section 46. Particular provisions of section 46 are currently expressed to apply to the Federal Court, such as subsections 46(3), (3A) and (3C). As a result of the Senate amendments, these provisions will continue to refer to the Federal Court despite the FMC having jurisdiction to hear such matter. This could give rise to confusion, and potentially limits the application of important parts of section 46 that facilitate its operation.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, the reasons were adopted.

10 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Hayes (Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate. Having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 25 September, it recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2007-08.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 70—Crown Hill (Irrinjirrinjirri) land claim No. 106.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—Report for 2007-08, incorporating report of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).

Australian Federal Police (AFP)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2007-08.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2007-08, incorporating report of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2007-08.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2007-08, including financial statements for the Australian Taxation Office and Australian Valuation Office.

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—2008 redistributions into electoral divisions—Northern Territory—Report, together with composite map and disc containing supporting information.

Crimes Act 1914—Controlled operations—Report for 2007-08.

CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2007-08.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2007-08, including financial statements for Aboriginals Benefit Account and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS)—Report for 2007-08.

Inspector-General of Taxation—Report for 2007-08.

International Air Services Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Medibank Private Limited—Report for 2007-08.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2007-08, including financial statements for the Military Superannuation and Benefits Fund.

Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2007-08.

Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional telecommunications review: Framework for the future—Report, September 2008.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2007-08.

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On the motion of Mr Hayes, by leave, the report was agreed to.

11 EDUCATION LEGISLATION 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.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Trevor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

13 DOCUMENTS

The Speaker presented the following documents:

Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2007-08.

Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2007-08.

Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2007-08.

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 7 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Centrelink's tip-off system.

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

14 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08.

Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2007-08.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2007-08.

Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—Report for 2007-08.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2007-08.

Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 August 2007.

National Competition Council—Report for 2007-08.

National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Renewable Energy Regulator—Financial report for 2007-08.

15 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FORUM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ms K. M. Ellis (Minister for Youth), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Australian Youth Forum.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Ms K. M. Ellis, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mrs Mirabella speaking for a period not exceeding eight minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mrs Mirabella addressed the House.

16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

- (a) informing the House that Senator Fierravanti-Wells had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, and Senator Johnston had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 139;
- (b) informing the House that Senator Mason had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services—Message No. 140; and
- (c) returning the following bills without amendment:
 - No. 141—Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures) 2008;
 - No. 142—Financial Claims Scheme (ADIs) Levy 2008;
 - No. 143—Financial Claims Scheme (General Insurers) Levy 2008.

17 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERVENTION

The House was informed that Mr Abbott had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need to maintain the intervention in remote Northern Territory townships especially the welfare quarantining as received with bipartisan support last year”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Abbott addressed the House.

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

18 PETITION

Mrs Hull, by leave, presented the following petition approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions: Museum at RAAF Wagga Wagga—2, 713 petitioners.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE THRESHOLDS) BILL (NO. 2) 2008

Message No. 147, 16 October 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill (No. 2) 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

Ms Roxon (Minister for Health and Ageing) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Ms Roxon addressing the House—

Closure moved

Mr Hockey moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put, and a division having been called for—

Mr Hockey, having indicated that the Opposition did not wish to proceed with the division—

Division, by leave, not proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Senate amendments—Statement by Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker made a statement concerning the Senate amendments to the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill (No. 2) 2008, *viz.*—

I might inform the House that the Speaker has been briefed in relation to the Senate amendments.

As I understand it the effect of some of the amendments would be to increase the numbers of persons subject to surcharge tax above the numbers covered by the bill as passed by the House.

I understand however that the ‘burden’ would still fall on a smaller number than under the existing law and that therefore the Speaker would consider this not to be an occasion on which any objection should be taken on constitutional grounds.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms A. E. Burke, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Ms Saffin
Mr Bowen	Dr Emerson	Ms McKew	Mr Shorten
Mr Bradbury	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
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Mr Clare	Mr Gray	Mr O’Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Mr Combet	Mr Griffin	Ms Parke	Mr Turnour
Mr Crean	Mr Hale	Mr Perrett	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Ms Hall	Ms Plibersek	
Ms D’Ath	Mr Hayes*	Mr Raguse	

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Mr Abbott	Mr Georgiou	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Markus	Mr Secker
Mr Baldwin	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs May	Mr Simpkins
Mr Billson	Mr Hockey	Mr Morrison	Mr Slipper
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hunt	Dr Nelson	Mr Somlyay
Mr Briggs	Mr Irons	Mr Neville	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Dr Jensen	Mr Pearce	Dr Stone
Mr Chester	Mr Johnson*	Mr Pyne	Mr Truss
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Ramsey	Mr Tuckey
Mr Coulton	Mr Laming	Mr Randall	Mr Turnbull
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	Dr Washer
Mr Forrest	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the resumption of the discussion of the matter of public importance.

Question—put and passed.

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERVENTION

In accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting, the discussion of the matter of public importance proposed by Mr Abbott (*see item No. 17, page No. 621*) resumed—

Discussion concluded.

22 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5 p.m., adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, 20 October 2008.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 16 October 2008:

Aged Care Act—Determination under section 14-6—2008 Conditions of allocation—Extended aged care at home—Dementia (No. 1) [F2008L03765].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under Part 39-105—AD/BD-700—No. 1 [F2008L03774].

AD/BELL 206—

No. 49—Cancellation [F2008L03662].

No. 52—Cancellation [F2008L03664].

No. 54—Cancellation [F2008L03665].

No. 56—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03666].

No. 58—Cancellation [F2008L03667].

No. 59—Cancellation [F2008L03669].

No. 60—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03670].

No. 67—Cancellation [F2008L03671].

No. 70—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L03672].

No. 71—Cancellation [F2008L03673].

No. 78—Cancellation [F2008L03674].

No. 88—Cancellation [F2008L03675].

No. 96—Cancellation [F2008L03676].

No. 97—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L03677].

No. 105—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03678].

No. 106—Cancellation [F2008L03679].

No. 110—Cancellation [F2008L03680].

No. 111—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L03681].

No. 124—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03684].

AD/CASA—No. 30 [F2008L03685].

AD/CL-600—

No. 87—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03686].

No. 103 [F2008L03687].

AD/DH 90—No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L03688].

AD/DH 104—

No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L03689].

No. 16—Cancellation [F2008L03690].

AD/DHC-2—No. 2—Cancellation [F2008L03691].

AD/EC 225—No. 5 [F2008L03704].

AD/EMB-120—No. 45—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03692].

AD/PA-24—

No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L03695].

No. 34—Cancellation [F2008L03694].

AD/PA-34—

No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L03696].

No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L03702].

No. 30—Cancellation [F2008L03703].

AD/PREMIER—No. 5 [F2008L03769].

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 199 [F2008L03529].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2008 Nos 0808251, 0808275, 0808302, 0808724, 0808853, 0808856, 0808968, 0808971, 0810248 [F2008L03549], [F2008L03548], [F2008L03547], [F2008L03546], [F2008L03545], [F2008L03544], [F2008L03586], [F2008L03587], [F2008L03585].

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 206 [F2008L03766].

Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notices of approval—2008 Nos 5, 6 [F2008L03777], [F2008L03789].

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 200 [F2008L03492].

National Health Act—Amendment determinations under—
section 84AF—2008 No. PB 104 [F2008L03780].

sections 85, 85A and 88—2008 No. PB 103 [F2008L03779].

section 98C—2008 No. PB 105 [F2008L03781].

Radiocommunications Act—

Class Licence—861-865 MHz land stations and handsets—2008 Revocation [F2008L03752].

Class Licence Variations—2008—

Cordless telecommunications devices (No. 1) [F2008L03751].

Miscellaneous devices (No. 1) [F2008L03753].

Telecommunications Act 1997—Standard—Telecommunications technical standard—2008—

Customer access equipment for connection to a telecommunications network AS/ACIF S003:2008 [F2008L03757].

Requirements for connection to an air interface of a telecommunications network—Part 1: General—AS/ACIF S042.1:2008 [F2008L03764].

Requirements for customer equipment for connection to a metallic local loop interface of a telecommunications network—Part 2: Broadband—AS/ACIF S043.2:2008 [F2008L03763].

Requirements for customer equipment for connection to a metallic local loop interface of a telecommunications network—Part 3: DC, low frequency AC and voiceband—AS/ACIF S043.3:2008 [F2008L03755].

Requirements for customer equipment, operating in the voiceband, for connection to the non-switched telecommunications network AS/ACIF S006:2008 [F2008L03762].

Voice frequency performance requirements for customer equipment AS/ACIF S004:2008 [F2008L03750].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Mr Farmer, Mrs Gash*, Mrs Irwin, Mr Price, Mrs Vale and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 53

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements being made—

Suspension of meeting

At 9.49 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 10.02 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Members' constituency statements continued.

3 **FAMILY, COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND YOUTH—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms A. L. Ellis—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 13 October 2008*), viz.—

Family, Community, Housing and Youth—Standing Committee—The value of volunteering: A discussion paper on volunteering in the community and welfare sector—Report, September 2008—

Debate resumed.

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

4 **NATIONAL RENTAL AFFORDABILITY SCHEME 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Morrison, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give this bill a second reading, the House calls on the Government to make such amendments to the National Rental Affordability Scheme as would:

- (1) provide for incentives to be given on a sliding scale to take account of the different development and land costs in different locations;
- (2) provide for successful applicants to transfer their tax offsets on a once only basis to project financiers in return for a lower cost of funds, including providing such tax offsets to not for profit entities for this purpose;
- (3) require that State and Territory governments match the incentives provided by the Commonwealth under the Scheme;

- (4) extend project eligibility criteria to include conversions to affordable housing from existing residential stock, particularly where such projects involve substantial redevelopment to provide for specific needs groups such as aged or disabled accommodation;
- (5) extend the upper level income limits for tenant income eligibility criteria by 30 per cent in each band to ensure greater access for key workers and those seeking to save to buy their first homes;
- (6) provide ‘as of right’ eligibility for the Federal Government’s solar panel rebate and solar hot water rebate schemes; and
- (7) extend the establishment phase criteria that approximately 20 per cent of incentives be available for projects of not less than 20 dwellings, to the entire Scheme”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Sidebottom was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

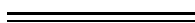
5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Melham moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 6.40 p.m. on Monday, 20 October 2008.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee