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1 MEETING OF SENATE

The Senate met at 2 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable Margaret Reid) took the chair and read prayers.

2 DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER—ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 30 March 2002, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill), by leave, moved—That the following address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second be agreed to:

YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the President and Members of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, received with great sorrow the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. On behalf of the Australian people, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family, and give thanks for a remarkable life dedicated to service, duty, support and her family.

The motion was supported and all senators present stood in silence—

Question passed.

On the motion of Senator Hill the sitting of the Senate was suspended till 3 pm as a mark of respect for the memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

At 3 pm—

3 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following government documents were tabled:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2001—

Native title (Report no. 1/2002).

Social justice (Report no. 2/2002).

Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd (Screenrights)—Report for 2000-01.

Higher education—Report for the 2002-04 triennium, March 2002.

International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO Instruments adopted in 2000.

National Crime Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.—Report for 2000-01.

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for 2000-01.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979—Report for 2000-01 pursuant to Division 2 of Part IX of the Act.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report for 2001 pursuant to section 34A of the Act.

4 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

5 **TAXATION—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS—HEALTH—ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS—GRANT—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Senator Bolkus moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Patterson) to questions without notice asked by Senators Bolkus and Crowley today relating to taxation and pharmaceutical benefits and to a grant to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6 **HEALTH—DETENTION CENTRES—ANSWER TO QUESTION**

Senator Bartlett moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) to a question without notice asked by Senator Bartlett today relating to mental health concerns of children in detention centres.

Question put and passed.

7 **PETITIONS**

The following 3 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

Senator Forshaw, from 323 petitioners, requesting that the Senate oppose the destruction of human embryos by scientists extracting embryonic stem cells.

Senator Greig, from 105 petitioners, requesting that the Senate pass the Sexuality Discrimination Bill.

Senator Tchen, from 41 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to review procedures relating to political asylum seekers and remove all practices which are manifestly inhumane or in contravention of national obligations.

8 **NOTICES**

The Chair of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (Senator Cook): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident be extended to 26 June 2002. (*general business notice of motion no. 57*)

Senator Allison: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) recently the United States (US) tested a missile defence prototype, intercepting an intercontinental ballistic missile target vehicle over the central Pacific Ocean at the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands,
- (ii) the test was a fundamentally-flawed experiment, costing around \$US100 million, and was conducted at the expense of international relations and justice in the Pacific, and
- (iii) despite the US claims that the test was a success, it failed to address the full range of countermeasures or decoys that an enemy would use to try to outwit an anti-missile weapon; and

- (b) urges the Government to raise the issue at the Pacific Island Forum in Suva in August 2002 and to point out that the US and other world powers have consistently abused the Pacific Ocean for military experiments which have never helped the Pacific Islands, but have put them at more risk of being caught in a military conflict or being at the centre of a catastrophic accident. (*general business notice of motion no. 58*)

Senator Allison: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the release in the week beginning 5 May 2002 of the report of the Mining Minerals and Sustainable Development Australia project entitled *Facing the future*, and
 - (ii) that the analysis, conclusions and recommendations represent a broadly-accepted vision for change in the minerals sector with regard to sustainability; and
- (b) congratulates the mining industry on this initiative and looks forward to implementation of the action agenda to enhance the minerals sector's contribution to Australia's sustainable development. (*general business notice of motion no. 59*)

Senator Allison: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Arne Rinnan, captain of the Norwegian vessel *MV Tampa* is making his final journey to Australia in May 2002 before retiring, and
 - (ii) the City of Port Phillip and the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria is hosting a *Tampa* tribute ceremony and concert on Thursday, 16 May 2002, to thank Captain Rinnan and his crew for the care and decency shown to 438 refugees rescued at sea in August 2001; and
- (b) thanks Captain Rinnan for his principled efforts and wishes him well in his retirement. (*general business notice of motion no. 60*)

Senator Allison: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Commonwealth-funded guidelines for general practitioners for the treatment of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (Clinical Practice Guidelines on CFS/ME) were published on 6 May 2002 by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP),
 - (ii) these guidelines were compiled following 6 years of consultation with health professionals and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome sufferers, and
 - (iii) the guidelines are not supported by consumer organisation CFS/ME Victoria, as they are not representative of the consultation process, ignored much of the consumer input, have incorrectly concluded that this illness is fundamentally psychological and have produced treatment plans that are consequently inadequate; and
- (b) urges the Government to call for an immediate review of the guidelines by the RACP with a view to replacing them with more comprehensive guidelines reflecting a more representative view of the analysis of CFS/ME and possible treatments. (*general business notice of motion no. 61*)

Senator Allison: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in April 2002 Australia experienced its hottest April on record, according to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology,
 - (ii) according to the United Kingdom Meteorological Office, the 3 months from January 2002 to March 2002 were the warmest globally since records began in 1860 and are likely to have been the hottest for a thousand years,
 - (iii) nine of the 10 hottest years on record have occurred in the past 10 years according to the World Meteorological Organization, and
 - (iv) these statistics are consistent with predictions of global warming caused by an increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (i) take more seriously the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,
 - (ii) ratify the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, and
 - (iii) commit to sourcing an additional 10 per cent of energy from renewable sources by 2010. (*general business notice of motion no. 62*)

Senator Ridgeway: To move on 16 May 2002—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the landmark report, *Bringing Them Home*, was tabled in the Australian Parliament on 26 May 1997, focusing the nation's attention for the first time on the painful evidence that was collated by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission following the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families, and
 - (ii) Sunday, 26 May, will be commemorated again in 2002 as National Sorry Day, so that all Australians can acknowledge and help to heal the wounds of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who suffered as a result of the forced removal policies of successive Australian governments between 1910 and 1970;
- (b) congratulates those involved in the 'Journey of Healing' and other community-based organisations which are holding events across the country to help all Australians understand the ongoing impact of the removal policies and to rebuild relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the spirit of reconciliation; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) make a national apology on behalf of the Australian Parliament for the harm and suffering caused by past policies of forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families,
 - (ii) reassess its decision to reject recommendations 7, 8 and 9 of the report of the Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiry into the Stolen Generations in 2000, which called for the establishment of a national Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal that would deliver a more humane and compassionate alternative to the adversarial and expensive process of litigation, and

- (iii) provide a full response to the six recommendations presented to the Prime Minister in December 2000 by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, which were designed to give effect to the 'Australian Declaration Towards Reconciliation' and the 'Roadmap for Reconciliation'. (*general business notice of motion no. 63*)

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Mason): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 16 May 2002, from 3.30 pm till 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]. (*general business notice of motion no. 64*)

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the reports of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 and on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 be extended to 22 May 2002. (*general business notice of motion no. 65*)

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the tour, in the week beginning 19 May 2002, by His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Sydney, Melbourne, Geelong and Canberra; and
- (b) welcomes the Dalai Lama to Australia. (*general business notice of motion no. 66*)

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—

- (1) That the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Regulations 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Regulations 2001 No. 1, and made under the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001, be disallowed.
- (2) That the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Ordinance No. 4 of 2001, and made under the *Christmas Island Act 1958*, be disallowed.

9 HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill), by leave, moved—That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 14 May 2002 be from 2 pm to 6 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 16 May 2002 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment, and that:

- (a) the routine of business from 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 May 2002 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents 2002-03, and
 - (ii) adjournment;
- (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm on Thursday, 16 May 2002 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
 - (ii) adjournment; and
- (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate on each day shall not be proposed until a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator McGauran, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (Senator Tierney), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the committee on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002 and 4 related bills be extended to 15 May 2002.

Question put and passed.

11 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator Mackay, by leave and on behalf of the Legal and Constitutional References Committee, moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the committee on outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's information technology be extended to 16 May 2002.

Question put and passed.

12 POSTPONEMENTS

Items of business were postponed as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Bartlett for 15 May 2002, relating to the reference of matters to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee, postponed till 18 June 2002.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Bartlett for 16 May 2002, relating to the disallowance of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), postponed till 18 June 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 10 standing in the name of Senator Murphy for today, relating to the establishment of a select committee on forestry and plantation matters, postponed till 16 May 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 56 standing in the name of Senator Conroy for today, proposing an order for the production of documents by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin), postponed till 15 May 2002.

13 BILLS—RESTORATION TO NOTICE PAPER

Senator Bourne, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 54—

- (1) That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That the following bills be restored to the *Notice Paper* and that consideration of each of the bills be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament:

Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998

Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [1998]

Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001.

Question put and passed.

14 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—PRESENTED SINCE LAST SITTING OF SENATE

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following documents received since the last sitting of the Senate:

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2000-01. [Received 22 April 2002]

Health Services Australia—Statement of corporate intent 2001-04. [Received 30 April 2002]

Payment Systems Board—Report for 2000-01. [Received 28 March 2002]

Productivity Commission—Reports—

No. 18—Review of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and certain other superannuation legislation, 10 December 2001. [Received 17 April 2002]

No. 19—Price regulation of airport services, 23 January 2002. [Received 13 May 2002]

Trade policy—Australia's trade outcomes and objectives statement 2002. [Received 10 April 2002]

15 SENATORS' INTERESTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT 2001

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 28 March 2002:

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—Report 1/2002: Annual report 2001, dated March 2002.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McGauran.

16 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002 AND THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 10 April 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Interim report, dated 10 April 2002.

17 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 26 April 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002—Interim report, dated 26 April 2002.

18 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002 AND THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 26 April 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Report, dated April 2002, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings [2 vols], documents presented to the committee and submissions [15].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McGauran.

19 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [No. 2], SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2002, CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS) BILL 2002, BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002, TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 3 May 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002, Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002, Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002, Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Interim report, dated 3 May 2002.

20 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 3 May 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Interim report, dated 3 May 2002.

21 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—JOINT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report received on 3 May 2002:

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Committee—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Unfinished inquiry report, dated 3 May 2002.

22 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO. 2], SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2002, CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS) BILL 2002, BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002, TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report and documents received on 8 May 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002, Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002, Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002, Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Report, dated May 2002, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings [5 vols], documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions [431].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McGauran.

23 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following report and documents received on 10 May 2002:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002—Report, dated May 2002, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings and submissions [10].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McGauran.

24 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY IN THE ARMY'S PARACHUTE BATTALION

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document received on 22 March 2002:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Rough justice? An investigation into allegations of brutality in the Army's parachute battalion—Government response, dated March 2002.

25 LUCAS HEIGHTS REACTOR—SELECT COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document received on 27 March 2002:

Lucas Heights Reactor—Senate Select Committee—Report—A new research reactor? Inquiry into the contract for a new reactor at Lucas Heights—Government response.

26 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—379TH REPORT

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document received on 22 April 2002:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—379th report—Contract management in the Australian Public Service—Government response, dated April 2002.

27 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—CHILD MIGRATION

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document received on 13 May 2002:

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Child migration—Lost innocents: Righting the record—Government response, dated 13 May 2002.

28 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 39 TO 49 OF 2001-02—DOCUMENTS

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following documents received since the last sitting of the Senate:

Auditor-General—Audit reports for 2001-02—

No. 39—Performance audit—Management of the provision of information to job seekers—Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. [*Received 4 April 2002*]

No. 40—Performance audit—Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. [*Received 8 April 2002*]

No. 41—Performance audit—Transactional banking practices in selected agencies. [*Received 15 April 2002*]

No. 42—Performance audit—Integrity of the electoral roll—Australian Electoral Commission. [*Received 18 April 2002*]

No. 43—Performance audit—Indigenous education strategies—Department of Education, Science and Training. [*Received 23 April 2002*]

No. 44—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force fuel management—Department of Defence. [*Received 24 April 2002*]

No. 45—Assurance and control assessment audit—Recordkeeping. [*Received 1 May 2002*]

No. 46—Performance audit—Management of an IT outsourcing contract—Department of Veterans' Affairs. [*Received 6 May 2002*]

No. 47—Performance audit—Administration of the 30 per cent Private Health Insurance Rebate—Health Insurance Commission, Department of Health and Ageing, Australian Taxation Office, Department of Finance and Administration, Department of the Treasury. [*Received 7 May 2002*]

No. 48—Performance audit—Regional Assistance Programme—Department of Transport and Regional Services. [*Received 10 May 2002*]

No. 49—Performance audit—The management of Commonwealth national parks and reserves: Conserving our country—Department of the Environment and Heritage. [*Received 13 May 2002*]

29 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY CONTRACTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following documents pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended on 27 September 2001:

Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice—
Australian Bureau of Statistics. [*Received 22 March 2002*]

Attorney-General's portfolio. [*Received 2 May 2002*]
 Dairy Adjustment Authority. [*Received 15 April 2002*]
 Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. [*Received 15 April 2002*]
 Department of Defence. [*Received 1 May 2002*]
 Environment and Heritage portfolio agencies. [*Received 17 April 2002*]
 Health and Ageing portfolio. [*Received 28 March 2002*]
 Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio agencies. [*Received 28 March 2002*]
 Treasury portfolio. [*Received 15 April 2002*]

30 INDEXED LISTS OF DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY FILES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following documents pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended on 3 December 1998:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2001—Statements of compliance—

Australian Trade Commission. [*Received 30 April 2002*]
 Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies. [*Received 15 April 2002*]
 Department of Health and Ageing. [*Received 15 April 2002*]
 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. [*Received 22 March 2002*]
 Public Service and Merit Protection Commission. [*Received 17 April 2002*]

31 HEALTH—TOBACCO—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001, the Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document received on 30 April 2002:

Tobacco—Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report—Performance of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in relation to the tobacco industry, dated April 2002.

32 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—CHINA—ARREST OF AUSTRALIANS—DOCUMENT

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document:

Foreign Affairs—China—Arrest of Australians—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 20 March 2002, dated 10 April 2002.

33 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—NORTHERN FRANCE—WORLD WAR I WAR GRAVES—DOCUMENT

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document:

Foreign Affairs—Northern France—World War I war graves—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Ms Vale) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 21 March 2002, dated 18 April 2002.

34 CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator McGauran, by leave, moved—That consideration of the report of the Standing Committee of Senators' Interests and government responses to committee reports tabled earlier today (*see entries nos 15 and 24 to 27*) be listed on the *Notice Paper* as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

35 QUALIFICATION OF SENATOR—DOCUMENT

The Deputy President (Senator West) tabled the following document:

Qualification of senator—Letter to the President from Senator Scullion, dated 10 May 2002 and attachments [2].

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Senator Faulkner, by leave, tabled the following document:

Qualification of senator—Copy of letter to the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) from the Clerk of the Senate, dated 14 May 2002.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

36 NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 2002—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Chapman) tabled the following document:

National Schools Constitutional Convention 2002, Old Parliament House, 20 to 22 March 2002—Communique.

37 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO. 2], SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2002, CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS) BILL 2002, BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002, TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), tabled the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002, Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002, Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002, Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Additional information [3 letters].

38 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECTIONS 46 AND 50 OF THE TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional References Committee (Senator McKiernan) tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the *Trade Practices 1974*—Report, dated May 2002, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings, additional information and submissions [28].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McKiernan.

Senator McKiernan, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Cooney in continuation.

39 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Amendment Determination 2001 (No. 1).

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Amendment Determination 2001 (No. 2).

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Amendment Determination 2002 (No. 1).

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Determination 2001 (No. 2).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 88.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 89.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (Regional Council Election) Amendment Rules 2002 (No. 2).

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act, Australian Horticultural Corporation Act, Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act, Dairy Produce Act, Export Control Act, Fisheries Management Act, Meat Inspection Act, National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Act, National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act, Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act, Quarantine Act and Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 60.

Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Act—Ordinance No. 1 of 2002 (Migratory Birds (Repeal) Ordinance 2002).

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 82.

Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 85.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 62.

Australian Land Transport Development Act—Determination of charge rate under section 10 for the financial year 2000-01.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 64.

Australian Research Council Act—Determination—

No. 6—Determinations under section 51, dated 5 March 2002 [5].

No. 7—Determination under section 51, dated 5 March 2002.

No. 8—Determination under section 51, dated 11 March 2002.

Charter of the United Nations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 61.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance No. 1 of 2002 (Ordinances Revision Ordinance 2002).

Christmas Island Act and Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 93.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives—Part—

105, dated 5 [2], 8 [4], 10 [8], 20 [2], 22 [4], 24, 25, 26 [3], 27 [7] and 28 [3] March; and 3 [8], 4 [2], 5 [2], 7 [10], 10 [2], 12 [2], 23 [2] and 24 April 2002.

106, dated 5 [4], 8 [2], 10 [5], 13, 19, 25 [2] and 26 [3] March; and 2 [2], 3 [3] and 7 [3] April 2002.

107, dated 5, 7 [2], 8 and 28 March; and 4, 7 [2] and 16 April 2002.

Civil Aviation Orders—

Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 4) 2002.

Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 5) 2002.

Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 6) 2002.

Exemption No. CASA EX10/2002.

Instruments Nos CASA 154/02, CASA 228/02-CASA 230/02, CASA 235/02, CASA 240/02, CASA 242/02, CASA 246/02 and CASA 252/02.

Statutory Rules 2002 No. 79.

Class Rulings CR 2002/13-CR 2002/25.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance No. 1 of 2002 (Ordinances Revision Ordinance 2002).

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Commonwealth Authorities and Companies (Financial Statements 2001-2002) Amendment Orders.

Coral Sea Islands Act—Ordinance No. 1 of 2002 (Migratory Birds (Repeal) Ordinance 2002).

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 53.

Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 66.

Criminal Code Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 67.

Currency Act—Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2002 (No. 2).

Customs Act—

CEO Instrument of Approval No. 15 of 2002.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 81.

- Defence Act—
 Determination under section—
 58B—Defence Determinations 2002/4-2002/9.
 58H—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations Nos 1-7 of 2002.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 51.
- Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 54.
- Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates under regulation 5A, dated 16 March and 10 April 2002 [2].
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—
 Booderee National Park—
 Management Plan.
 Report on the draft management plan and submissions, dated February 2002.
 Submissions and comments on the draft management plan, dated September 2001.
 Christmas Island National Park—
 Comments on the draft management plan.
 Management Plan.
 Report on the draft management plan and analysis of public comments on the draft management plan and changes to the plan.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 83.
- Epidemiological Studies (Confidentiality) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 63.
- Explosives Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 92.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Export Control (Fees) Amendment Orders 2002 (No. 1).
- Federal Magistrates Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 80.
- Financial Management and Accountability Act—
 Financial Management and Accountability (Financial Statements 2001-2002) Amendment Orders.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 74.
- Fisheries Management Act—Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995—Direction No. NPF 64.
- Goods and Services Tax Determination GSTD 2002/1.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 72 and 73.
- Health Insurance Act—
 Health Insurance Determinations HS/01/2002-HS/03/2002.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 75-77.
- Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations under section 15—Determinations Nos T33-2001 and T34-2001.

- Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 65.
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 58.
- International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 57.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Declaration under section 41, dated 27 February 2002.
- Life Insurance Act—
Actuarial Standard—
1.03—Valuation of Policy Liabilities.
2.03—Solvency Standard.
3.03—Capital Adequacy Standard.
4.02—Minimum Surrender Values and Paid-up Values.
5.02—Cost of Investment Performance Guarantees.
6.02—Management Capital Standard.
7.01—General Standard.
(Friendly Society) 1.02—Valuation of Policy Liabilities.
Variation of Actuarial Standards, dated March 2002.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 86.
- National Health Act—
Declarations Nos PB 5 and PB 6 of 2002.
Determination No. PB 7 of 2002.
Determinations under Schedule 1—HSR 3/2002, HSR 4/2002 and HSR 7/2002.
National Health (Circumstances for Payment of Supplier of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Determination 2002.
Rules No. PB 8 of 2002.
- National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 50.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 52.
- Navigation Act—Marine Orders—Orders Nos 2 and 3 of 2002.
- Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—Advice under paragraph 18(a), dated 23 March 2002.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 59.
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 55 and 68.
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 69.
- Privacy Act—Determination under section 72—Public Interest Determination No. 8.
- Product Ruling—
Addendum—
PR 2001/56 and PR 2001/137.
PR 2002/6, PR 2002/22, PR 2002/38, PR 2002/39 and PR 2002/44.
PR 2002/26-PR 2002/61.

Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 87.

Radiocommunications Act—2.1 GHz Band Frequency Band Plan 2002.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determination—

2001/26: Remuneration and allowances for various public office holders.

2001/27: Members of Parliament – Entitlements.

2002/01 and 2002/02: Remuneration and allowances for various public office holders.

Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 90.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—

Declaration of approved form—Notice No. 4 of 2002.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 56.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Directions 2002.

Statutory Declarations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 70.

Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 94.

Superannuation Act 1990—Declarations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 95 and 96.

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 91.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Instruments Nos MTR 2/2002 and MTR 3/2002—Directions to Slot Manager.

Taxation Determination TD 2002/5.

Taxation Rulings TR 2002/7-TR 2002/9.

Telecommunications Act—

Telecommunications Code of Practice 1997 (Amendment No. 1 of 2002).

Telecommunications Disability Standard (Requirements for Customer Equipment for use with the Standard Telephone Service — Features for special needs of persons with disabilities — AS/ACIF S040) 2002.

Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Amendment Notice 2002 (No. 1).

Telecommunications Technical Standard (Analogue interworking and non-interference requirements for Customer Equipment for connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network — AS/ACIF S002) Amendment 2002 (No. 1).

Telecommunications Technical Standard (Requirements for Customer Equipment with Hierarchical digital interfaces — AS/ACIF S016) 2002.

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Telecommunications (Performance Standards) Determination 2002.

Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act—

Telecommunications (Amounts of Annual Charge) Determination 2002.

Telecommunications (Exemption from Annual Charge) Determination 2002.

Therapeutics Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 84.

Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 78.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—

Instruments under section 196B—Instruments Nos 34-43 of 2002.

Veterans' Children Education Scheme (Long Tan Bursary) Instrument 5/2002.

Veterans' Entitlements (Treatment Principles – Dental Fees) Instrument 7/2002.

Veterans' Entitlements (Veterans' Children Education Scheme – Eligible Child) Amendment Determination Instrument 4/2002.

Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 71.

40 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PROCLAMATIONS—COMMENCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF ACTS

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General were tabled, notifying that he had proclaimed the following provisions of Acts to come into operation on the dates specified:

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment Act 2002—Schedule 2—1 July 2002 (*Gazette* No. GN 18, 8 May 2002).

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Act 2002—Schedule 1—12 April 2002 (*Gazette* No. S 105, 11 April 2002).

Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002—Sections 3 to 12—3 May 2002 (*Gazette* No. S 133, 3 May 2002).

41 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Chapman) informed the Senate that the President had received letters nominating senators to be members of various committees.

The Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), by leave, moved—That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

All legislation and references committees—

Participating member: Senator Harris

Economics Legislation and References Committees—

Participating member: Senator Stott Despoja

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation and References Committees—

Participating member: Senator Brown

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—

Participating member: Senator Brown

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees—

Participating member: Senator Brown.

Question put and passed.

42 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 49, dated 21 March 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Marriage Act 1961*, and for related purposes.

The Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Abetz moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Ludwig the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

43 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

A message from the House of Representatives was reported acquainting the Senate with a resolution of that House:

Message no. 56, dated 21 March 2002, referring the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD for consideration and an advisory report by 3 May 2002.

44 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 2002

THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL MOVEMENT) BILL 2002

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

Message no. 50, dated 21 March 2002—Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002.

Message no. 51, dated 21 March 2002—Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

Message no. 53, dated 21 March 2002—Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

Message no. 55, dated 21 March 2002—Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002.

45 DISABILITY SERVICES AMENDMENT (IMPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE) BILL 2002

FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Message no. 52, dated 21 March 2002—Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2002.

Message no. 54, dated 21 March 2002—Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002.

46 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (BABY BONUS) BILL 2002

A message from the House of Representatives was reported disagreeing to the amendment made by the Senate to the following bill:

Message no. 57, dated 21 March 2002—Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002.

On the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz) consideration of the message in committee of the whole was made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

47 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:

4 April 2002—Message—

No. 1—

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 2) 2001-2002 (Act No. 1, 2002)

Appropriation Act (No. 3) 2001-2002 (Act No. 2, 2002)

Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2001-2002 (Act No. 3, 2002)

No. 2—

Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 4, 2002)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 5, 2002)

Ministers of State Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 6, 2002)

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 7, 2002)

No. 3—

Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2002 (Act No. 8, 2002)

Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Act 2002 (Act No. 9, 2002)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Act 2002 (Act No. 10, 2002)

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Act 2002 (Act No. 11, 2002)

Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) Act 2002 (Act No. 12, 2002)

No. 4—

Higher Education Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2002 (Act No. 13, 2002)

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 14, 2002)

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Act (No. 1) 2002 (Act No. 15, 2002)

Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Act 2002 (Act No. 16, 2002)

Quarantine Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 17, 2002)

No. 5—

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 18, 2002)

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 19, 2002)

Coal Industry Repeal (Validation of Proclamation) Act 2002 (Act No. 20, 2002)

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 21, 2002)

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 22, 2002)

No. 6—

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Act (No. 1) 2002 (Act No. 23, 2002)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) Act 2002 (Act No. 24, 2002)

Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 25, 2002)

Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 1) 2002 (Act No. 26, 2002)

Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Incentives) Act 2002 (Act No. 27, 2002)

5 April 2002—Message No. 7—

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Act 2002 (Act No. 28, 2002)

Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Act 2002 (Act No. 29, 2002)

Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002 (Act No. 30, 2002).

48 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE**

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner), pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 248 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, be disallowed.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Faulkner was speaking.

At 7.30 pm—

49 **BUDGET STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS 2002-03**

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), by leave, made the Budget statement for the year 2002-03, and tabled the following documents:

The Budget 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), dated 14 May 2002.

Budget papers—

No. 1—Budget strategy and outlook 2002-03.

No. 2—Budget measures 2002-03.

No. 3—Federal financial relations 2002-03.

No. 4—Agency resourcing 2002-03.

No. 5—Intergenerational report 2002-03.

Ministerial statements—

Australia's overseas aid program 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer), dated 14 May 2002.

Growing stronger: Agriculture, fisheries and forestry 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Truss), dated 14 May 2002.

Indigenous affairs 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Mr Ruddock), dated 14 May 2002.

Putting Australia's interests first: Honouring our commitments—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Costello), dated 14 May 2002.

Regional Australia: A partnership for stronger regions 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Mr Anderson) and the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government (Mr Tuckey), dated 14 May 2002.

Towards a sustainable Australia: Commonwealth environment expenditure 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Dr Kemp), dated 14 May 2002.

Women's budget statement 2002-03—Statement by the Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Vanstone), dated 14 May 2002.

Senator Minchin, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents.

On the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

50 PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2002-03—DOCUMENTS—REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES TO LEGISLATION COMMITTEES

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) tabled the following documents:

Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2003.

Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2003.

Particulars of proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2003.

Senator Minchin, by leave, moved—That—

- (1) The particulars documents be referred to legislation committees for examination and report in accordance with the provisions of the order of the Senate of 13 February 2002 relating to estimates hearings.
- (2) Legislation committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to on 11 November 1998, as varied on 13 February 2002.

Question put and passed.

51 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2002-03—PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS—PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The President tabled the following documents:

Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2002-03—Portfolio budget statements—Parliamentary departments—

Senate.

Joint House.

Parliamentary Library.

Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

52 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2002-03—PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS—PORTFOLIOS AND EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) tabled the following documents:

Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2002-03—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Attorney-General's portfolio.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Defence and Defence Housing Authority.

Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Environment and Heritage portfolio.

Family and Community Services portfolio.

Finance and Administration portfolio.

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Health and Ageing portfolio.

Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Transport and Regional Services portfolio.

Treasury portfolio.

Veterans' Affairs.

53 ADJOURNMENT

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Senator Schacht, by leave, tabled the following documents:

National Gallery of Australia—Report of investigation by Comcare under the *Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act 1991*—Copies of letters from Comcare to—

Director (Dr Brian Kennedy), National Gallery of Australia, dated November 2001.

Mr Brian Cropp, dated 26 March 2002.

Debate continued.

Time expired: The debate reached the limit of 40 minutes.

The Senate adjourned at 8.40 pm till Wednesday, 15 May 2002 at 9.30 am.

54 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators.

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate