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**1 MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Margaret Reid) took the chair and read prayers.

**2 NOTICES**

*Notices of motion:*

Senator Bartlett: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on Monday, 24 June 2002, by the Minister for Health and Ageing, a copy of the colony visit reports written relating to the recent visits of the Animal Welfare Committee to the National Health and Medical Research Council primate colonies. (*general business notice of motion no. 76*)

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

- (a) congratulates the medical teams of the John Hunter and Mater Hospitals for their revolutionary stem cell trial;
- (b) applauds the skill of Newcastle cardiologist Dr Suku Thambar and haematologist Dr Phil Rowlings for their world-first adult stem cell transfer;
- (c) wishes Newcastle patient Jim Nicol the best in his recovery from the radical trial;
- (d) encourages other countries to follow the lead of Newcastle doctors in performing trials on adult stem cells; and
- (e) recognises the leading role that Newcastle and Hunter doctors are playing in medical research, both nationally and internationally. (*general business notice of motion no. 77*)

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

- (a) notes that south-eastern Australia is the most fire prone region in the world;
- (b) commends the support provided by the Howard Government to New South Wales in January 2002, in particular, the provision of aerial fire fighting equipment;
- (c) expresses its concern that the state government is whitewashing the causes of the bushfire catastrophe of Christmas 2001 by just blaming pyromaniacs during the current bushfires inquiry;
- (d) calls on the New South Wales Government to give serious consideration to the evidence of State Forests of NSW, which believes that inadequate back-burning was the primary cause of the devastating fires;
- (e) rejects calls from the Nature Conservation Council to restrict hazard reduction;
- (f) calls on the Carr Government to allow non-government committee members to receive witnesses' submissions without having to first request them;
- (g) encourages the inquiry to reach a conclusion based on evidence and not party politics resulting from pressure from extreme green groups; and
- (h) hopes that the lessons learned from the bushfire inquiry will be shared to other state governments so all Australians can avoid such an unnecessary disaster. (*general business notice of motion no. 78*)

Senator Brown: To move on 18 June 2002—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the recent return to the United States of America (US) of another of its citizens from detention in the military prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba; and

- (b) calls for the immediate repatriation to Australia of Mamadou Habib and David Hicks, the two Australian citizens being held by the US in the same military prison. (*general business notice of motion no. 79*)

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

- (1) That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill), at the end of each quarter after the commencement of this order, copies of all permit applications, permit decisions and permits issued, together with any conditions imposed, made in accordance with regulation 18 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983, made in accordance with the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.
- (2) For the purposes of this order, a quarter means a period of 3 months ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December. (*general business notice of motion no. 80*)

The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator Chapman): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 17 June 2002, from 7.30 pm, to take evidence in relation to an inquiry under paragraph 243(b) of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*. (*general business notice of motion no. 81*)

*Intention to withdraw:* Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen) and pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of Senator Tchen's intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for 11 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Fuel Quality Standards Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 236 and made under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*.

Senator Calvert, by leave, made a statement relating to the notice of intention.

### 3 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) moved—That government business order of the day no. 5 (Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2002) be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ludwig, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional References Committee (Senator McKiernan), moved—That business of the Senate order of the day no. 2, relating to the presentation of the report of the committee on outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's information technology, be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Macdonald moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

- (a) general business order of the day no. 17 (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002); and
- (b) consideration of government documents.

Question put and passed.

#### 4 POSTPONEMENTS

Items of business were postponed as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Murray for today, relating to the reference of matters to the Community Affairs References Committee, postponed till 18 June 2002.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Brown for today, relating to the disallowance of the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Regulations and the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance, postponed till 17 June 2002.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3 standing in the name of Senator O'Brien for today, relating to the reference of a matter to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, postponed till 17 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 17 June 2002.

#### 5 DE FACTO COUPLES—SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY ISSUES

Senator Greig, by leave, moved general business notice of motion no. 35—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the recent meeting of state attorneys-general and, in particular, notes the willingness by the state attorneys-general to transfer their powers to have property issues for de facto couples settled in the Family Court; and
- (b) calls on the Government in bringing forward legislation on this matter to ensure that:
  - (i) such federal legislation will in no way limit existing rights under state legislation, and
  - (ii) an equitable legislative regime is proposed which eliminates any disadvantage or discrimination against all de facto couples whether they are of the same or opposite sex.

Question put and passed.

#### 6 PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

The Chair of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (Senator Cook), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved matter of privilege notice of motion no. 1—That the following matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges:

Having regard to the matter submitted to the President by the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident, whether there was any attempted or actual interference with a witness before the committee in respect of the witness' evidence, and whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard.

Question put and passed.

## 7 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

*Motion determined as not formal:* The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), at the request of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell), asked that government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Ian Campbell for today, relating to consideration of legislation, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

## 8 ARNE RINNAN—CAPTAIN OF NORWEGIAN VESSEL MV TAMPA

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 60—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, with the support of Australians for Just Refugee Programs, 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 people rescued at sea in August 2001; and
- (b) thanks Captain Rinnan for his principled efforts and wishes him well in his retirement.

Question put and passed.

## 9 DEFENCE—MILITARY ACTION IN IRAQ

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 70—That the Senate—

- (a) notes speculation about possible military action in Iraq; and
- (b) calls upon the Government to refrain from committing to any military involvement without first putting any proposed commitment to the Senate for debate.

Question put and negated.

## 10 HEALTH—CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME—TREATMENT GUIDELINES

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 61—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.

Question put and passed.

#### 11 ENVIRONMENT—CHARCOAL PLANT

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 73—That the Senate condemns the approval of the charcoal plant at Mogo near Batemans Bay, New South Wales, because it is a polluting, unsustainable development which is based on a massive new logging operation that will have a severe effect on south coast communities and, in particular, their economic security, lifestyle and amenities, and the local environment.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

|                 |        |        |               |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Allison         | Brown  | Harris | Ridgeway      |
| Bartlett        | Cherry | Lees   | Stott Despoja |
| Bourne (Teller) | Greig  | Murray |               |

NOES, 41

Senators—

|                  |           |                  |          |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| Abetz            | Crane     | Kemp             | Reid     |
| Boswell          | Crossin   | Lightfoot        | Scullion |
| Brandis          | Crowley   | Ludwig           | Sherry   |
| Buckland         | Denman    | Macdonald, Ian   | Tierney  |
| Calvert          | Eggleston | Macdonald, Sandy | Troeth   |
| Campbell, George | Evans     | Mackay (Teller)  | Vanstone |
| Carr             | Ferguson  | McKiernan        | Watson   |
| Chapman          | Forshaw   | McLucas          | West     |
| Collins          | Gibbs     | O'Brien          |          |
| Cook             | Hogg      | Payne            |          |
| Cooney           | Hutchins  | Ray              |          |

Question negatived.

#### 12 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PAID MATERNITY LEAVE) BILL 2002

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 72—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to provide paid maternity leave, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Stott Despoja presented the bill and 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 Stott Despoja moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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*Explanatory memorandum:* Senator Stott Despoja, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

### 13 ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

Senator Ridgeway, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 63—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'.

Question put and passed.



**14 SUPERANNUATION—ENHANCED CASH MANAGEMENT TRUST—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT**

Senator Sherry, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 69—That there be laid on the table, on the next day of sitting, the report to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority by the Inspector, Mr Anthony McGrath, of KPMG, into the Enhanced Cash Management Trust and its dealings with superannuation funds where Commercial Nominees of Australia was trustee.

Question put and passed.

**15 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RIGHT TO STAND FOR PARLIAMENT—QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES) 1998 (NO. 2)—RESTORATION TO NOTICE PAPER**

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 74—

- (1) That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That the Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) be restored to the *Notice Paper* and that consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament.

Question put and passed.

**16 DEATH OF MS RUTH CRACKNELL, AM**

Senator Ridgeway, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 68—That the Senate—

- (a) notes with great sadness the death of one of Australia's national treasures and our 'First Lady of the Theatre', Ruth Cracknell, AM, on 13 May 2002;
- (b) recognises, too, the extensive body of work that Ms Cracknell produced over her 56-year career in Australian film, radio, television, theatre and literature which, together with her passion, style and sheer talent, made her a much-loved and respected household name in Australia and a recipient of the following awards:
  - (i) the Award of Membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1980,
  - (ii) the James Cassius Award for outstanding contribution to the performing arts in 2001,
  - (iii) induction into the Gold Logie Hall of Fame in 2001, and
  - (iv) honorary doctorates from the University of Sydney, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Western Sydney;
- (c) pays tribute to Ms Cracknell for her strong commitment to the pursuit of social justice for other Australians, noting in particular her principled stand on the need for Indigenous land rights and social justice; and
- (d) expresses its sincere condolences to Ms Cracknell's three children and seven grandchildren who survive her.

Question put and passed.

**17 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—EAST TIMOR**

Senator Bourne, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 71—That the Senate congratulates the people of East Timor on the celebration of their independence on 20 May 2002 and extends to them the Senate's best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous future.

Question put and passed.

**18 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES—HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SANDON POINT**

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 75—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the start of earthmoving works for a housing development at Sandon Point in New South Wales; and
- (b) is concerned that protection of coastal wetlands and Indigenous heritage has not been guaranteed and therefore opposes the development.

Question put and negated.

**19 ENVIRONMENT—CLIMATE CHANGE**

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 62—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.

Question put and negated.

**20 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2001-02**

Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Mason), tabled additional information received by the committee (Additional estimates 2001-02—vols 1 and 2).

**21 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

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

Message no. 61, dated 15 May 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) 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 Ian Macdonald moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Mackay the debate was adjourned.

On the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for a later hour.

**22 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION) BILL 2002**

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

Message no. 62, dated 15 May 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) 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 Ian Macdonald 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.

**23 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the following bill without amendment:

Message no. 60, dated 15 May 2002—Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002.

**24 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) moved—That government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) for today, relating to consideration of legislation, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

**25 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—  
REPORT—AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Pursuant to order, Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Crane), tabled the following report:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Airports Amendment Bill 2002—Report, dated May 2002.

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

**26 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion—That the following address-in-reply, as amended, be agreed to:

*To His Excellency the Governor-General*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament, but the Senate is of the opinion that:

- (a) the Government must move towards a more humane and workable approach to asylum seekers; and
- (b) Woomera detention centre should be closed.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

**27 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 12.45 pm:* Debate was interrupted while the Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell) was speaking.

**28 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz) moved—That government business order of the day no. 2 (Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002—second reading speeches only) be considered after consideration of government business order of the day no. 5 (Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2002) till not later than 2 pm.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**29 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

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*In the committee*

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Acting Deputy President (Senator McLucas) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator West) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

**30 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 2 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Hutchins was speaking.

**31 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

**32 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Senator Carr moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**33 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—  
REFERENCE**

Senator O'Brien, by leave, moved—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 June 2002:

The introduction of quota management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Truss).

Question put and passed.

**34 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—  
AUSTRALIAN LEGAL AID SYSTEM**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Third report—Australian Legal Aid System—Government response.

**35 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—  
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY  
AUTHORITY**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority: Matters relating to ARCAS Airways—Government response, dated May 2002.

**36 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—  
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—BRISBANE AIRPORT CORPORATION'S MASTER PLAN**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Brisbane Airport Corporation's Master Plan—Government response, dated May 2002.

**37 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES—SELECT COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—  
PRIVACY IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:

Information Technologies—Select Committee—Report—Privacy in the information society—Government response.

**38 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORT NO. 50 OF 2001-02—DOCUMENT**

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

Auditor-General—A preliminary examination into the allocation of grant funding for the co-location of national general practice organisations (Report no. 50 of 2001-02).

**39 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following government documents:

GP House—Allocation of funding to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)—

Letter from Secretary (IJ Watt), Department of Finance and Administration to Secretary (M Moore-Wilton), Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, dated 15 March 2002 and attachment.

The process which occurred in the then Department of Health and Aged Care in allocation of funding to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) for GP House—Report by Chris Sheedy, 15 March 2002 and covering letter.

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

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

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Erratum.

Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Ferris.

**41 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—OUTSOURCING OF THE AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Senator Ludwig, on behalf of the Legal and Constitutional References Committee, tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's information technology—Report, dated May 2002, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings, documents presented to the committee and submissions [7].

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

Senator Ludwig, 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.

**42 INNOVATING RURAL AUSTRALIA—DOCUMENT—STATEMENT BY LEAVE**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth), by leave, made a statement relating to the following document, tabled on 20 March 2002:

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report—Innovating rural Australia: Research and development corporation outcomes, 2001.

**43 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Corporations Act—Determinations under subsection 1438(6)—

Requirements for issuers of financial products who lodge opt-in notices [CO 02/0191].

Requirements for issuers of financial products who lodge revocation notices [CO 02/0213].

Requirements for issuers of financial products who lodge variation notices [CO 02/0212].

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—Defence Determination 2002/10.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 97.

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Act—Supplementation of Regional Assistance Program Determination 2001.

**44 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Crowley) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of various committees.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Senator Boswell), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Economics Legislation Committee—**

Substitute members:

Senator Calvert to replace Senator Chapman on 6 June 2002

Senator Heffernan to replace Senator Chapman from 3 June to 5 June and on 7 June 2002 (if required)

**Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—**

Participating member: Senator Ludwig

Substitute members:

Senator Ferguson to replace Senator Barnett on 5 June 2002

Senator Heffernan to replace Senator Barnett on 6 June and on 7 June 2002 (if required)

**Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—**

Participating member: Senator Ludwig

**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—**

Substitute member: Senator Herron to replace Senator Brandis from 3.30 pm till 6 pm on 16 May 2002.

Question put and passed.



**45 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator McGauran, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (Senator Eggleston), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the committee on the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 be extended to 18 June 2002.

Question put and passed.

*General business was called on.*

**46 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (BOUNDARY EXTENSION) AMENDMENT  
BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 6 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Calvert was speaking.

*General business concluded.*

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*At 7.30 pm—*

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

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents.

Debate resumed.

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*Documents:* Senator Conroy, by leave, tabled the following documents:

Budget 2002-03—Copies of joint media releases—

‘Labor’s Better Priorities’ by the Shadow Treasurer, Mr McMullan, and the Shadow Minister for Finance, Senator Conroy, dated 16 May 2002.

‘Reform of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme’ by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Crean, and the Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing, Mr Smith, dated 16 May 2002.

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Debate continued.

On the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

**48 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator Ferris, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the committee on the provisions of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 be extended to 18 June 2002.

Question put and passed.

**49 ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 9.31 pm till Monday, 17 June 2002 at 12.30 pm.

**50 ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Ian Campbell, Knowles and Schacht.

**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate