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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 14 March 2002

- 1 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner):** To move—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.

Twelve sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including this day, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 20 March 2002.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**
Report to be presented on outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**
Report to be presented on sections 46 and 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.
- 3 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 4 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 5 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 6 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 7 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **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—
(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 March 2002).
- 2 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002—***(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 March 2002*).
- *3 **Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill 2002—***(Senate bill)—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 March 2002).
- *4 **Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002—***(Senate bill)—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 March 2002).
- 5 **Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2002—***(Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 13 March 2002*).
- 6 **Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002—***(Senate bill)—(Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Patterson)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 March 2002).
- 7 **Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Further Simplification of International Payments) Bill 2002—***(Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 13 March 2002*).
- 8 **Governor-General's Opening Speech**
 Adjourned debate on the motion—That the following address-in-reply 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.

And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)—That the following words be added to the address-in-reply:

“, 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”—(*Senator Forshaw, in continuation, 12 March 2002*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

***1 Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—110th report—Annual report 2000-01**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chairman of the committee (Senator Tchen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Tchen, in continuation, 21 March 2002*).

2 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McKiernan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McGauran, 12 March 2002*).

3 Economics References Committee—Report—Inquiry into mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

4 Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report—Early access to superannuation benefits

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

5 Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs—Addendum

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

6 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: A watching brief: The nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO's public reporting activities—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sandy Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Sandy Macdonald, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

7 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Recruitment and retention of ADF personnel

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

8 Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—The education of gifted children

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tierney—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

9 Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Healing our hospitals: Report on public hospital funding—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Defence Reform Program management and outcomes: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Status reporting of major defence acquisition projects: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of fraud and incorrect payment in Centrelink

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Test and evaluation of major defence equipment acquisitions: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2001-02—Audit activity report: July to December 2001: Summary of outcomes

Consideration (*14 February 2002*).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Home and community care follow-up audit: Department of Health and Ageing

Consideration (*14 February 2002*).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Senate order of 20 June 2001 (February 2002)

Consideration (*11 March 2002*).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Management of travel—Use of taxis

Consideration (*11 March 2002*).

- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2001-02—Performance audit—ATO progress in addressing the cash economy: Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (11 March 2002).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2001-02—Information support services—Benchmarking implementation and production costs of financial management information systems**
Consideration (13 March 2002).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Purchase of hospital services from state governments follow-up audit: Department of Veterans' Affairs**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of Australian Defence Force deployments to East Timor: Department of Defence**
Consideration (19 March 2002).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2002

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That the Senate calls upon the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to investigate:
- (a) with specific reference to the events related to the *MV Tampa*:
 - (i) whether the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) or any other intelligence or security agency intercepted communications to or from the *MV Tampa*, or any other communications relating to the *MV Tampa*,
 - (ii) on what legal basis any such interceptions were undertaken,
 - (iii) for what purpose any such interceptions were undertaken, and
 - (iv) on whose instructions any such interceptions were undertaken; and
 - (b) whether legislation, regulations and guidelines relating to the DSD's activities adequately guard against:
 - (i) improper actions by the DSD, and
 - (ii) the improper use of the DSD by the Government; and
- to fully report to the Senate on the result of the investigation.
- 3 **Senator Bourne:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the Agreement reached in Abuja on 6 September 2001 between the Committee of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers, including a number of African States and the Zimbabwean Government, to return Zimbabwe to the rule of law and end all illegal occupations of farmland;
 - (b) welcomes the Zimbabwe Government's decision to allow international election observers but notes, with disapproval, the continued violence,

repression of the media and free speech, and the passage of legislation such as the Land Acquisition Act, the Public Order and Security Act, amendments to the Electoral Act and the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

- (c) calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to take all necessary action to ensure a free and fair presidential election, end political violence and repression, and repeal all legislation that undermines human rights and democratic freedoms;
- (d) joins with the European Parliament and the United States Congress in endorsing the use of targeted sanctions against the Government of Zimbabwe; and
- (e) endorses the use of targeted sanctions by the Australian Government and the international community against the Government of Zimbabwe to encourage the restoration of democracy and the rule of law.

7 Senator Murray: To move—That the Senate calls on the Government:

- (a) to cancel the present retirement travel entitlements, including Life Gold Pass and severance travel entitlements, for all senators and members of the House of Representatives retiring after the commencement of the 40th Parliament, and their spouses;
- (b) to give consideration to restricting, rationalising and eventually phasing-out these entitlements presently applying to senators and members of the House of Representatives who retired prior to the 40th Parliament, and their spouses; and
- (c) to note that this motion does not apply to the office of Prime Minister.

10 Senator Murphy: To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Forestry and Plantation Matters, be appointed to inquire into and report, by 27 June 2002, on the following matters:
 - (a) the administration of the Plantations for Australia – The 2020 Vision Strategy;
 - (b) whether or not the imperatives, goals and actions have been proceeded with or met in accordance with the aforementioned strategy;
 - (c) whether or not the practices employed to implement the strategy thus far have been consistent with the stated intentions of the strategy;
 - (d) whether or not the current and proposed taxation structures are suitable and or adequate for the purpose of achieving the 2020 Vision Strategy;
 - (e) whether or not the states are employing world’s best practice in sustainability and environmental applications for plantation development;
 - (f) whether or not the review process conducted through December 2001 and January 2002 allows for adequate public input; and
 - (g) what the long-term strategies are for companies currently involved in the plantation industry.
- (2) That the committee consist of 9 senators, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Government, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 3 nominated by the minority groups and independent senators.

- (3) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (4) That the chair and deputy chair of the committee be elected by the committee.
- (5) That the deputy chair act as chair when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting.
- (6) That, in the event of the votes on any question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (7) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
- (9) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (10) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

*Notice given 14 February 2002***17 Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the serious problem of overcrowding in New South Wales public schools, especially when compared with other states across the country;
- (b) acknowledges the shameful results of a New South Wales Teachers Federation survey showing 20 per cent of all classes in each of the first 3 years of primary school being over the Carr Government's own limit, and 32 per cent of all kindergarten classes exceeding suggested class sizes during 2001;
- (c) condemns the Carr Government for putting New South Wales children's education at risk by increasing class numbers and not reducing them as other states are now doing;
- (d) congratulates the Howard Government for increasing funding to New South Wales government schools by 5.2 per cent in 2001, as opposed to Premier Carr's paltry 2.6 per cent; and
- (e) recognises the low priority given to education by the Carr Government, as evidenced by the fact that the amount spent on education as a percentage of total state budget has dropped from 25.5 per cent to 22 per cent in the 7 years since Labor came to power in New South Wales.

Notice given 11 March 2002

23 Senator McGauran: To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) it is the 100th anniversary of the execution of Harry ‘Breaker’ Morant and Peter Handcock, killed by firing squad during the Boer War for following the orders, take no prisoners,
 - (ii) the court case held for Morant and Handcock was a sham, set up by Lord Kitchener, the giver of the orders Morant and Handcock followed,
 - (iii) the injustice to Breaker and Handcock has plagued Australia’s conscience since their execution on 27 February 1902,
 - (iv) in 1902 the then Federal Parliamentarian and later first Governor-General of Australia, Issac Issacs, raised the matter of the execution in Parliament stating that this issue was agitating the minds of the people of this country in an almost unprecedented degree, and questioned the validity of the decision,
 - (v) the reason we need to go back 100 years to now right this wrong, is because Breaker Morant is one of the fathers of our ANZAC tradition; a friend of Banjo Patterson and an inspiration for much of his poetry and described as a man of great courage who would never betray a mate; and a man of whom many of the young ANZACs in World War I had heard and on whom they modelled themselves, and
 - (vi) Lord Kitchener was the Commander-in-Chief of the British Military who made the decision to commit troops to Gallipoli and is responsible for that disastrous campaign;
- (b) calls on the Government to petition directly the British Government for a review of the case, with the aim to quash the harsh sentence of death for Harry ‘Breaker’ Morant and Peter Handcock; and
- (c) take action to include the names of these two Australians on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

30 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Ministerial Code in the United Kingdom includes a system which deals with acceptance of appointments for ministers after leaving office; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) implement an advisory committee on business appointments, from which a minister would be required to seek advice before accepting business appointments within 5 years from the date from which he or she ceased to be a minister, and
 - (ii) ban any minister from taking an appointment that is directly related to his or her portfolio for 5 years from the date of resignation.

Notice given 13 March 2002

35 Senator Greig: To move—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.

Notice of motion altered on 19 March 2002 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 19 March 2002

43 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 21 March 2002, all documents used by Environment Australia as part of the assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act of the proposed Paradise Dam, including:

- (a) a copy of the report, 'Ecology and demographics of lungfish: *Neoceratodus forsteri* and general fish communities in the Burnett River Queensland with reference to the Impacts of Walla Weir and future water infrastructure developments—Draft lungfish scientific report' (Queensland DPI, SG Brooks & T Kind, 2001); and
- (b) a copy of the Queensland Treasury Department report, 'Treasury comments on economic viability of water allocation scenarios for the Burnett Basin' (Queensland Treasury Department, 2000).

Notice given 21 March 2002

*54 **Senator Bourne:** To move—

- (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.

*55 **Senator Allison:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) under a New South Wales government scheme, drivers could save \$2 000 in stamp duty costs if they purchased an environmentally friendly car, such as a petrol electric hybrid vehicle,
 - (ii) under the scheme, drivers purchasing new high-polluting vehicles will pay more stamp duty,
 - (iii) hybrid vehicles are up to 50 per cent more fuel efficient and are far less polluting, and
 - (iv) natural gas vehicles can produce more than 70 per cent less particulate matter than diesel vehicles;
- (b) congratulates:
 - (i) the New South Wales Government for developing the scheme, and
 - (ii) the Federal Government for its decision to allow senators and members to choose to drive hybrid vehicles; and

- (c) calls on all senators to consider using hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles as their electorate cars.

*56 **Senator Conroy:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin), by 28 May 2002, the following documents:

- (a) Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM): Review of Foreign Currency Exposure, 2000-01, as cited in the AOFM Annual Report, 2000-01;
- (b) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, December 1996, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (c) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, November 1997, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (d) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, August 1998, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (e) AOFM, Review of the Benchmark, November 1999, as cited in the AOFM submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit 'Audit Recommendations and Status of Action as at End April 2000';
- (f) File AOFM2000/00243 – Executive: Foreign Exchange Risk Management: Foreign Exchange Exposure Review Taskforce: CEO's working papers;
- (g) File AOFM2000/00381 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 1);
- (h) File AOFM2000/00382 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 2);
- (i) File AOFM2000/00383 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 3);
- (j) File AOFM2000/00384 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 4);
- (k) File AOFM2000/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 1);
- (l) File AOFM2000/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 2);
- (m) File AOFM2001/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 3);
- (n) File AOFM2001/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 4);
- (o) File AOFM2000/00316 – Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 25 October 2000 meeting;
- (p) File AOFM2000/00147 – Debt Policy Unit: Foreign Exchange Risk Management: Report of the Taskforce on Commonwealth Foreign Exchange Risk Management;
- (q) File AOFM2000/00233 – Debt Policy Unit: Swaps Policy: Monthly Financial Reports for the Swaps Portfolio during 2000-01;
- (r) File AOFM2000/00234 – Debt Policy Unit: Swaps Policy: Notes Reporting on the Commonwealth of Australia's Swap Activities during 2000-01;
- (s) File AOFM2001/00015 – Portfolio Research Unit: Swaps Policy: Swap Counterparties Utilisation of Market Exposure Limits;
- (t) File AOFM2001/00017 - Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 10 January 2001 meeting; and

- (u) File AOFM2001/00152 – Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 2 May 2001 meeting.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

- 1 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 92—The judicial power of the Commonwealth: A review of the *Judiciary Act 1903* and related legislation**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 2 ***Aged Care Act 1997*—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Buckland, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 3 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 4 **Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 5 **Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 6 **Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 7 **Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 25 June 2000 to 23 June 2001**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 8 **Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 9 **Northern Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 10 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mackay—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Mackay, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 11 **Centrelink—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

12 Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 2000-01, including reports pursuant to the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

13 Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Report for the period 30 January to 30 June 2001

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

14 Australian Customs Service—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

15 Australian Federal Police—Report for 2000-01, including a report pursuant to the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

16 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2000-01—Volume 1: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

17 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2000-01—Volume 2: Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

18 Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

19 Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

20 Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

21 Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2000-01, including the report of the Supervising Scientist and reports on the operation of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989* and the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

22 National Oceans Office—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

- 23 **Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 24 **Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 25 **Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 26 **Crimes Act 1914—Report on controlled operations for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 27 **National Library of Australia—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tierney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 28 **Australia New Zealand Food Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 29 **Witness Protection Act 1994—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 30 **Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 31 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 32 **Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hutchins—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hutchins, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 33 **Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 34 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 35 **Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2000-01**
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- 36 **Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 37 **Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
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- 38 **Comcare Australia—Report for 2000-01, including the report of QWL Corporation Pty Limited**
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- 39 **Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2000-01**
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- 40 **Department of Defence—Report for 2000-01**
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- 41 **Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 42 **Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2000-01**
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- 43 **Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 44 **Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2000-01**
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- 46 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 47 **Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
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- 48 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 49 **Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 50 **Federal Magistrates Service—Report for 2000-01**
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- 51 **Family Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 52 **Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 53 **Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2000-01**
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- 54 **Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 55 **Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984—Report for 2000-01 on consultants engaged under section 4 of the Act**
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- 56 **Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 57 **Airservices Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 58 **Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 2000-01**
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- 59 **Australian Film Finance Corporation Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 60 **Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 61 **Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2000-01**
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- 62 **Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for the period 3 April 2000 to 30 June 2001**
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- 63 **Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 64 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01**
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- 65 **Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Report for 2000-01—Corrigenda**
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- 66 **Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 67 **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2000-01**
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- 68 **CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2000-01**
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- 69 **Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988***
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- 70 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2000-01 (Report no. 93)**
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- 71 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
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- 72 **Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 73 **Comcare Australia—Report for 2000-01, including the report of QWL Corporation Pty Limited—Addendum**
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- 74 **Australian Landcare Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 75 **Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2000-01, including the report of the Supervising Scientist and reports on the operation of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports (Act) 1989* and the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*—Corrigendum**
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- 76 **Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 77 **Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 78 **Employment National Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 79 **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2000-01**
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- 80 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 81 **Medibank Private—Report for 2000-01**
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- 82 **Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent 2001-2004**
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- 83 **National Standards Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 84 **ComLand Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 85 **Family Law Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 87 **Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—
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- 88 **Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 2000-01**
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- 89 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 90 **Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 91 **Commonwealth Government of Australia—Consolidated financial statements
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- 92 **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—
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- 94 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia's welfare 2001:
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- 95 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 96 **Department of the Treasury—Tax expenditures statement 2001, December
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- 97 **Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2000-01**
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- 98 **Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2000-01**
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- 99 ***Managed Investments Act 1998*—Review of the Act pursuant to section 3—
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- 100 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 101 **Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2000-01**
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- 102 **Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2000-01**
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- 103 **Department of Finance and Administration—Parliamentarians' travel paid
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- 105 **Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Energy use in
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- 106 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 16—Telecommunications competition
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- 107 ***Freedom of Information Act 1982*—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the
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- 110 **Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—
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- 111 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2000-01 on the
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- 112 **Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2001-02**
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- 113 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 114 **Joint Coal Board—Report for 2000-01**
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- 115 **Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 116 **North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 117 **Yamatji Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 118 **Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 119 **High Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 120 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2000-01 on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations—Errata**
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- 122 **Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1999-2000**
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- 123 **Wheat Export Authority—Report for 1 October 2000 to 30 September 2001**
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- 124 **Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—ATO's interaction with the program—Report for 1998-99 to 2000-01**
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- 125 **Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2000-01**
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- 126 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2000-01**
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- 127 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Statement of corporate intent 2001-02**
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- 128 **International Air Services Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 129 **Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2000-01**
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- 130 **Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 131 **Employment Advocate—Report for 2000-01**
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- 132 **Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2001-02—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Costello) and the Minister for Finance and Administration (Mr Fahey)**
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- 133 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 134 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Equity and diversity program—Report for 1 September 2000 to 31 August 2001**
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- 135 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2000-01**
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- 136 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 137 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Statement of corporate intent 2001-02 to 2003-04**
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- 138 **Australian Broadcasting Authority—Co-regulatory scheme for Internet content regulation—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001**
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- 139 **Australian Communications Authority—Telecommunications performance—Report for 2000-01**
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- 140 **Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 141 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2000-01**
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- 142 **Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 2000-01**
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- 143 **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 144 **National Residue Survey—Results—Report for 2000-01**
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- 145 **Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 146 **Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent, 2001-2004**
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- 147 **Essendon Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 148 **Centrelink—Compliance activity for Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01**
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- 149 **National Competition Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 158 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2001**
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- 159 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General between 1 January 2001 and 30 June 2001**
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- 160 **National Institute of Clinical Studies Limited—Report for the period 21 December 2000 to 30 June 2001**
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- 161 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2000-01**
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- 162 **Productivity Commission—Report for 2000-01**
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- 163 **Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2000-01**
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- 164 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01—Erratum**
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- 165 **Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority—Report for 2000-01**
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- 166 **Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 167 **Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2000-01**
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- 168 **ScreenSound Australia—Report for 2000-01**
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- 169 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
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- 170 **Administrative Review Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 171 **National Australia Day Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 172 **Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2000-01**
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- 173 **Kimberley Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 174 **Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2000-01**
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- 175 **Cape York Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
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- 176 **Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 177 **Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 178 **National Environment Protection Council and the National Environment Protection Council Service Corporation—Reports for 2000-01**
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- 179 **National Office of Local Government—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995***
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- 180 **Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 181 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on state revenue sharing relativities—2002 update**
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- 182 **Bundanon Trust—Report for 2000-01**
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- 183 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—Exchange of Letters, done at Canberra on 27 September-25 October 2001, constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Establishing a System for the Development of Joint Food Standards of 1995**
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- 184 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—Protocol, done at Canberra on 27 September 2001, amending the Convention between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Sydney on 6 August 1982**
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- 185 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Social Security, done at Canberra on 27 September 2001**
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- 186 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic concerning the Status of Australian Forces in the Kyrgyz Republic, done at Bishkek on 14 February 2002**
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- 187 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Exchange of Notes Amending the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand, done at Canberra on 28 March 2001**
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- 188 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the proper application of Customs law and for the prevention, investigation and combating of Customs offences, done at The Hague on 24 October 2001**
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- 189 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Cairo on 3 May 2001**
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- 190 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between Australia and Uruguay on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Punta del Este, Uruguay, on 3 September 2001**
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- 191 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of France on Employment of Dependants of Agents of Official Missions of one of the two States in the other State, done at Adelaide on 2 November 2001**
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- 192 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications Concerning Higher Education in the European Region, done at Lisbon on 11 April 1997**
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- 193 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER), done at Nauru on 18 August 2001**
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- 194 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, done at New York on 15 December 1997**
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- 195 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, done at The Hague on 19 October 1996**
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- 196 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Supporting applications of issues—July 2001 to January 2002**
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- 197 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement—July 2001 to January 2002**
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- 198 **Roads to Recovery Programme—Report for the period 21 December 2000 to 30 June 2001**
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- 199 **Airservices Australia—Sydney Airport—Maximum movement limit compliance statement for the period 1 July to 30 September 2002**
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- 200 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Report for the period 16 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 on the operation of the Act**
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- 201 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 15—Cost recovery by government agencies, 16 August 2001**
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- 202 **Broadcasting Services Act 1992—Report—Review of the spectrum allocation powers of the Australian Broadcasting Authority, March 2002**
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- 203 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Report for 2000-01**
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- 204 **Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000—Product stewardship arrangements for waste oil—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001**
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- 205 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Australian State of the Environment Committee—Report—Australia state of the environment 2001**
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- 206 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 15—Cost recovery by government agencies, 16 August 2001—Addendum [Recommendations and findings]**
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- 207 **Takeovers Panel—Report for 2000-01**
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- 208 **States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 1996—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2000**
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- 209 **Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of consumer representation, and research, in relation to telecommunications—Report for 2000-01**
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- 210 **Australian Communications Authority—National Relay Service provider performance—Report for 2000-01**
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- 211 **Australian Sports Commission—Strategic plan 2002-2005**
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- 212 **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report—Innovating rural Australia: Research and development corporation outcomes, 2001**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 213 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority Selection Committee—Report for 2000-01**
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- 214 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement—February 2002**
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- 215 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Supporting applications of issues—February 2002**
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- 216 **Maritime Industry Finance Company—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2001 under clause 9 of the Deed of Grant between the Maritime Industry Finance Company and the Commonwealth of Australia**
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Orders of the Day

- 1 **ABC Amendment (Online and Multichannelling Services) Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 3 April 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 2 **Air Navigation Amendment (Extension of Curfew and Limitation of Aircraft Movements) Bill 1995 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 March 1995)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 3 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 April 2001)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 4 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator O'Brien, 25 March 1999*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 5 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]**
Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bills)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 10 October 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).

- 6 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray and the Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 26 June 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 7 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 4 April 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 8 **Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bourne*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 6 September 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 9 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 5 September 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 10 **Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bourne*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*31 May 1995*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 23 November 1998*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 11 **Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator O'Brien, 27 June 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 12 **Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ridgeway*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 5 April 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 13 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 7 August 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 14 **Public liability insurance premiums**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Conroy—That the Senate—
(a) expresses its concern about the significant increase in public liability insurance premiums and the effect it is having on the viability of many small businesses and community and sporting organisations;
(b) condemns the Government for its inaction; and
(c) urges the Minister to propose a solution to this pressing issue, as quickly as possible, not just look at the problem—(*Senator Ferguson, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 15 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 13 March 2002*).

16 Lucas Heights reactor—Order for production of documents—Statement by Minister

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Carr, in continuation, 19 March 2002*).

***17 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 21 March 2002*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (15 May 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2002

1 Senator Bartlett: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2002:

Aspects of the Government's current policy in relation to asylum seekers and refugees, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the impact on the operations of Navy and other Defence forces due to their use in turning around, detaining and transporting boat people;
- (b) the processes and criteria being used to assess the asylum seekers who have been transferred to Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru;
- (c) the level of access to legal advice for people on PNG and Nauru;
- (d) the nature of the facilities which asylum seekers are detained in;
- (e) the placement options for those people on PNG and Nauru who are found to be refugees;
- (f) whether any asylum seekers who are not found to be refugees will be unable to return to their country of origin and what will be done in such an event;
- (g) the extent and nature of Australia's international involvement in facilitating an orderly worldwide system for movement and settlement of refugees;
- (h) likely future worldwide trends on the movement of refugees;
- (i) the impact and operation of the seven bills amending the Immigration Act which were passed by the Senate on 26 September 2001; and
- (j) reviewing all reports, proposals and recommendations in relation to activities and facilities at the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre, including whether or not the centre should be closed down or its operations scaled back.

*Notice given 14 March 2002***2 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) on 13 March 2002 the Deputy President ruled that Senator Heffernan's speech on the address-in-reply debate on 12 March 2002 was in breach of standing order 193, in that it contained offensive words, imputations of improper motives and personal reflections on a judicial officer,
 - (ii) the ruling noted that Senator Heffernan's speech was so structured that it was impossible for the Chair to detect that the speech was in breach of the standing orders until the very end of the speech,
 - (iii) the nature of that speech strongly suggests that this breach of the standing orders was premeditated and deliberate,
 - (iv) resolution 9 of the Senate's Privilege Resolutions enjoins senators to take the following matters into account in speaking in the Senate:
 - (A) the need to exercise their valuable right of freedom of speech in a responsible manner,
 - (B) the damage that may be done by allegations made in Parliament to those who are the subject of such allegations and to the standing of Parliament,
 - (C) the limited opportunities for persons other than members of Parliament to respond to allegations made in Parliament,
 - (D) the need for senators, while fearlessly performing their duties, to have regard to the rights of others, and
 - (E) the desirability of ensuring that statements reflecting adversely on persons are soundly based,
 - (v) the content and nature of Senator Heffernan's speech strongly suggests that the speech was made in premeditated and deliberate disregard of the matters set out in that resolution, and
 - (vi) these circumstances raise the question whether Senator Heffernan has been guilty of a contempt of the Senate by committing a premeditated and deliberate breach of the rules of the Senate compounded by wilful disregard of those rules; and
- (b) refers the following matter to the Committee of Privileges:
Whether Senator Heffernan committed a contempt of the Senate in making his speech on 12 March 2002 in the address-in-reply debate.

*Notice given 21 March 2002****3 Senator Murray:** To move—

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting day of 2003:
- (a) in relation to any government or non-government institutions, and fostering practices, established or licensed under relevant legislation to provide care and/or education for children:
 - (i) whether any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children occurred in these institutions or places,

- (ii) whether any serious breach of any relevant statutory obligation occurred at any time when children were in care or under protection, and
- (iii) an estimate of the scale of any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children in such institutions or places;
- (b) the extent and impact of the long-term social and economic consequences of child abuse and neglect on individuals, families and Australian society as a whole, and the adequacy of existing remedies and support mechanisms;
- (c) the nature and cause of major changes to professional practices employed in the administration and delivery of care compared with past practice;
- (d) whether there is a need for a formal acknowledgement by Australian governments of the human anguish arising from any abuse and neglect suffered by children while in care;
- (e) in cases where unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children has occurred, what measures of reparation are required;
- (f) whether statutory or administrative limitations or barriers adversely affect those who wish to pursue claims against perpetrators of abuse previously involved in the care of children; and
- (g) the need for public, social and legal policy to be reviewed to ensure an effective and responsive framework to deal with child abuse matters in relation to:
 - (i) any systemic factors contributing to the occurrences of abuse and/or neglect,
 - (ii) any failure to detect or prevent these occurrences in government and non-government institutions and fostering practices, and
 - (iii) any necessary changes required in current policies, practices and reporting mechanisms.
- (2) In undertaking this reference, the committee is to direct its inquiries primarily to those affected children who were not covered by the 2001 report *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, inquiring into child migrants, and the 1997 report, *Bringing them Home*, inquiring into Aboriginal children.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2002

- 16 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to establish a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into Forestry Tasmania, the Forest Practices Board and Private Forests Tasmania, and for related purposes. *Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into Forestry Tasmania Bill 2002.*

Notice given 14 February 2002

- 18 **Senator Bourne:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for parliamentary scrutiny of appointments to the ABC Board and for related purposes. *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2002.*

Notice given 11 March 2002

- 24 **Senator Bourne:** To move—That—
- (1) The Senate—
 - (a) notes:
 - (i) the statement made on the ‘Agni’ missile launch by the President of the European Community on 29 January 2002,
 - (ii) the statements made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) on 2 January and 25 January 2002, and representations made by the Australian Government to the Indian and Pakistani high commissions,
 - (iii) the proposal made on 23 January 2002 by President Musharraf for a denuclearised South Asia, and
 - (iv) that a nuclear exchange in South Asia would be an unimaginable catastrophe, with casualty estimates starting in the millions and upper estimates exceeding 100 million;
 - (b) calls on:
 - (i) India and Pakistan not to use either conventional or nuclear force against each other to resolve the problems of Kashmir or cross-border terrorism,
 - (ii) the Indian and Pakistani governments to take specific measures, including no-first use guarantees and non-deployment, to positively ensure that nuclear weapons will never be used,
 - (iii) India and Pakistan to take measures to ensure that conventional conflict does not take place, including moving troops away from forward deployments especially at the line of control,
 - (iv) the governments of India and Pakistan to restore road, rail and air links, and
 - (v) India and Pakistan to commence a process of dialogue over Kashmir and the elimination of cross-border terrorism, and the establishment of a lasting and just peace in South Asia; and
 - (c) urges both nations to consider signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and to roll back their nuclear weapons programs.

- (2) This resolution be transmitted to President Musharraf, Prime Minister Vajpayee, the foreign and defence ministers of India and Pakistan, and their high commissions in Canberra.
- (3) The Senate urges the Australian Government to make further representations to the above effect.

On 16 May 2002

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

- *1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 306 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including this day, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 March 2002

- 1 **Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald):** To move—That any bill considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm on Thursday, 14 March 2002 and Thursday, 21 March 2002 shall not be considered in committee of the whole, unless, prior to the resolution of the question for the second reading, any senator has:
- (a) circulated in the Senate a proposed amendment or request for amendment of the bill; or
 - (b) required in debate or by notification to the chair that the bill be considered in committee of the whole.

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2002

14 **Senator Harris:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance, be appointed to inquire into and report, by 30 June 2002, on the following matters:
 - (a) whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, the Select

- Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases or the Committee of Privileges in respect of its 63rd and 71st reports;
- (b) whether any contempt was committed in that regard, having regard to previous inquiries by Senate committees relating to the shredding of the Heiner documents, the fresh material that has subsequently been revealed by the Dutney Memorandum, and Exhibits 20 and 31 tabled at the Forde Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, and any other relevant evidence; and
 - (c) whether this matter should be taken into account in framing the proposed legislation on whistleblower protection recommended by the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing.
- (2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democrats, 1 nominated by the One Nation Party and 1 nominated by the Australian Greens or Senator Harradine.
 - (3) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
 - (4) That:
 - (a) the chair of the committee be elected by and from the members of the committee;
 - (b) in the absence of agreement on the selection of a chair, duly notified to the President, the allocation of the chair be determined by the Senate;
 - (c) the deputy chair of the committee be elected by and from the members of the committee immediately after the election of the chair;
 - (d) the deputy chair act as chair when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting; and
 - (e) in the event of the votes on any question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (5) That the quorum of the committee be a majority of the members of the committee.
 - (6) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken, and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
 - (7) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider, and that the quorum of the subcommittee be a majority of the members appointed to the subcommittee.
 - (8) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint investigative staff and persons, including senior counsel, with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee, with the approval of the President.

- (9) That the committee have access to, and have power to make use of, the evidence and records of the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, the Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases and the Committee of Privileges in respect of its 63rd and 71st reports.
- (10) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Notice given 20 March 2002

- 53 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to prohibit certain conduct involving the vilification and incitement to hatred of people on the ground of sexuality, and for related purposes. *Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2002.*

On 3 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- *1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002.

On 19 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legislation Committees**
Reports to be presented in respect of the 2002-03 budget estimates.

On 27 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on nursing.
- 2 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**
Report to be presented on urban water management.
- *3 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], the Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], the Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] and the provisions of the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000.
- *4 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002].

Ten sitting days after today (27 June 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

- *1 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 323 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including this day, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On the last sitting day in June 2002 (27 June 2002)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the import risk assessment on New Zealand apples.
- 3 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J.*

On 30 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Thirteen sitting days after today (21 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2002

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Fuel Quality Standards Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 236 and made under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*, be disallowed.

Fourteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including this day, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 27 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

On 29 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2002 (17 September 2002)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2002.

On the last sitting day in September 2002 (26 September 2002)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Superannuation—Select Committee

Report to be presented on tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy.

2 Superannuation—Select Committee

Report to be presented on taxation treatment applying to transfers from an overseas superannuation fund to an Australian regulated fund.

On the last sitting day in October 2002 (24 October 2002)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Report to be presented on the education of students with disabilities.

On 19 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Report to be presented on small business employment.

On 2 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
Report to be presented on materiel acquisition and management in Defence.
- 2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries.

On 12 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- *1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**
Report to be presented on recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bill currently referred†

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Airports Amendment Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 16 May 2002*).

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 21 March 2002; interim report presented 3 May 2002*).

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 21 March 2002; reporting date: 3 June 2002*).

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; interim report presented 26 April 2002 proposing a final reporting date of 10 May 2002*).

Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*).

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002†

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*).

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002†

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002†

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002†

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002†

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2002†

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*).

†Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Department of the Senate's Bills to Committees Update.

‡Pursuant to adoption of report of Selection of Bills Committee.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 1 to 239 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2002

- 1 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Has former Senator Michael Baume been appointed to the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.
 - (2) Is the letter of appointment dated 3 October 2001, two days before the announcement of the federal election.
 - (3) Was there a public announcement of Mr Baume's appointment; if not, why not.
 - (4) Was Mr Baume's appointment made in accordance with the usual process for appointments to the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.
 - (5) Was a shortlist of potential appointees to the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal drawn up following the national advertisement for applicants earlier in 2001.

- (6) Was Mr Baume's name on this shortlist.
 - (7) If Mr Baume's name was not on the shortlist, who recommended him for appointment.
 - (8) Was the Prime Minister or his office involved in the appointment process.
 - (9) What expertise does Mr Baume have to offer the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.
- 4 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 3641 (Senate *Hansard*, 20 August 2001, p. 26203): How much of the Commonwealth Government's plantation and industry package, under the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement, is planned to be or has already been spent on replacing native forests by plantations.
- 17 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office Performance Audit entitled *Parliamentary Entitlements: 1999-2000*, which indicates that 'as of June 2001, around 30 per cent of current and former Parliamentarians had not provided a certification of their 1999-2000 management reports' (page 25): Are there any 1999-2000 management reports which have still not been certified; if so: (a) how many reports have not been certified; and (b) what are the names of all current and former parliamentarians who have not provided a certification of their 1999-2000 management reports.
- 23 **Senator Bourne:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the daily at-sea operating cost inclusive of spares, POL contractor and in-house maintenance and crew costs of: (a) an FFG frigate; (b) an ANZAC frigate; (c) a Collins class submarine; (d) the former fast catamaran, *Jervis Bay*, while in service; (e) a Fremantle class patrol boat; and (f) by class, each other ship type in service with the Royal Australian Navy of displacement not less than 500 tons.
 - (2) What are the hourly operating costs, inclusive of spares, POL contractor and in-house maintenance and crew costs, by each type of aircraft in service with the Royal Australian Air Force.
- 26 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In the 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 financial years, by month: (a) how many air operating certificates (AOCs) were suspended; (b) how many AOC holders were issued with a 'Show Cause' notice; (c) how many AOCs were cancelled; and (d) how many AOC holders surrendered their AOCs.
- 27 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—
- (1) (a) What is the cost of the Reflection Sydney 2000 promotion; and (b) who met that cost.
 - (2) What consultancies have been let as part of the campaign, in each case: (a) who is the consultant; (b) what is the cost of each consultancy; and (c) what is the duration of each consultancy.
 - (3) (a) How many videos were produced as part of the promotion; (b) to whom were these videos distributed; and (c) what was the cost of the production of the videos.
 - (4) (a) How many books were produced as part of the promotion; (b) to whom were these books distributed; and (c) what was the cost of the production of the books.

- (5) (b) How many CD ROMS were produced as part of the promotion; (b) to whom were these CD ROMS distributed; and (c) what was the cost of the production of the CD ROMS.
- (6) What additional costs including travel costs have been, or will be incurred, as part of this promotion.

28 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) When did the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) enter into a formal agreement with the sports aviation sector in relation to the administration of sports aviation; and (b) when did that agreement come into affect.
- (2) Can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (3) Did that agreement impose conditions on the sports aviation sector in relation to the maintenance of ultralight aircraft; if so: (a) what were those conditions; and (b) were they provided in a technical manual that required the approval of the CAA; if so, (i) when was the manual approved, and (ii) can a copy be provided.
- (4) (a) When did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) enter into an agreement with the Australian Ultralight Federation in relation to the administration of sports aviation; and (b) when did that agreement come in affect.
- (5) Can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (6) Did that agreement impose conditions on the sports aviation sector in relation to the maintenance of ultralight aircraft; if so: (a) what were those conditions; and (b) were they provided in a technical manual that required the approval of CASA; if so, (i) when was the manual approved, and (ii) can a copy be provided.
- (7) Since the first sports aviation technical manual was approved: (a) on how many occasions has the manual been amended; (b) when was each amendment made; (c) on each occasion who initiated the amendment; and (d) what was the nature of each amendment.

29 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the agreement between the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the sports aviation sector in relation to the administration of sports aviation require the development and approval of an operations manual prior to the agreement coming into effect; if so: (a) when was that operations manual approved by the CAA; and (b) can a copy be provided.
- (2) Did the agreement between the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the Australian Ultralight Federation in relation to the administration of sports aviation require the development and approval of an operations manual prior to the agreement coming into effect; if so: (a) when was the operations manual approved by CASA; and (b) can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (3) Since the first sports aviation operations manual was approved: (a) on how many occasions has the manual been amended; (b) when was each amendment made; (c) on each occasion who initiated the amendment; and (d) what was the nature of each amendment.

- 30 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When was the proposal for a bypass around Moree first brought to the Minister's attention or the attention of his staff.
 - (2) (a) Who raised the Moree bypass proposal with the Minister or his staff; and (b) how was the proposal first raised.
 - (3) (a) When was the proposal for a Moree bypass first raised with the department; (b) who raised the proposal; and (c) how was it first raised with the department.
- 31 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the Minister or his staff contact the Moree Plains Council about the proposed Moree bypass; if so: (a) when was contact made; (b) who initiated the contact; and (c) was the contact with or by the Minister, or his staff.
- 32 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the Minister or his staff contact the Moree Chamber of Commerce about the proposed Moree bypass; if so: (a) when was contact made; (b) who initiated the contact; and (c) was the contact with or by the Minister, or his staff.
- 33 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the Minister or his staff contact the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority about the proposed Moree bypass; if so: (a) when was contact made; (b) who initiated the contact; and (c) was the contact with or by the Minister, or his staff.
- 34 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When did the department first become aware of a proposal for a Moree bypass contained in forward strategy reports prepared by the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority.
 - (2) When did the proposed Moree bypass first appear in the above forward strategy reports.
 - (3) When was federal funding first allocated for the development of a proposal for the construction of the proposed bypass.
 - (4) (a) How much funding has been allocated to date; and (b) what is the purpose of this funding.
 - (5) If no funding has yet been allocated, when will funding be allocated for the Moree bypass.
- 35 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What negotiations or discussions have there been with the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), the Moree Plains Council and the Moree Chamber of Commerce about possible Commonwealth funding for the proposed Moree bypass.
 - (2) (a) When did those negotiations or discussions take place with the RTA, the Council and the Chamber of Commerce; (b) who initiated those discussions; (c) what role did the Minister or his staff play in those discussions; and (d) what was the outcome of those discussions.

- 36 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What assessment process has been undertaken to date of the route selection for the proposed Moree bypass.
 - (2) What role has, or will, the department play in the above route selection process.
 - (3) What role has, or will, the Minister or his staff play in the above route selection process.
 - (4) (a) Who initiated the route selection process; (b) what has been the cost to date; and (c) who has undertaken the above work.
 - (5) (a) What has been the public consultative process followed to date in relation to the above route selection process; (b) who is managing that process; and (c) what has been the outcome of that process.
 - (6) (a) How many routes are currently under consideration; (b) what is the estimated cost of each of these options; (c) what is the level of community support and what is the basis of that support for each of the above options; and (d) what is the environmental impact of each of these options.
- 37 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What negotiations or discussions have there been with the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), the Moree Plains Council and the Moree Chamber of Commerce about route options for the proposed Moree bypass.
 - (2) (a) When did those negotiations or discussions take place with the RTA, the Council and the Chamber of Commerce; (b) who initiated those discussions; (c) what role did the Minister or his staff play in those discussions; and (d) what was the outcome of those discussions.
 - (3) What route options for a Moree bypass have been contained in forward strategy reports prepared by the RTA.
 - (4) When did those route options first appear in the RTA forward strategy reports.
- 38 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Since January 1999, how many staff employed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority have been relocated at the Authority's expense.
 - (2) In each case: (a) what position did the officer hold prior to the transfer; (b) where was the officer located; (c) where was each officer transferred to; and (d) what position did the officer hold following the transfer.
 - (3) In each case: (a) when did the transfer take place; and (b) what relocation and other allowances were paid to the officer.
 - (4) In each case, what was the value and duration of each of the above location and other allowances.
 - (5) Since January 1999, have any officers been relocated on more than one occasion; if so: (a) how many officers were involved; and (b) in each case, on how many occasions has each officer been relocated.

39 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that a letter (reference K98/1492—K98/1751) contained in documents (file reference K99—92—0007) relating to an investigation into heavy vehicles undertaken by Roaduser International, and tabled in response to an order for the production of documents by the Senate, was not the only written communication from Louise and John Bauer.
- (2) If all written communications from Mrs and Mr Bauer were contained in the documents tabled on 27 November 2000 in response to the order, can the Minister provide specific reference numbers for the additional documents.
- (3) If all written communications from Mrs and Mr Bauer were not contained in the tabled documents: (a) why were they deleted; and (b) can copies of all these documents be provided.

40 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that an inspection of a heavy vehicle, a Mack CH Fleetliner (F4), took place on 24 March 1999 as part of an investigation into problems associated with heavy vehicles (reference K99—92—0008 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
- (2) Was the inspection undertaken by Mr Warren Duncan.
- (3) Did Mr Duncan discover serious safety problems with that vehicle.
- (4) Did Mr Duncan make a number of recommendations following his inspection of the above vehicle; if so: (a) what were those recommendations; and (b) who was responsible for implementing those recommendations.
- (5) Is the Minister, his office or the department aware that the significant safety problems discovered with the above vehicle have still not been corrected and the vehicle continues to operate on public roads; if so, when was the Minister, his office or the department made aware that this vehicle was still operating on public roads despite significant safety problems.
- (6) (a) What action has the Minister taken to ensure the above vehicle does not pose a threat to other road users; and (b) when was that action taken.

41 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Scott McFarlane wrote to Mr McLucas from the Federal Office of Road Safety (FORS) on 18 February 1999, advising of inspections of nine prime movers (reference K99—92—00117 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
- (2) Did Mr McFarlane advise that while all vehicles exhibited problems, four vehicles: a 1997 Mack Titan (F17), a 1997 HN 80 Ford (F6), a HN 80 Ford (F13) and another Ford prime mover were, in fact, unsafe.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of a fax from Mr Peter Sweatman from Roaduser International to Mr Bill Ellis from the department dated 30 June 1999, concerning a draft report from the Driver Education Centre of Australia (DECA) relating to the above inspections (reference L99—390—38 in the documents tabled).

- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that that fax stated in part: ‘Subsequently we have confirmed with DECA that the report prepared by Lindsay Pollock is a draft only. We are now awaiting a copy of the final report which may not include the opinion comments on safety concerns to which you have referred’; and (b) is the Minister aware that Mr Ellis noted in the margin of that fax that the contents of the above paragraph were ‘amazing’.
- (5) Did FORS request that it continue to be advised of any safety problems identified by DECA or Roaduser International following the fax from Mr Sweatman to Mr Ellis dated 30 June 1999; if so: (a) on how many occasions was such information provided to FORS; (b) when was the information provided; and (c) what action did FORS take following receipt of that information.
- (6) Did FORS provide that information to vehicle owners or manufacturers; if so: (a) when was it provided; (b) what was the nature of the information provided; and (c) to whom was it provided.
- (7) If FORS did not request that information relating to the safety of vehicles used as part of the inquiry continue to be provided, why not.
- (8) Did FORS seek legal advice as to the status of the reports from Roaduser International and any comments about vehicle safety contained in those reports; if not, why not; if so: (a) when was the legal advice sought; (b) who provided the advice; (c) when was the legal advice received; (d) what did the advice relate to; and (e) what action did FORS take following receipt of that legal advice.
- (9) When was the Minister or his office first advised that a number of the vehicles tested were found to be unsafe to operate.
- (10) What action did the Minister or his office take in response to that advice to ensure unsafe heavy vehicles did not continue to operate on public roads.
- (11) If the Minister or his office was not advised, why not.
- (12) Given that these vehicles were deemed to be unsafe at that time: (a) what action was taken; and (b) who took the action to correct the problems with the vehicles or required that they be removed from public roads until they were considered to be safe to operate.
- (13) Did these four vehicles referred to in document K99—92—00117 exhibit exactly the same unsafe characteristics; if not, what were the differences in the problems identified in each of the above vehicles.
- (14) If those four vehicles did exhibit the same unsafe characteristics, does that suggest a design problem with those vehicles.

42 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that a Mack Titan truck (F19) inspected as part of an investigation into problems associated with heavy vehicles exhibited similar problems to those identified in the Mack Titan prime mover (F7) (reference K99—590—00030 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
- (2) If both the above vehicles displayed similar problems, does that suggest a design problem with that vehicle type.

43 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Mr Michael Klug, a partner from Clayton Utz, wrote to Mr John Lambert from Roaduser International on 8 April 1999, on behalf of Mack Trucks Australia, criticising a report on the results of vehicle tests carried out in Adelaide on 25 March 1999 (reference K99—590—00098 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the letter states in part: 'We find it astounding that Mack Trucks Australia has not been afforded the opportunity to drive and/or test this vehicle or indeed any of the vehicles that you have been testing'.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that on three separate occasions prior to vehicle F4 being involved in the heavy vehicle investigation, Mack Trucks Australia was given the opportunity to test drive vehicle F4 but refused.
- (4) Can the Minister also confirm that Mack Trucks Australia was also given a number of opportunities to test drive vehicle F26 but refused those offers.
- (5) If the Minister cannot confirm that Mack Trucks Australia was invited to test both of the above vehicles, will he seek advice from Mack Trucks Australia as to whether such offers were made and the basis for the company's refusal to test drive the trucks.

44 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Mack Trucks Australia were given the opportunity to attend a Mack instrumentation test drive in Melbourne on 17 May 1999 (reference K99—804—143 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
- (2) Was the attendance of the company at the tests a result of a request by Mack Trucks Australia, an offer by the Minister or his office, an offer by the department, or an offer by the Federal Office of Road Safety (FORS).
- (3) If the attendance of the company at the tests was the result of an offer from the Minister, his office or the department: (a) when was the offer made; (b) what was the reason for the offer; and (c) who approved the offer.
- (4) If the attendance of the company at the tests was the result of a request to the Minister or his office, the department or FORS, by the company: (a) who was the request made to; (b) when was the request made; (c) what was the reason for the request; (d) who made the decision to agree to the request; and (e) did the Minister or his office approve the decision to agree to the request.

45 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the owners of vehicle F4 inspected as part of an investigation into problems associated with heavy vehicles by Roaduser International were denied the opportunity to be present when the vehicle was being tested in May 1999.
- (2) Was the attendance of the vehicle owners at the tests refused as a result of a decision by the Minister, his office, the department or by the Federal Office of Road Safety (FORS).

- (3) If the attendance of the owners of the vehicle was denied as a result of a decision by the Minister, his office, the department or FORS: (a) when was the decision made; and (b) what was the reason for the decision.
- 46 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did an engineer acting on behalf of Mrs and Mr Bauer request, on 26 May 1999, access to the Mack trucks F4 and F26, owned by the Bauers, at the Driver Trainer Education Centre of Australia in Melbourne, to facilitate a superficial inspection (reference K99—804—221 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
 - (2) Was the request refused; if so: (a) who refused the request; (b) what was the basis for the refusal; and (c) was the Minister or his office aware of the request and did the Minister or his office approve the decision to refuse the request.
- 47 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Federal Office of Road Safety invite Mack Trucks Australia, Ford/Stirling and Kenworth Australia to attend a technical briefing in Melbourne on 10 June 1999, conducted by Roaduser International relating to its inquiry into heavy vehicles (reference K99—804—268 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
 - (2) Were any of the owners of vehicles that were the subject of testing by Roaduser International or independent engineers representing those owners invited to attend the briefing; if not, why not.
 - (3) (a) Who made the decision not to invite the vehicle owners or their technical advisers; (b) was the Minister or his office advised of the decision; and (c) did the Minister or his office endorse the decision.
- 48 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there were three permits to operate unlicensed vehicles obtained to test vehicles F4 and F1 as part of the inquiry into heavy vehicles conducted by Roaduser International (reference K99—917—24 in documents tabled in the Senate on 27 November 2000).
 - (2) Was vehicle F4 tested on two occasions.
 - (3) (a) Why was vehicle F4 tested on two occasions; and (b) was raw data collected and stored on a CD Rom on both occasions.
 - (4) Can the Minister confirm that only one CD Rom was provided to the owners of vehicle F4; if so: (a) why was the second CD Rom withheld from the vehicle owners; and (b) does the Minister plan to provide the second CD Rom to the owners of vehicle F4 at some future time.
- 49 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer provided to question on notice no. 3531 (Senate *Hansard*, 20 August 2001, pp 26019-22), what funding has been allocated to specific projects on each of the roads identified in answers (4)(a) to (d).
 - (2) (a) What is the nature of each of the above projects; (b) what is the level of funding allocated to each of the above projects; (c) over what period has

funding been allocated to each of the above projects; and (d) in what category of funding does each of the above projects appear.

- (3) Is the above information relating to specific projects for all roads identified in answers (4)(a) to (d) provided to each state government or state transport department; if so: (a) how often is this information provided to each state; and (b) when is the above information provided to each state.

50 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When did Mr Kym Brougham, or someone on behalf of Mr Brougham, first approach the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) seeking approval to take the position of acting Chief Pilot with Whyalla Airlines.
- (2) How was the above approach made and to whom was the approach made.
- (3) (a) When did CASA respond to the above approach; (b) who responded; and (c) what was the nature of the response.

51 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When did Mr Kym Brougham, or someone on behalf of Mr Brougham, apply to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) for approval to take the position of acting Chief Pilot with Whyalla Airlines.
- (2) How was the above application made and to whom was the application made.
- (3) (a) When did CASA respond to the above application; (b) who responded; and (c) when did the approval for Mr Brougham to act as Chief Pilot take effect.

52 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On how many occasions did the Minister or his staff meet with, or hold a discussion with, the owners, directors or employees of Whyalla Airlines between 1 December 1999 and 31 May 2000.
- (2) On each occasion: (a) who attended the meeting, or participated in the discussion; (b) when did the meeting or discussion take place; and (c) where did the meeting or discussion take place.
- (3) If any of the above discussions took place by telephone, where were the parties involved in each discussion located.

53 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Minister receive any written, electronic or oral representations on behalf of Mr Chris Brougham or Mr Kym Brougham concerning the appointment of Mr Kym Brougham as acting Chief Pilot, and later Chief Pilot, for Whyalla Airlines between 1 December 1999 and 31 May 2000; if so: (a) when was each representation made; (b) what was the form of the representation; and (c) what was nature of the representation.
- (2) (a) When were the above representations responded to; (b) who responded; and (c) what was the nature of the response.

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- (3) (a) When did CASA respond to the above approach; (b) who responded; and (c) what was the nature of the response.

55 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that the Melbourne office of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) failed to notify trustees of pre-existing pooled superannuation trusts (PSTs) that, under new regulations, they were required to notify APRA in writing that they wished their trusts to continue to be treated as PSTs by 31 October 2000.
- (2) Is it the case that trusts that have failed to so notify APRA will become non-complying superannuation funds, attracting a tax rate of 48.5 per cent on fund earnings instead of the concessional 15 per cent.
- (3) How long has APRA been aware of the failure to notify outlined in (1).
- (4) How long has the Minister or the department been aware of the failure to notify.
- (5) Has APRA or the Government taken any action to resolve this matter.
- (6) What action will the Government and APRA be taking to resolve this matter.

56 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—When will the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency be updating its website (The Maralinga Rehabilitation Project 1996-1999 and Maralinga Rehabilitation Project Gallery: Part 1 1998) with respect to the pits in which *in situ* vitrification was not used.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 61-76)—

- (1) (a) When did the department last conduct an audit of heritage values in its properties; and (b) can that report be made available.
- (2) Does the department have policies, protocols and/or guidelines for the protection of heritage values in its properties; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) What is the budget for maintenance and conservation works in the department for the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) how does this compare with each of the previous four financial years.
- (4) Which properties has the department sold over the past five years that have heritage values.
- (5) Which of these are listed on the Register of the National Estate.
- (6) Which of these have state government and local government protection.
- (7) What are the department's policy, protocol and/or guidelines for archiving documents.
- (8) (a) Does the department have a collection of artworks and/or artefacts, including documents, of heritage value; (b) are these documented; and (c) is there a budget for acquisition or conservation of such work.

- (9) Does the department use the National Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework prepared by the Cultural Ministers' Council in compiling data; if not, why not.
- (10) For those services contracted out, what arrangements, guidelines and requirements are in place to safeguard records for archiving.
- (11) (a) What, if any, historical guides and publications on heritage were prepared by the department in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) what is the budget for this purpose in the 2001-02 financial year.

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80 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What was the purchase price paid by the Indigenous Land Corporation to acquire the Roebuck Plains cattle station.
- (2) What was the price paid by the vendors of the Roebuck Plains when it was purchased some 12 months prior to the resale to the Indigenous Land Corporation.
- (3) What was the reason for the substantial increase in sale price over that 12-month period.
- (4) Was the price paid by the Indigenous Land Corporation for Roebuck Plains within commercial valuation at the time.
- (5) Was a commercial valuation of Roebuck Plains undertaken prior to its purchase by the Indigenous Land Corporation.
- (6) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation purchase Roebuck Plains when there was no registration of a land need or application by proponents.
- (7) Was there an assessment of Roebuck Plains against National Indigenous Land Strategy criteria before the Indigenous Land Corporation Board considered a purchase proposal.
- (8) Who negotiated the purchase price of Roebuck Plains.
- (9) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation not utilise its usual service provider, KFPW, in negotiating a purchase price.

- (10) Was a cattle muster conducted prior to the Indigenous Land Corporation's purchase of Roebuck Plains.
 - (11) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation enter into a 15-year management agreement with the vendors of Roebuck Plains that effectively locked Aboriginal people out of the arrangement.
 - (12) What capital investment did the vendors of Roebuck Plains (Great Northern Pastoral Company) make to entitle their retaining about 50 per cent of all profits for the 15-year period of the management agreement.
 - (13) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation pay the Great Northern Pastoral Company \$1 million to extricate itself from the 15-year management agreement that still had 14 years to run.
 - (14) Who negotiated the 15-year management agreement.
 - (15) Was a commission paid to the person or persons who negotiated the purchase price and management agreement.
 - (16) (a) Who are the directors of the Great Northern Pastoral Company; and (b) do any of them have a criminal record.
 - (17) Was there any relationship between the Great Northern Pastoral Company and the deceased Max Green.
 - (18) Is there any relationship between David Baffsky, a director of the Indigenous Land Corporation, and the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
 - (19) Is there any relationship between David Baffsky and John Vereker, a director of the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
 - (20) Was there a relationship between David Baffsky and Max Green.
 - (21) Have there been any money laundering activities evident at Roebuck Plains, or investigations into such activities.
 - (22) Has a commercial crop of marijuana been grown at Roebuck Plains whilst that station was owned or jointly managed by the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
 - (23) When the Indigenous Land Corporation purchased a related cattle property, Cardabia Station, did the corporation assist the vendor in avoiding a taxation obligation by attributing false valuations to land and stock.
 - (24) Did two directors and the Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Land Corporation enter into negotiations with the former owners of Roebuck Plains (Great Northern Pastoral Company) to strip the station of its stock without the knowledge or consent of other directors of the corporation.
 - (25) Was the price proposed by the Great Northern Pastoral Company for the purchase of the entire cattle herd of Roebuck Plains in accord with then current market prices.
- 81 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to documents relating to heavy truck specifications tabled pursuant to orders of the Senate:
- (1) In the middle of 1999 was a data disc deliberately corrupted by Mr Scott McFarlane of Roaduser International before being sent to the owner of F1, so that it would be unusable and thus prevent others from analysing the data, and that an uncorrupted disc was not sent until 2 to 3 months later.
 - (2) Were the air fare and related accommodation costs for the Melbourne to Brisbane return trip on 13 May 1999 that were listed in the external supplier expense document (K99-917, 024-026) relating to the Roaduser Report

used solely for that purpose and not used to subsidise the costs of Roaduser personnel attending other functions at the Brisbane Truck Show, unrelated to the report.

- (3) Was the second testing of F4, a Mack CH Fleetliner prime mover, undertaken at the request of the manufacturer; if so, was the expense of this additional test costed to the report or to the manufacturer.
- (4) (a) Did the manufacturer of the Australian-designed and tested Hendrickson WD2 460 suspension that was fitted to the worst performing vehicle, F6, withdraw that suspension from the market early in 2001 after claiming there was nothing wrong with it; and (b) is it a fact that the manufacturer has no substitute available until a new suspension is introduced in 2002; if so: (i) why was the suspension withdrawn, and (ii) if it was due to its poor performance, why has there not been a recall or other action taken in relation to other vehicles similar in style to F6 fitted with that suspension.
- (5) (a) Was Roaduser International's tender for this investigation \$79 400, compared with the losing bidder's quote of about \$120 000; and (b) was the final payment to Roaduser International close to \$580 000.
- (6) With reference to documents T1112- 121-138 and K99-804—126-132, did Roaduser International tender to undertake publicity and problem definition for \$8 000, inspect-and-drive appraisals of 6 vehicles for \$14 850 (\$2 470 each), instrumented testing of 4 vehicles for \$33 050 (\$8 250 each), computer simulation and analysis relating to 4 instrumented tests for \$21 000, assessment of vehicles against industry standards for \$5 000, risk amelioration and problem scoping for \$3 000 and a report of the investigation for \$5 000.
- (7) Did Roaduser charge about \$80 000 to appraise 13 vehicles (\$6 200 each, or 2.5 times the quoted cost per vehicle) even though it did not undertake analysis of each vehicle using Roaduser's in-house, computer-based performance assessment and did not undertake a lane-change manoeuvre.
- (8) Did Roaduser charge about \$340 000 for 8 instrumented tests and drives (\$42 500 each, or 5 times the quoted cost per vehicle) even though the number of channels of data quoted to be collected was a minimum of 28 compared with only 3 more collected, and evaluation of the vehicle negotiating a standard bump and a steady turn and under severe braking were not carried out.
- (9) In relation to the investigation: (a) was Roaduser allowed to charge, for graduate engineers with about 2-years experience on \$40 000 per year (or \$30 per chargeable hour), a rate around \$150 per hour, or more than twice the rate generally charged by consultants for such engineers; (b) were the charge-out rates for the Chief Engineer and Manager Accident Mitigation \$250 per hour, and the rate for Dr Peter Sweatman \$350 per hour; and (c) have there been any other consultants in the road transport field for which the Australian Transport Safety Bureau has paid similar charge-out rates; if not, can the Minister advise why these rates were paid for this investigation.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm that: (a) while the Federal Office of Road Safety tender suggested the use of subcontracted, experienced and qualified organisations to conduct the vibration related tests of the investigation, Roaduser, which was not an experienced or qualified organisation in this field, undertook this work itself; (b) Roaduser quoted on, and undertook measuring of, driver's seat vibration in the vertical and fore-aft directions

only, even though the relevant international standard (ISO 2631-1) required measurements in the side-to-side direction as well, and rates this vibration as being more important than the vertical direction; (c) in order to undertake this work, the Chief Engineer purchased a text on vibration around August 1999; (d) much of the analysis of 'vibration' and other data was undertaken by a PhD student with no specific skills in either heavy vehicles or vibration; and (e) Roaduser charged the same hourly rate for this work even though it was not expert in the field.

- (11) Given the above, what action is being taken to recover excess monies paid to Roaduser under this contract.

84 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is it correct that the Minister and/or his department claimed that the terms of reference for the Senate Working Party investigating the 'Casualties of Telstra' (COT) allegations in 1997 had to be changed on the basis that the previously settled terms, which included all the 21 COT group members would impede upon and prevent the further privatisation of Telstra (ie the 'T2' float).
- (2) Can the Minister explain how the amended terms of reference did not impede upon the T2 float and how, by omitting the other 16 members of the COT group, this would do so.

85 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to members' and senators' entitlements:

- (1) Which entitlements are not separately identified in management reports.
- (2) Which entitlements are not audited.
- (3) Which entitlements are not benchmarked (assuming 'benchmarking' means that members and senators that incur abnormal expenditures would be asked to explain significant deviances).
- (4) Which entitlements are not the subject of public reports.

86 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Were any applications made to the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) prior to 1 July 1998 for finance brokers in Western Australia to be exempted from the Corporations Law requirements with respect to prescribed interests; if so: (a) when was each application made; (b) by whom and on whose behalf was each application made; (c) when was the application determined; and (d) what was the outcome of each application and what were the reasons for the decision for each application.
- (2) Did ASIC enforce the Corporations Law against finance brokers who were offering 'Pooled Mortgage Schemes' in contravention of the law in Western Australia.
- (3) Is ASIC, in Western Australia, now taking steps to ensure that each prospectus issued in Western Australian Pooled Mortgage Schemes are in all respects accurate and reliable: if not, why not.

Notice given 13 February 2002

88 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) used an electronic version of the Electoral Roll provided by the Australian

- Electoral Commission (AEC); if so: (a) when did the AEC provide the Electoral Roll; and (b) for what purpose(s) has it been used.
- (2) Has the ACCC ever sought legal advice as to the lawfulness of using the Electoral Roll for those purposes; if so, from whom has this legal advice been sought.
 - (3) Following the provision of the legal advice, was the ACCC satisfied that the use of the Electoral Roll was in fact lawful; if so, on what basis was the ACCC satisfied that the use of the Electoral Roll was lawful.

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- (2) Has ASIC ever sought legal advice as to the lawfulness of using the Electoral Roll for those purposes; if so, from whom has this legal advice been sought.
- (3) Following the provision of the legal advice, was ASIC satisfied that the use of the Electoral Roll was in fact lawful; if so, on what basis was ASIC satisfied that the use of the Electoral Roll was lawful.

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 91-92)—

- (1) What contracts has the department or any agency of the department provided to the firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) In each instance what was the purpose of the work undertaken by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.
- (3) In each instance what has been the cost to the department of the contract.
- (4) In each instance what selection process was used to select Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (open tender, short-list or some other process).

91 Minister representing the Treasurer

92 Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 93-94)—

- (1) What contracts has the department or any agency of the department provided to the firm KPMG in the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) In each instance what was the purpose of the work undertaken by KPMG.
- (3) In each instance what has been the cost to the department of the contract.
- (4) In each instance what selection process was used to select KPMG (open tender, short-list or some other process).

93 Minister representing the Treasurer

94 Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 95-96)—

- (1) What contracts has the department or any agency of the department provided to the firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers in the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) In each instance what was the purpose of the work undertaken by PriceWaterhouseCoopers.
- (3) In each instance what has been the cost to the department of the contract.

- (4) In each instance what selection process was used to select PriceWaterhouseCoopers (open tender, short-list or some other process).

95 Minister representing the Treasurer

96 Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 97-98)—

- (1) What contracts has the department or any agency of the department provided to the firm Ernst & Young in the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) In each instance what was the purpose of the work undertaken by Ernst & Young.
- (3) In each instance what has been the cost to the department of the contract.
- (4) In each instance what selection process was used to select Ernst & Young (open tender, short-list or some other process).

97 Minister representing the Treasurer

98 Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 99-100)—

- (1) What contracts has the department or any agency of the department provided to the firm Arthur Andersen in the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) In each instance what was the purpose of the work undertaken by Arthur Andersen.
- (3) In each instance what has been the cost to the department of the contract.
- (4) In each instance what selection process was used to select Arthur Andersen (open tender, short-list or some other process).

99 Minister representing the Treasurer

100 Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 101-102)—

- (1) What was the total value of market research sought by the department and any agencies of the department for the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) What was the purpose of each contract let.
- (3) In each instance: (a) how many firms were invited to submit proposals; and (b) how many tender proposals were received.
- (4) In each instance, which firm was selected to conduct the research.
- (5) In each instance: (a) what was the estimated or contract price of the research work; and (b) what was the actual amount expended by the department or any agency of the department.

102 Minister representing the Treasurer

Notice given 18 February 2002

108 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to whistleblower Alwyn Johnson, and the Minister's commitment, on 12 August 2000, to undertake an inquiry to look at compensation for Mr Johnson, even if the Tasmanian Government refused to take part:

- (1) Why has no inquiry been instituted.
- (2) (a) When will the inquiry begin; and (b) who will arbitrate.

115 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Mallesons Stephen Jaques (MSJ) by Telecom/Telstra during each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001; and
 - (l) 1 July 2001 to 31 January 2002.
- (2) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to MSJ either directly or indirectly by the Commonwealth of Australia during each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (3) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Baker Johnson (Lawyers) and/or to any identity associated with that firm by Telecom/Telstra during each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

- (4) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Spruson & Ferguson (Patent & Trade Mark Attorney's) by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (5) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Ebsworth & Ebsworth (Lawyers) by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (6) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Williams Niblett (Solicitors) (now called Spruson Solicitors) by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

- (7) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Thynne & Macartney (Solicitors) by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (8) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Henderson Trout (Lawyers) (now Clayton Utz since 31 December 1991) by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (9) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to Robert Douglas QC, James Douglas QC, Phillip McMurdo QC, Jim North SC, or Peter Ambrose SC by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

- (10) Will the Minister provide a detailed and itemised schedule of individual and total payments made to JLB Allsop SC, JV Nicholas, barrister or Mr A McSporan by Telecom/Telstra (including any amounts that Telecom/Telstra contracted to pay) during each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991;
 - (b) 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992;
 - (c) 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993;
 - (d) 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994;
 - (e) 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995;
 - (f) 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;
 - (g) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (h) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (i) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (j) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000; and
 - (k) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (11) Have payments made by Telstra to MSJ increased since Mr Hoare became the Chairman of MSJ in 1995; if so, by what percentage have payments increased compared with the 3 years before Mr Hoare became the Chairman.
- (12) Have payments made by Telstra to MSJ increased since Mr Mead became a partner of MSJ in 1996; if so, by what percentage have payments increased compared with: (a) the 3 years before Mr Mead became a partner in January 1996; and (b) the 3 years before Mr Mead became an employee of Telecom/Telstra Australia in about May 1994 on secondment from MSJ.
- (13) Is the Minister aware that a complaint (to obtain an apprehension warrant against Mr Ivory) was sworn by Mr Mead contrary to written advice from MSJ.
- (14) (a) Has the Minister been advised of a finding by the Magistrates Court, upheld on appeal, that Mr Ivory had been wrongfully arrested; and (b) what was the cost to Telstra of the legal action relating to Mr Ivory's wrongful arrest.
- (15) (a) Is the Minister aware that Mr Ivory in 2000 wrote to Telstra's lawyers offering to accept a settlement of \$28 000 in February 2001 in relation to this matter; (b) is the Minister also aware that Telstra's lawyers rejected that offer; and (c) did Telstra then spend public funds in outlays and legal costs in further action against Mr Ivory, now a disability pensioner; if so, how much.
- (16) Did Telstra publish a solution to the 1800 prefix problems and/or faults by telling the public that the old 008 prefix code was still working efficiently if they failed to get through by dialling the 1800 prefix code; if so, how much did Telstra spend in advertising this solution; please provide details of the dates of advertisements and the media outlets which carried them, together with copies of all advertising done.
- (17) Did Telstra limit the scope of individual COT-related claimants' FOI requests to their telephone lines; if so: (a) why did Telstra board meeting minutes record that 'Congestion' was one of the COT's complaints; and (b) did documents relating to the performance of Telstra's network contain information relating to 'Congestion', '1800 systemic faults' and 'Switching failures' relevant to COT-related claimants' telephone services.

- (18) Will the Minister provide to Mr Kenneth Clyde Ivory, copies of all Telstra board meeting minutes that are related to COT-related complaints from July 1993 to 12 February 2002 including any minutes which relate to Mr Ivory and/or to Solar-Mesh complaints.
- (19) (a) What reasons were given by Telstra in refusing Mr Ivory and Solar-Mesh Australia partnerships access under FOI to requested information; and (b) what means are available to COT claimants and/or Mr Ivory and/or Solar-Mesh Australia to obtain this important information.
- (20) (a) Did the Minister have any knowledge of Mr Mead's intentions in seeking the arrest of Mr Ivory; and (b) were Mr Mead's actions authorised.
- (21) Has Telstra attempted to have any COT-related claimants committed to psychiatric confinement or imprisonment; if so, on how many occasions and with what results.
- (22) Will the Minister direct Telstra to comply fully with Mr Ivory's FOI request of 28 November 2001.
- (23) What action will the Minister take to have all unresolved COT-related claims, including those of Mr Ivory and Solar-Mesh Australia, fully settled on no less favourable terms of settlement than those reached in the process overseen by the Senate.
- (24) Will the Minister cause information to be published about the rights of 1800 subscribers to sue Telstra and/or the Commonwealth for damages in relation to their 1800 services.

116 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, visit the mining area held by the Australian company, Aurora Gold, through its Indonesian subsidiary, PT Indo Muro Kencana, in May 2001.
- (2) Was the trip at the request of Aurora Gold or its Indonesian subsidiary; if so, why was the invitation accepted.
- (3) What was the duration of the trip.
- (4) What was the purpose of the visit.
- (5) Did the Ambassador make any formal speeches during the trip; if so, can a copy of each of his presentations be provided.
- (6) (a) Did the Ambassador publicly urge the Indonesian government agencies and security forces to ensure secure conditions at mining operations run by Australian mining companies and their subsidiaries; and (b) did the Ambassador urge the government agencies to deal with what Aurora describes as 'illegal' miners working within its mine lease area; if so, why.
- (7) What form of action did the Ambassador expect security agencies to take in dealing with small-scale miners.

117 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Aurora mine site in Kalimantan, and reports that approximately 1 week after the recent visit of the Australian Ambassador, Indonesian security forces shot and/or stoned to death within the Aurora lease area two local people considered to be 'illegal' miners:

- (1) Was the Ambassador or any other representative of the department aware of this incident; if so, when was the Ambassador or any other representative of the department made aware of the two deaths.

- (2) Did the Ambassador or any other representative of the department make any representations to any Indonesian government officials or agencies about the killings; if so, to whom and when.
- (3) Did Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary make any representation to the Ambassador or any other representative of the department after the deaths; if so, what was the nature of these representations and when did they occur.
- (4) Did the Ambassador or any other representative of the department make any representations to Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary about the events that had taken place.

118 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Aurora mine site in Kalimantan, and reports that on 27 August 2001 a local teenage boy considered to be an ‘illegal’ miner at the Kerikil mine within Aurora’s lease area was shot in the leg by Indonesian security forces:

- (1) Was the Australian Ambassador or any other representative of the department made aware of this incident; if so, when was the Ambassador or representative of the department made aware of the incident.
- (2) Did the Ambassador or any other representative of the department make any representations to any Indonesian government officials or agencies about the shooting; if so, to whom and when.
- (3) Did Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary make any representation to the Ambassador or any other representative of the department after the shooting; if so, what was the nature of these representations and when did they occur.
- (4) Did the Ambassador make any representations to Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary about the events that had taken place.

119 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the mining company Aurora: Has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any other representative of the department, at any stage, made any representation to any Indonesian government minister or agency expressing concern about the actions of Indonesian security forces at Aurora’s Indonesian subsidiary’s mine site; if so: (a) when; (b) to whom; and (c) what was the nature of the request made.

120 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the mining company Aurora: Has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department made any visits to Aurora’s Indonesian mining operations since 1 January 2000; if so: (a) when; and (b) for what purpose.

121 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the operations of Aurora at its Kalimantan mine site and recent deaths and injuries of local people on or near the site: Given the Government’s support for the Minerals Council of Australia’s voluntary Code for Environment Management (to which Aurora is a signatory) as adequate to deal with social and environmental issues of Australian companies operating overseas: Does the Minister believe the actions of Aurora and its Indonesian subsidiary are appropriate; if so, why.

122 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has Austrade or any section of the department assisted the mining company Aurora in any way with the Indo Muro mine in Indonesia; if so, how.

- 123 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the mining company Aurora: Has the Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department made representations to Indonesian government agencies relating to issues involving Aurora's Indonesian mining operations; if so: (a) what were the representations; (b) when did they occur; (c) what were the results of the representations; and (d) were the representations made at the request of Aurora and/or any of its agents.
- 124 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the department undertaken any review of its role in the tragic events at the Aurora mine site in Indonesia, and, in particular, the appropriateness of the Australian Ambassador urging Indonesian security forces to deal with local small scale-miners; if not, will it.
- 125 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the mining company Aurora's Kalimantan operations, and reports that, on 19 January 2002, Indonesian security forces shot a local man, deemed to be an 'illegal' miner within the Aurora lease area, in the head with a rubber bullet at close range resulting in a serious injury:
- (1) Was the Australian Ambassador or any representative of the department made aware of this incident; if so, when was the Ambassador or representative of the department made aware of the incident.
 - (2) Did the Ambassador or representative of the department make any representations to any Indonesian government officials or agencies about the shooting; if so, to whom and when.
 - (3) Did Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary make any representation to the Ambassador or any other representative of the department after the deaths; if so, what was the nature of these representations and when did they occur.
 - (4) Did the Ambassador or any other representative of the department make any representations to Aurora and/or its Indonesian subsidiary about the events that had taken place.
- 126 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 January 1999, has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department ever raised with any Indonesian government agency or minister concerns about human rights abuses where they have been publicly reported, or where the department has been made aware of them, at mine sites where Australian mining companies have interests.
- 127 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 January 1999, has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department made representations to Indonesian government agencies or ministers over security issues at any mine sites in Indonesia.
- 128 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 January 1999, has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department visited any mine sites in Indonesia in which Australian companies have interests.
- 129 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 January 1999, has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia or any representative of the department met with representatives of the Indonesian Mining Association to discuss security issues at mines that Australian companies have interests in; if so, when and what projects were discussed.

Notice given 20 February 2002

130 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for males aged 50 to 59 years who applied for a visa for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (2) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for males aged 60 years and above who applied for a visa for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (3) What is the percentage of visitor visa non-return rates for females, by country of origin and age, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (4) What is the total number of female visitor visa holders who do not return, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (5) What is the percentage of visitor overstay rates for females, by country of origin and age, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (6) What is the total number of female overstayers, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (7) What is the percentage of visitor visa non-return rates for males, by country of origin and age, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (8) What is the total number of male visitor visa holders who do not return, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (9) What is the percentage of visitor overstay rates for males, by country of origin and age, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (10) What is the total number of verified visitors, by country of origin, for 1999.
- (11) What is the total number of verified visitors, by country of origin, for 2000.
- (12) What is the total number of verified visitors, by country of origin, for 2001.
- (13) What is the total number of visitors, by country of origin, who did not return in 1999.
- (14) What is the total number of visitors, by country of origin, who did not return in 2000.
- (15) What is the total number of visitors, by country of origin, who did not return in 2001.
- (16) What is the total number of visitor overstayers, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (17) What is the total number of visitors issued with an 8503 criterion, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (18) What is the total number of visitor visas issued with bonds, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (19) What is the total of funds received from bonds placed on visitor visas, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.

- (20) What is the total number of enforced departures, by country of origin, for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (21) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for females aged 18 to 29 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (22) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for females aged 30 to 39 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (23) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for females aged 40 to 49 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (24) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for females aged 50 to 59 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (25) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for females aged 60 years and above who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (26) What is the total number of females aged 18 to 29 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (27) What is the total number of females aged 30 to 39 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (28) What is the total number of females aged 40 to 49 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (29) What is the total number of females aged 50 to 59 years, by country of origin, who applied for a visa for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (30) What is the total number of females aged 60 years and above, by country of origin, who applied for a visa for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (31) What is the total number of visas issued for females.
- (32) What is the total number of males aged 18 to 29 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (33) What is the total number of males aged 30 to 39 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (34) What is the total number of males aged 40 to 49 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (35) What is the total number of males aged 50 to 59 years, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (36) What is the total number of males aged 60 years and above, by country of origin, who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (37) What is the total number of visas issued for males.

- (38) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for males aged 18 to 29 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (39) What is the total number of visitor visa rejections, by country of origin, for males aged 30 to 39 years who applied for visas for each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (40) (a) How many deaths have there been in immigration detention centres since 1996; and (b) can details of each death be provided.
- (41) How many attempted suicides have there been in immigration detention centres since 1996.
- (42) How many injuries have been recorded in immigration detention centres since 1996.
- (43) How many teeth extractions have been performed in immigration detention centres comparative to other dental procedures.
- (44) How many births have there been in immigration detention centres.
- (45) How many immigration detainees have given birth in hospitals.
- (46) How many times are pregnant asylum seekers seen by doctors before their confinement.
- (47) How many times are pregnant asylum seekers seen by other medical staff (for example, nurses) before their confinement.
- (48) How many times were chemical restraints used on immigration detainees in the year 2001.
- (49) In what circumstances are chemical restraints used.

Notice given 21 February 2002

131 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What does the department plan to do with numbers 52 and 54 Temira Crescent, Darwin.
- (2) (a) Why has the department withdrawn its offer to give numbers 52 and 54 Temira Crescent, Darwin, to the National Trust at no cost, as stated in a letter from Ms Janette Tate of the Domestic Property Group, on 4 December 1997, and subsequently accepted by the Trust in a letter dated 15 December 1997; (b) why has the department now asked the National Trust to pay \$440 000 for the two buildings; and (c) does the department expect to receive \$700 000 for the two properties on the open market.
- (3) Does the department know how much money the Trust has spent maintaining the properties and, therefore, how much the Commonwealth has saved because of the Trust's occupancy.
- (4) Is the department aware that if the National Trust is made to purchase these two buildings it will severely curtail the Trust's other conservation activities.
- (5) Does the department agree that the best way to maintain the heritage values of these buildings and to ensure that the public continues to have access to them is either to give the properties to the Trust or to grant a crown lease in perpetuity to the Trust.
- (6) Will the department consider transferring ownership of these two buildings to the Northern Territory Government.

- (7) If the buildings are put up for private sale, how will the department ensure that the heritage values of the properties are maintained.
- (8) (a) Is the department concerned that the private sale of these two historic buildings may either severely limit or totally restrict public access to these buildings, which are an important part of Darwin's heritage; and (b) what will the department do to ensure that the public has continued access to these two buildings.

Notice given 28 February 2002

138 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What was the value of road funding announced by the Government in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election.
- (2) (a) How many road projects were announced in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election; (b) what is the level of funding allocated for each of these projects; and (c) what is the nature of the work to be carried out in each project.
- (3) How much additional funding will be added to the roads budget as a result of road project announcements in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election.
- (4) If there is additional funding required for the road budget as a result of spending announcements in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election, will that additional money go to the National Highway and Roads of National Importance Program; if not, where will the additional funding be allocated.

151 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Has the Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) commenced a salinity mapping consultancy as part of the National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality; if not, why not and when is the work scheduled to commence; if so: (a) where has this work been undertaken to date; and (b) what is the program, by region, to be followed by the BRS in completing this consultancy.
- (2) What is the planned timing of the commencement and completion of this work, by state.
- (3) (a) What is the value of the contract for the salinity mapping consultancy; and (b) who will meet that cost.
- (4) If the states are to contribute to the cost of the project: (a) what is the cost to be met by each state; (b) what is the cost to be met by the Commonwealth; and (c) are there agreements in place with each state to meet those costs.

Notice given 4 March 2002

156 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT), can the following details be provided (in a breakdown by state and territory) for the 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 financial years:

- (1) How many ACAT assessments were carried out.
- (2) How many individuals were assessed.
- (3) What was the average number of assessments for those assessed.

- (4) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required residential high care.
- (5) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required residential low care.
- (6) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required community care in the form of a community aged care package.
- (7) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person did not require one of the above forms of care.
- (8) How many ACAT assessments took place (identify separately) while the person assessed was in hospital, at home, in a hostel or other location.

157 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question 123 at the Senate additional estimates hearings of February 2001, can the department provide a full list of the departmental committees and advisory bodies on research education and training on which Dr Jack Best sits, and the remuneration and expenses that has gone to Dr Best from each appointment.

159 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—Can the following information be provided on the impact of the Government's policy of funding equalisation in relation to nursing home care subsidies:

For each state and territory, and for levels 1 to 4 in the Resident Classification Scale (RCS), can the Government indicate what the daily subsidy would be for residents in the 2002-03 financial year through to the 2006-07 financial year, assuming an annual indexation of 1.5 per cent, 2 per cent and 2.5 per cent.

(For example, assuming an indexation of 1.5 per cent provide a table showing daily care subsidy in each state and territory for RCS levels 1 through to 4. Similar tables would set out the subsidies assuming an indexation of 2 per cent and 2.5 per cent. These are to be based on the current daily subsidies for the 2001-02 financial year.)

160 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the employment of external quality assessors for the accreditation of residential aged care facilities:

- (1) In each state and territory how many people accessed the training necessary to become a quality assessor.
- (2) What is the average cost of these courses.
- (3) In each state and territory how many people are registered with the Quality Society of Australasia as aged care quality assessors.
- (4) What is the cost of registering with the society.
- (5) In each state and territory how many quality assessors have not participated in one or more accreditation audits.
- (6) In each state and territory how many quality assessors have only participated in one accreditation audit.
- (7) What is the average amount paid to an external quality assessor for participating in an accreditation audit.

161 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Since March 1996, by financial year, what was the cost of air charters used by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services or his office.

- (2) (a) In each financial year, on how many occasions did the Minister for Transport and Regional Services or his office charter aircraft; and (b) in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service.

162 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Special Minister of State—Since March 1996, by financial year, what was the cost of air charters provided by Vee H Aviation, or associated companies, to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services or his office.

165 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Is air conditioning considered a requirement under the categories of 'resident lifestyle' or 'physical environment' for accreditation of aged care facilities, particularly in Queensland with its extremes of temperature.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Ashworth House, a high care facility in Brisbane, uses wet towels around residents' necks and cold showers to try to cool them down because promised air conditioning has not been provided.

Notice given 7 March 2002

166 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) When does Telstra expect to install a full telephone service that will allow answer phone and message bank facilities and internet connection, etc. for the Kurungal Aboriginal Council in the West Kimberley region of Western Australia.
- (2) Given that the application was made for a telephone connection on 4 December 2001, what is the reason for the delay.
- (3) Is it the case that an 'interim service' was supplied on 1 March 2002, as promised; if not, why not.
- (4) What compensation is payable for this delay in telephone service connection.

168 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to answer to question on notice no. 2558 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 November 2000, p.19650):

- (1) Which premises at Ridgley are being used for the University of Tasmania's experiments.
- (2) If they are not university premises: (a) whose are they; and (b) what is the role of the landlord in the experiments.
- (3) When did the Ridgley experiment begin and who are the principals.
- (4) What is the difference between these experiments, involving genes from *Agrobacterium rhizogenes*, and those being conducted by Monash University.
- (5) How much has the Commonwealth contributed to each of the three sets of experiments listed in the answer to part (a) of question on notice no. 2558.
- (6) Are there no expectations or plans to conduct field trials by Monash University, the University of Tasmania or the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; if there are, what are the expectations or plans.

170 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Government's decision to reduce Medicare rebates by 50 per cent for psychiatric patients who need more than 50 visits per year to a psychiatrist, and the decision to similarly reduce rebates by half for that group of patients who qualify for item 319 (and related Medicare Benefits Schedule items) if they need ongoing intensive treatment in excess of 160 sessions per year:

- (1) How does the Minister explain the continued existence of item 319 (*et al*) restrictions on treatment of severely-ill patients when the department has been given evidence by the National Association of Practising Psychiatrists as to the detrimental impact, clinically and economically, of these restrictions.
- (2) How can the Minister justify a \$15 million taxpayer-funded advertising campaign for private health insurance, when he has refused to rebate through Medicare patients who need more than one visit per week to their psychiatrist but who do not satisfy the conditions for item 319.
- (3) Can the Minister explain what steps have been taken to overcome the anomaly that there is a significant group of psychiatric patients with severe disorders (eg. borderline personality disorder) who can only be maintained at a functioning level if seen 4 or 5 times per week for long-term treatment, but are financially penalised through a 50 per cent rebate reduction when the item 319 cap is effected.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists has indicated in its quality assurance projects that, for these types of patients, long-term intensive treatment has been cited as the treatment of choice.
- (5) Can the Minister explain what steps have been taken to eliminate the financial burden for patients who require more than 160 sessions in one year.
- (6) Will the Minister agree to review item 319 restrictions, given that the rationale for their introduction (to increase access to services) no longer holds, as shown by the overall decrease in attendances to psychiatrists since 1996.
- (7) Will the department meet with the National Association of Practising Psychiatrists to discuss the concerns of patients and clinicians who are entrusted with their care.

171 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to Senator Brown's question on notice no. 3861 (*Senate Notice Paper*, 30 August 2001, p.23):

- (1) (a) When was the last engagement in which RAAF pilots were involved in low-level flying attacks; and (b) does the Minister anticipate that such flying will be used in future engagements with a sophisticated and well-equipped enemy; if so, can the Minister explain the advantages of this form of use of RAAF craft; if not, can the Minister explain why training in this form of aircraft use is still being undertaken at the Salt Ash air weapons range.
- (2) Can the Minister explain why there have been no compensation packages or noise attenuation packages, or even a noise amelioration plan offered to communities which are adversely affected by the RAAF operations at the Salt Ash air weapons range.

- (3) Can the Minister explain why the RAAF base at Williamstown has no dedicated Community Liaison Officer and why there are no lines of direct communication between the RAAF base and the general public.

172 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to the proposed development by the Catholic Education Office of Xavier College High School on approximately 6 hectares of land excised from the north-western sector of the former ADI site lands, adjacent to Llandilo, New South Wales: Is this land presently owned by the Catholic Church; if so, when and on what terms did the Catholic Church acquire this land from the Commonwealth.

Notice given 8 March 2002

177 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—According to the Australian Taxation Office, how many small businesses are there in each state and territory (using the small business classifications arising from registrations under the Australian Business Number program, the goods and services tax and the like).

Notice given 11 March 2002

178 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—Has there been any occasion on which the department awarded contracts to J P Morgan between 11 March 1996 and 11 March 2002; if so: (a) what was the purpose of each contract; and (b) what was the total cost of each contract.

179 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) On how many occasions did the department pay the subscription of the former Minister, Dr. Wooldridge, to the Australian Medical Association.
- (2) What was the total cost of those payments.
- (3) Did the department pay any other professional subscriptions on behalf of the former Minister; if so: (a) what were the organisations concerned; and (b) what was the cost of each of the subscriptions.

181 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Treasury undertaking a review of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*; if not, why not.
- (2) If there is a review being undertaken: (a) has a committee been formed; (b) have submissions been called for; (c) is a discussion paper available to the public; (d) who is on the committee; (e) what are the terms of reference for the review; (f) what is the timetable for the review; and (g) has the review been suspended; if so, at what stage and by whom.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any other reviews of the Act.

187 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What is the current estimated cost of the cancer incidence and mortality study of British nuclear weapons testing personnel.
- (2) Which department will fund the study.
- (3) How many department personnel are engaged in the: (a) nominal roll; and (b) study.
- (4) Can a list of those personnel be provided.
- (5) Will dose reconstruction be done as part of the study.

- (6) Will this be contracted out.
- (7) Can the full minutes of the meetings of the scientific group and the advisory panel be made available.
- (8) (a) What would be the cost of providing all surviving servicemen from Maralinga with service pensions and Gold Cards; and (b) how is this cost calculated.
- (9) Does the calculation take into account age and disability pensions.
- (10) (a) What percentage of survivors already receive service pensions and Gold Cards; and (b) is this taken into account in the calculations.
- (11) Will it be possible for the results of the cancer incidence and mortality study to be used in the courts.
- (12) Will it be possible for personnel conducting the research and other aspects of the study to be brought to give evidence in support of the veterans; if not, why not.
- (13) Given that the study will presumably not report on individuals, will individuals be provided with individual reports; if so, will individuals be able to make these reports public if they wish.
- (14) Will those servicemen who are found in the study to have been exposed to high levels of radiation, but whose health condition was not previously followed up, be followed up after the study.
- (15) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Health Physics Report, in 1964 stated, 'Health Physics information and files held at Maralinga have been transferred to Commonwealth X-ray Laboratories in Melbourne, except the records of results obtained from film badges which by mutual agreement were transferred to AWRE'; and (b) has the department requested that these results be returned to Australia for the study; if not, why not.
- (16) (a) Is it the case that a veteran, Mr John Hutton, requested records from AWRE and was provided with one page, SFS/OEL/UMB/1(P), which includes Australian servicemen; (b) did the Government point this out in DISR's request to the United Kingdom (UK); and (c) does the Minister agree that those lists are not just of UK servicemen.
- (17) (a) Is the Minister aware that many documents were provided to the Royal Commission and are now in the National Archives, but are still restricted; and (b) will they be made available to the study group.
- (18) Will those documents that are not specific to individual medical records be released and/or used by the study group.
- (19) Is there a clear document available for veterans and their widows on the options available for compensation claims; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (20) What is the success rate for compensation claims that have been made under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.
- (21) How does the Minister explain this very low success rate.
- (22) Is there a protocol or are there guidelines for those at Comcare ruling on the cases.
- (23) How does the point system work.
- (24) Who are the delegates on the Comcare compensation panel.
- (25) What are their qualifications.
- (26) Given that John Sainsbury is often considered the 'last resort' for veterans, what are his qualification for this role.

- (27) Is it the case that veterans are not allowed to discuss their cases amongst themselves or with anyone else; if so, why.
- (28) Has any sort of analytical study been done of the material put forward in the compensation claim submissions; if not, why not.
- (29) Will those applications be considered in the health study.
- (30) Can a copy of the 1950s agreement with the UK on legal fees be provided; if not: (a) why not; and (b) what are the implications in respect to Australia's legal costs in fighting claims for compensation under the common law.
- (31) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 3625 part (4), Senate *Hansard*, 22 August 2001, p.26428: Why was it not possible for a breakdown to be provided of legal fees for each of the court cases.
- (32) Did the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) provide legal services for Comcare and common law cases.
- (33) What monies have been paid to the AGS in legal fees for compensation court cases (can details be provided for Comcare and common law cases separately).
- (34) (a) What representation has been made by Australia to the UK with regard to legal fees for compensation cases in the past 2 years; and (b) can copies of correspondence be made available.

Notice given 12 March 2002

188 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has a short-term, cross-agency taskforce been established to ensure that action is taken on the high priority recommendations stemming from the report, *Out of the Maze*, by the Family Law Pathways Advisory Group; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Attorney-General placed as a matter of urgency on the agenda for the Council of Australian Governments a request to consider ways to improve coordination between levels of government to ensure that:
 - (a) family law, violence and child abuse matters can be dealt with in the same place at the same time;
 - (b) processes for handling these cases are streamlined;
 - (c) assessment and resolution of such cases is expedited; and
 - (d) cooperation is improved and promoted between professionals and services working with at-risk families who are involved with the family law system; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Attorney-General allowed for funding for the family law system to be based on the framework outlined in the report, *Out of the Maze*; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the department undertaken any work on the analysis of funding based on systematic need in the family law system.
- (5) Has the Attorney-General allocated any funding for the family law area to be directed towards education, information, early assessment and referral and intervention services that will support family decision-making; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the department liaised with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, or other peak Indigenous community organisations, on developing culturally-appropriate service delivery models for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander communities with respect to family law; if not, why not.

- (7) Is the Attorney-General currently examining section 61, subsection 60B(2) and paragraph 68F(2)(f) of the *Family Law Act 1975* in a way that reflects recommendation 22 of the report, *Out of the Maze*.

189 **Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What funding is being, or has been, allocated to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority for the implementation of bycatch action plans for Commonwealth fisheries.
- (2) Will this funding continue after the bycatch action plans expire in 2002.
- (3) What implementation, enforcement and compliance measures will be implemented to ensure that bycatch reduction strategies are effective.
- (4) Will there be an independent observer program as part of each bycatch action plan implementation; if so, please describe the nature of the observer program to be used.
- (5) What measures will be introduced to ensure that the impacts of fishing on threatened species are better understood and reduced (please provide information for each threatened and protected marine species in the Commonwealth fisheries).
- (6) What steps will be taken to further research and develop improved bycatch reduction technologies and methods.
- (7) Will specific performance indicators be identified and bycatch reduction targets be included in the implementation of the bycatch action plans.
- (8) Does the Government consider the retention and sale of bycatch, which is then called byproduct, to be a bycatch reduction strategy.
- (9) What assessment of these new target byproduct species takes place before their retention and sale is permitted.
- (10) Does the assessment include an ecological assessment as opposed to a species specific assessment.
- (11) What percentage of proposed bycatch reduction will be the result of designating bycatch as byproduct.
- (12) How many non-processing boats were operating in the South East Trawl Fishery (SETF) in: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (13) How many observer trips were made under the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) in the Blue Grenadier section of the SETF in: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (14) How many observer hours did these trips constitute in: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (15) How many of those observer trips and observer hours took place on non-processing boats in: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; and (c) 2001.
- (16) How many reported deaths of seals, albatross and other threatened species have there been under the ISMP in the Blue Grenadier section of the SETF since its inception to date (please provide figures on a year by year basis).
- (17) How many seal deaths have been reported in the Blue Grenadier section since 16 July 2000, under section 265 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

- (18) How many seal deaths have been reported in other fisheries since 16 July 2000, under section 265 of the Act.
- (19) How many albatross deaths have been reported in all fisheries since 16 July 2000, under section 265 of the Act.
- (20) How many deaths of other threatened, marine, migratory and cetacean species were reported since 16 July 2000, under section 265 of the Act.
- (21) What funding is being provided to the National Action Plan for Sharks (NAPS).
- (22) How will that funding be allocated within the NAPS.

Notice given 15 March 2002

- 196 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did Mr Ron Walker attend the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting; if so, in what capacity.

Notice given 19 March 2002

- 197 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) How many industry advisory bodies are there in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.
 - (2) (a) What is the membership of each body; (b) how are members selected; and (c) how often does each body meet.
 - (3) Can a schedule of meetings for each body since January 2002 be provided.
 - (4) Since January 2002, how many meetings of the above bodies have been attended by the Minister.
 - (5) Does the Government provide funding to these industry advisory bodies; if so: (a) how much funding has been provided to each body since January 2002; and (b) how does each body use the funding.

Notice given 20 March 2002

- 199 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Was Mr John Armstrong a fully authorised officer of Telstra's board in October 2000; if so, in that authorised capacity, was Mr Armstrong able to swear an affidavit for and on behalf of Telstra's Board of Directors and able to bind the corporation and its directors to that which he swore.
 - (2) (a) Did Telstra's Mr Ted Benjamin inform the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee during estimates hearings on 23 June 1995 (p. 245, *Hansard* transcript) that all outstanding claims against Telstra in relation to 'Casualties of Telstra' matters were in the hands of two arbitrators; and (b) is it a fact that Mr Ivory's 1800 777 592 prefix fault complaints were not at that time, and have not been, before those arbitrators.

Notice given 21 March 2002

- *203 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is it the case that Australia Post does not intend to honour the gold medal achievements of the 2002 Winter Paralympic athletes on postage stamps as they did for the 2002 Winter Olympics; if so, what is the reason

for this discrimination; if not, when will these stamps be made available to the general public.

Notice given 22 March 2002

*209 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What is the average annual individual cost of the Gold Card issued to veterans since its inception (including the Personal Treatment Entitlement Card).
- (2) What is the average annual individual cost of the White Card for the past 15 years, or for as long as data is available.
- (3) What are the average annual individual costs, for the Gold Card and White Card for the following categories:
 - (a) administration costs;
 - (b) private hospital costs;
 - (c) public hospital costs; and
 - (d) non-hospital health expenses.
- (4) What are the annual numbers of separations for the Gold Card and the White Card over the past 15 years, or for as long as data is available.
- (5) What are the annual numbers of veterans who have held: (a) the Gold Card; and (b) the White Card, or their antecedents over the past 15 years.

*210 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the current timetable for federal consideration of both the *Stuart Oil Shale Project Stage 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (1999)* and the *Stuart Oil Shale Project Stage 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Supplementary Report (2001)*.
- (2) Does the Minister consider that these two reports have adequately addressed the issue of dioxin pollution generated by the proposed second stage of the Stuart project.
- (3) Does the Minister accept concerns that the supplementary report, in particular, contains serious deficiencies in the level of information provided on such environmental impact issues as greenhouse impact, dioxin emissions and groundwater and marine pollution, and that the supplementary report also fails to provide the detail required on these matters.
- (4) Does the Minister accept the conclusion of these two reports that 'Stage Two of the Stuart Project can proceed with minimal environmental impact.'
- (5) What response does the Minister have to the claim that the supplementary report plays down the significance of the Stuart project's dioxin releases, even though such an emphasis is at odds with the data contained in that report.
- (6) (a) What value does the Minister place on the claim in the supplementary report of a 'probable' ten-fold reduction in dioxin formation between Stage 1 and Stage 2 through the use of unidentified control equipment and processes; (b) what steps have been taken to identify the nature of such equipment and processes; and (c) what scientific or other verifiable basis exists for making such a claim.

- (7) What estimates have been made of the quantum by which Australia's greenhouse gas emissions would increase if: (a) the Stuart Oil Shale deposit was developed; and (b) all SPP/CPMs oil shale deposits were developed.

*213 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the President of the Senate—Since the President of the Senate was appointed on 20 August 1996:

- (1) (a) How many overseas trips has the President been on and when; (b) what has been the total cost of each of those trips, including airfare, travel allowance and any other expense incurred by her, or on her behalf, in relation to those trips and paid by the Commonwealth; and (c) if costs other than airfare and travel allowance have been incurred, what were each of those expenses.
- (2) Has the President ever been accompanied on any overseas trip by a spouse or partner; if so: (a) on how many trips; (b) when and where has the President been accompanied by a spouse or partner; and (c) what has been the total cost incurred by the Commonwealth due to the President being accompanied by that person for each trip.
- (3) Has the President ever been accompanied on any overseas trip by one of her children; if so: (a) on how many trips; (b) when and where has the President been accompanied by one of her children; and (c) what has been the total cost incurred by the Commonwealth due to the President being accompanied by that person for each trip.
- (4) Has the President ever been accompanied on any overseas trip by a staff member; if so: (a) on how many trips; (b) when and where has the President been accompanied by a staff member; and (c) what has been the total cost incurred by the Commonwealth due to the President being accompanied by that person for each trip.
- (5) (a) How many functions and other entertainment has the President held in Parliament House which have been at the cost of the Commonwealth; (b) who has attended those functions; (c) when were they held; and (d) what has been the total cost of each of those functions and other entertainment to the Commonwealth.
- (6) Has the President been provided with a credit card by the Commonwealth; if so, what costs have been incurred by the President on that credit card and paid by the Commonwealth.

Notice given 2 April 2002

*218 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In a media release dated 9 July 2001 the then Minister for Defence indicated that the Royal Australian Navy had entered into a Statement of Principles arrangement with the United States (US) Navy in relation to submarine matters:

- (1) When was the decision made to enter into such an arrangement.
- (2) Which country first raised the idea of the arrangement.
- (3) Can details of the arrangement be provided; for example, what is the nature and scope of the arrangement.
- (4) Has the arrangement been put in writing; if so, can a copy of the text be provided.
- (5) Does the arrangement bind Australia in relation to any future projects connected to submarines.

- (6) Does this arrangement effectively rule out the contracting out of future major projects in relation to the Collins Class submarines.
- (7) Does the arrangement bind the US in relation to any dealings with Australia in relation to submarines.
- (8) Has the arrangement been included in any formal agreement with the US; if so, can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (9) Does Australia have similar arrangements with the US on other matters; if so, what other matters are covered by such arrangements.
- (10) Does Australia have similar arrangements with other countries; if so, which countries and what matters do they cover.

*219 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In relation to project SEA 1429, the replacement of heavyweight torpedoes for the Collins Class submarines:

- (1) (a) When did the tender process for this project begin; and (b) when did submissions close.
- (2) In terms of the tender specifications: (a) what was the approximate budget for the project; and (b) how many torpedoes were required.
- (3) Were there any weight constraints put on the proposed replacement torpedoes; if so, what were they.
- (4) How much do the current Mk48 torpedoes weigh.
- (5) How many organisations submitted tenders and what were the names of those organisations.
- (6) Which organisations were short-listed as part of the tender process.
- (7) When was the decision taken to abandon the tender process and who made that decision.
- (8) Has Australia agreed to purchase new torpedoes from the US for the Collins Class submarines; if so: (a) what types of torpedoes will be purchased from the US; (b) how many torpedoes will be purchased (of each type if more than one); and (c) what is the individual cost of the torpedoes to be purchased and the total cost of the contract.
- (9) Beyond the costs already incurred for the current Mk48 torpedoes, are there any additional costs associated with storing and maintaining the new torpedoes to be provided by the US.
- (10) When did these torpedoes first enter service (presumably with the US Navy); (b) are these torpedoes still being used by the US Navy; and (c) are these torpedoes still being produced for use in the US Navy.
- (11) Has agreement been reached on the long-term supply of torpedoes from the US; if so, what are the terms of that arrangement and what are the associated costs.
- (12) Can the torpedoes to be provided by the US be used in Collins Class submarines without any modification; if not: (a) what is the nature of the modifications required; and (b) how much will these modifications cost in relation to each of the submarines.
- (13) How much do the torpedoes to be provided by the US weigh.
- (14) If the torpedoes to be provided by the US are heavier than the current Mk48 torpedoes: (a) what does this mean for their use on the Collins Class submarine; (b) can they be deployed on the submarine without impacting on its performance; (c) will submarines have to reduce the numbers of

torpedoes they can carry; and (d) does the extra weight of the torpedoes required modifications to the submarines and, if so, how much will those modifications cost.

- *220 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—(a) Can a list be provided of the contracts or deeds of agreement for grants awarded which it has not published, or does not intend to publish, on Environment Australia's website, as required by the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended on 27 September 2001; and (b) can reasons be provided for not publishing these contracts.

Notice given 5 April 2002

- *221 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1411:
- (1) When were tenders put out for this project.
 - (2) Can the department confirm that it was the intention that these helicopters would operate from the proposed offshore patrol craft that has since been abandoned.
 - (3) (a) Were the ANZAC frigates designed for the proposed Seasprite helicopter; and (b) do the ANZAC frigates have the capacity to use a larger helicopter.
 - (4) (a) How many organisations submitted tenders; and (b) which organisations submitted tenders.
 - (5) (a) Was there a shortlisting of tenders; (b) how many organisations were shortlisted; and (c) which organisations were shortlisted.
 - (6) On what basis did Kaman Aerospace International win the tender; if it was on the basis of cost, what was the approximate differential with other tenders (eg. \$20 million); if it won the bid on other factors, what were they.
 - (7) (a) Do the 11 helicopters to be delivered have reconditioned airframes; if so, physically how old are those airframes; and (b) were other bidders proposing to use reconditioned airframes.
 - (8) Can a copy of the original tender documents be provided.
 - (9) Was there any other documentation provided to the tenderers; if so, can a copy of this documentation be provided.
 - (10) (a) Can a copy of the contract signed with Kaman Aerospace International for the delivery of the helicopters be provided; and (b) when was that contract signed.
 - (11) Is there some form of damages or penalty clause in the contract that would allow the Government to pursue the manufacturer over the delays to the project.
 - (12) (a) What avenues does the Government have to pursue the manufacturer over the delays; and (b) to date has the Government initiated any such action.
 - (13) Can yearly totals for the payments made under the contract to date be provided (ie. presumably from the 1996-97 financial year).
 - (14) (a) To date what has been the total amount spent on the project under this contract; and (b) how much is left outstanding on the contract.

- (15) In terms of the service life of the helicopters: (a) what impact will the delays have; and (b) will they be able to remain in service for the same period as initially intended after their delivery.
- (16) At the time the contract for the helicopters was signed what was the total cost of the project.
- (17) (a) Can a copy of the contract signed with Kaman Aerospace International for the service of the helicopters be provided; and (b) when was that contract signed.
- (18) At the time this service contract was signed what was the total cost of servicing the helicopters.
- (19) When did the department first become aware of problems with the project (eg. failure to meet agreed progress points).
- (20) (a) When was the Minister (presumably a previous Minister) first briefed on delays in this project; and (b) how many times have Defence ministers been briefed on problems with this project.
- (21) What action has the current Minister, and/or his predecessors, taken in relation to the delays with this project.
- (22) What is the latest estimate on the delivery of the first helicopter.
- (23) What is the latest estimate of when all 11 helicopters will be operational.
- (24) What is the latest estimate of the cost of this project.

Notice given 8 April 2002

*222 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to travel undertaken to Melbourne between 1 October 2001 and 18 November 2001, by all staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, in each instance can the following details be provided:

- (1) The name of each staff member, and the name of the member or senator for whom that staff member worked.
- (2) The dates for which travel allowance (TA) was claimed, including whether the claim was for consecutive nights.
- (3) The rate of TA paid and the total amount of TA paid to each staff member relating to that period.
- (4) The dates of airline flights taken to and from Melbourne by that staff member during that period.
- (5) Whether the staff member claimed for commercial or non-commercial accommodation, and the name of hotels stayed at by the staff member (if known).
- (6) The cost of any Cabcharge and/or other hire car charges, including Comcar.
- (7) The name and position of the person who certified the TA claim form and/or acquittal submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration.

*223 **Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the 'Six-Month Report on Co-Regulatory Scheme for Internet Content Regulation January to June 2001', released by the Minister on 13 February 2002:

- (1) In relation to the eight complaints that resulted in a finding of prohibited Australian-hosted Internet content during the period January to June 2001:

- (a) how many complaints involved content in Usenet newsgroups; and
(b) how many complaints involved World Wide Web content.
- (2) In relation to the eight takedown notices issued to Australian Internet content hosts covering 37 items of content: (a) how many Internet content hosts were issued with a final takedown notice, and how many Internet content hosts were issued with more than one final takedown notice; (b) for each of the final takedown notices issued concerning prohibited World Wide Web content hosted in Australia, how many items were classified: (i) 'R', (ii) 'X', and (iii) 'RC'; and (c) for each of the final takedown notices issued concerning prohibited Usenet newsgroup content hosted in Australia, how many items were classified (i) 'R', (ii) 'X', and (iii) 'RC'.
- (3) In relation to the 23 items of Australian-hosted Internet content that the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) referred to the relevant state or territory police service: (a) how many items were found on Australian-hosted World Wide Web sites (excluding web-based interfaces to Usenet newsgroups); (b) how many items were found in Usenet newsgroups (including web-based interfaces to Usenet newsgroups); and (c) how many items were found elsewhere (ie. 'other files that can be downloaded from an archive or library').
- (4) In relation to the 153 items of overseas-hosted content investigated by the ABA and referred to filter makers by the ABA: (a) does the ABA receive subsequent information from those filter makers confirming that their filter does or will henceforth block the particular content referred to them by the ABA; and (b) does the ABA or NetAlert conduct regular checks of the relevant filters to ascertain whether content notified by the ABA to the filter makers is blocked by their filtering products.
- (5) In the third 6-month report, does the total of 185 investigations/complaints shown in 'Table 1: Outcome of investigations – January to June 2001 (number of complaints)' include investigations initiated by the ABA itself and/or its staff, for example, following receipt by the ABA of information which could not be formally considered to be a complaint.
- (6) During the 6 months January to June 2001: (a) how many investigations were initiated by the ABA itself and/or its staff as a result of: (i) receipt of complaints or information from overseas complaint hotlines, (ii) receipt of complaints or information from non-Australian residents (other than overseas complaint hotlines), and (iii) receipt of complaints or information from unidentified or anonymous persons; (b) how many complaints were initiated by government agencies (other than the ABA); and (c) how many complaints were initiated by members of Parliament.
- (7) During the 6 months January to June 2001, how many different individuals or organisations initiated the 215 complaints received.
- (8) Of the 215 complaints received, how many of these were received from (a) non-Australian residents; and (b) anonymous complainants.
- (9) What is the total cost, for the 6 months January to June 2001, of the Internet regulatory activities of the ABA and the community activities of NetAlert.
- (10) During the 6 months January to June 2001: (a) how many items of Australian-hosted Internet content were referred to the Office of Film and Literature Classifications (OFLC) and what was the total amount of fees levied by the OFLC for classification of these items; and (b) how many items of overseas-hosted Internet content were referred to the OFLC and

what was the total amount of fees levied by the OFLC for classification of these items.

*224 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the Australian Government's assessment of the break-up of Antarctica's Larsen B ice shelf.
- (2) Is it unprecedented in recorded history.
- (3) What is the cause.
- (4) Will there be any impact, direct or indirect, on Australia from this event or related events; if so: (a) what; and (b) how can this be prevented or offset.

*225 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What significance does the Australian Government attach to the Johannesburg Earth Summit.
- (2) What does the Australian Government regard as the key issues for Australia at the summit.
- (3) Who will be representing Australia at the summit.
- (4) What is Australia's program to prepare for the summit, including key dates, consultation processes and preparatory meetings, both within Australia and in the Asia Pacific region.
- (5) Has Australia appointed a national preparatory committee; if so: (a) who is on it; (b) how and when were they appointed; (c) whom do they represent; and (d) what are their qualifications.
- (6) If no national preparatory committee has been appointed, is there any intention to appoint one; if so when and how; if not, why not.
- (7) Is Australia preparing a national assessment report; if not, why not; if so: (a) who is preparing it; (b) when is it due; and (c) when will public comment be invited.

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *226-*227)—

- (1) Did the Australian Government lobby or attempt to influence the decision by Sri Lanka to restrict the importation of genetically-engineered food; if so: (a) what form did the lobbying or influence take; (b) why was it undertaken; and (c) did the United States Government ask Australia to lobby on this matter.
- (2) What Australian exports to Sri Lanka would have been affected by the proposed ban on genetically-engineered food, including the products, the volume traded and their value.
- (3) (a) What organic products are exported from Australia to Sri Lanka, including the volume traded and the value; and (b) would this trade have been enhanced by the proposed ban on genetically-engineered food.
- (4) Does the Australian Government consider that a country has the right to determine whether it grows or imports genetically-engineered food.

*226 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

*227 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 9 April 2002

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *228-*229)—With reference to native vegetation on the property of Alan Royce Smith, at 1396 Ansons Bay Road, Gladstone, Tasmania:

- (1) How much funding has been provided under Bushcare or any other program for work on this property.
- (2) What was the funding provided for and when.
- (3) (a) Did projects funded by Bushcare on this property meet all the criteria specified for such funding; (b) did they show 'long-term commitment beyond commonwealth funding'; (c) were they strategic; and (d) did they address priority issues and were they consistent with a regional strategy.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that: (a) an application has been made to clear 278 hectares of native vegetation on this property, logging the timber for 'low-grade chip' and converting the area to grazing land; and (b) that the vegetation to be cleared includes Wedge-tailed Eagle nests and habitat for quolls and the dwarf galaxias.
- (5) Is the proposed clearing consistent with Bushcare.
- (6) Is the proposed clearing consistent with Tasmania's commitment under the Regional Forest Agreement to maintain an extensive and permanent native forest estate, and to encourage native vegetation retention and management.
- (7) (a) Has a strategic plan been prepared for the conservation of native vegetation in this region; and (b) is the proposed clearing consistent with it.
- (8) What action will the Minister take to stop broad-scale clearing such as this from continuing to take place in Tasmania.
- (9) What action will the Minister take in response to the findings of the State of the Environment Report that the large-scale clearing of native vegetation remains one of the most significant issues affecting Tasmania's environment, and that the Tasmanian Government's approach remains 'grossly inadequate'.

*228 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

*229 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *230-*231)—With reference to the proposed Meander Dam in Tasmania:

- (1) (a) How much federal funding has been provided, or is proposed, for the Meander Dam; (b) under which programs is it provided; (c) what is its purpose; and (d) what is the breakdown of how it will be spent or has been spent.
- (2) (a) Who authorised the funding; (b) when; and (c) what information was provided to justify the expenditure.
- (3) Is it true that on-farm dams are a cheaper option for irrigation than construction of the dam.
- (4) (a) What analysis supports the economic viability of the dam; and (b) does it involve subsidies to the irrigators; if so, how much.
- (5) Which federal ministers have visited the dam site and when.

*230 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

*231 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

*232 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many primates are used or have been used in scientific and/or medical experimentation in Australia for the years 2000 and 2001.
- (2) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1118, (*Senate Hansard*, 30 August 1999, p. 7996), can the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) provide statistics on the number of primates used in scientific and/or medical experimentation in Australia which received NHMRC grants, including: (a) the name of each facility which uses primates; (b) the total number of primates at each facility; (c) the common name and number of species at each facility; (d) where the primates were sourced from; and (e) the address of each facility.
- (3) How much Commonwealth funding did each of the facilities which use primates in scientific and/or medical experimentation receive in the years 2000 and 2001.

Notice given 10 April 2002

*233 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given the stated opposition by the ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Association of Australia to the recently-released draft of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Clinical Practice Guidelines, will the Government call for the publication, currently planned for May 2002, to be delayed pending a review.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the association regards the guidelines as drafted as a 'backward step', in that they will lead to: (a) further cases of misdiagnosis; (b) inappropriate and inadequate medical care; and (c) the promotion of widespread misconceptions about the illness.
- (3) Does the Government accept the association's argument that the draft guidelines are out of touch with the realities of the illness and potentially harmful to the diverse range of people with ME/CFS; if not, why not.
- (4) Given that the guideline preparation was funded by the Commonwealth, does the Government accept a responsibility to oversee the process; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Government satisfied that the guidelines as drafted are evidence-based.
- (6) Is it the Government's view that the opinions of the peak body representing people affected by ME/CFS should have been taken into account in establishing the guidelines; if not, why not.
- (7) Why is it that the grants awarded by the National Health and Medical Research Council for ME/CFS research were heavily weighted towards psychiatric/psychological aspects rather than treatment and management.

Notice given 12 April 2002

*234 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many people detained in immigration detention centres have formally applied for protection visas.
- (2) What is the longest length of time that people have been detained without having formally applied for protection visas.

- (3) How many Iraqis are in detention in Australia.
- (4) How many Iraqis have been denied their request to rejoin family members in Australia under the family reunion category.
- (5) Is the department employing Sayar Dehsabzi, an Afghan interpreter, as an adviser.
- (6) Is the department aware of any connection between Sayar Dehsabzi and the ISI (Pakistan Secret Service).
- (7) Is the Afghan Community Support Association (ACSA) funded by the ISI.
- (8) How many people from the United Kingdom migrated to Australia under the family reunion category in 2001.
- (9) How many people from Afghanistan migrated to Australia under the family reunion category program in 2001.
- (10) How many people from Iraq migrated to Australia under the family reunion category in 2001.
- (11) How many Iraqi women and children were refused entry to Australia under the family reunion category in 2001.

*235 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Why does the Commonwealth not make provisions in Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) relating to environmental protection binding, in the same way that provisions concerning compensation are binding.
- (2) (a) Is it correct that Australia is currently exporting 6 to 8 million tonnes of unprocessed wood each year, including over 1 million tonnes of sawlogs; and (b) what is the justification for encouraging even more investment in plantations through tax concessions for prepayment, when Australia has such an enormous surplus of wood.
- (3) (a) Is it correct that significant quantities of sawlogs from native forests, as well as from plantations, in Tasmania are being exported as unprocessed whole logs; and (b) what is the justification for logging native forests to export whole logs.
- (4) (a) Is it correct that 422 000 cubic metres of plantation sawlogs were exported from Victoria in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) what is the justification for logging high conservation value native forests when such massive quantities of sawlogs are being exported unprocessed.
- (5) (a) What is the present status of the Western Australian RFA; and (b) does the Government support amendments to extend the reserve system in line with the proposals of the Western Australian Government

*236 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—On 13 March 2002 the Minister informed the Senate that the Commonwealth and Victorian governments had ‘agreed informally’ to extend the timeline for the East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) five-year review until March 2003:

- (1) When was this agreement made.
- (2) When and how was the public informed.
- (3) Does it constitute an amendment to the RFA.
- (4) Why is the amendment not reflected on the department’s RFA web page.
- (5) What is the difference between an informal agreement and a formal agreement to amend the RFA.

- (6) Can an RFA be amended at any time, informally or otherwise, without public notice or consultation.
- (7) Can a complete list be provided of all amendments to RFAs, formal and informal, made since each was signed.

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *237-*238)—On 13 March 2002 the Minister for Forestry and Conservation advised the Senate that amendments to the *Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*, made subsequent to the signing of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (RFA), had been made ‘in conjunction with Environment Australia’:

- (1) What was the nature of the consultation between Environment Australia and the Tasmanian Government.
- (2) Did Environment Australia agree to the amendments.
- (3) Does Environment Australia consider that the amended Threatened Species Protection Act provides adequate protection for species threatened by forestry activities; if so, on what basis; if not, what changes should be made.
- (4) Can copies of correspondence between Environment Australia and the Tasmanian Government, or any of its agencies, relating to the changes to the Act be provided.
- (5) How was the public advised of the proposed change to the RFA, embodied in the amendments to the *Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*.

*237 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

*238 Minister for Forestry and Conservation

*239 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) On what evidence was the Minister relying when he stated to the Senate that, ‘Senator Brown was telling everyone here and anyone who happened to be listening on the radio that the World Heritage listed forests were being logged’.
- (2) With reference to the inclusion in regional forest agreements of binding provisions, is it true that the East Gippsland RFA contains no binding provisions, while the Tasmanian RFA does not contain binding provisions in relation to ecological sustainability.

Notice given 15 April 2002

*240 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the recent call for tenders for a portable sound projection system for the Navy:

- (1) (a) How many tenders were submitted; and (b) which organisations submitted tenders.
- (2) What was the projected budget for the tender.
- (3) Has a decision been made in relation to this tender; if so: (a) which organisation was chosen; and (b) was the tender won on price (ie. all bids met the specifications required).
- (4) Has a contract been signed in relation to this purchase.
- (5) What is the contracted price for the delivery of the units.
- (6) Of the tenders submitted, how many had existing units that could be directly evaluated.

- (7) How are tenders assessed against each other and the specifications when some have existing units and others do not.
- (8) Did the winning tender have an existing unit to demonstrate its capability against the specifications required; if not, when will the winning tender have a unit available to test against the required specifications.

*241 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In the 2001-02 Budget the Government committed to providing an additional \$6 million a year over 4 financial years to enhance cadets:

- (1) Can a detailed breakdown be provided for this expenditure for the 2001-02 financial year, indicating the various initiatives funded.
- (2) To date, how much of this \$6 million has been spent.
- (3) If it will not all be spent by the end of the year: (a) how much will remain unspent; and (b) what is the explanation for the underspend.
- (4) How much of the \$6 million will be spent on administrative functions.
- (5) Can a breakdown for the expenditure of the remaining \$24 million for cadets also be provided.

*242 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to HMAS *Waterhaven*:

- (1) Can the department confirm that land adjacent to the base was purchased for the purpose of building accommodation for personnel working in the base.
- (2) How much land was purchased.
- (3) What is the land currently being used for.
- (4) Are there still plans to build accommodation on this land; if so, when will this work begin.
- (5) If there are no longer plans to build accommodation on this land: (a) what will it be used for; and (b) is there any intention to dispose of the land.

*243 **Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What is the quantity of fireworks imported into Australia annually (please give quantities and estimated values for the past five years).
- (2) To which ports, and in what amounts per port, are fireworks imported.
- (3) What legal requirements must an importer of fireworks satisfy before importing fireworks into Australia.
- (4) Are explosives imported to Australia; if so: (a) in what quantities annually over the past five years; and (b) for what purpose.
- (5) (a) What is the definition of fireworks that the Australian Customs Service (ACS) use; and (b) how is that definition formulated.
- (6) Does ACS differentiate between fireworks and explosives; if so, how.
- (7) (a) Is ACS aware of the end location of fireworks and/or explosives imported into Australia; and (b) if this information is available, what quantities are imported into each state and territory annually (please provide figures for the past five years).

*244 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the Holiday Rebate Scheme:

- (1) Has the department done any analysis of the impact of the scheme in respect of individual tourism regions; if so, what information was derived on the impact of the scheme on tourism within the Northern Territory.
- (2) Has the department done any analysis of the uptake of the scheme on a state by state basis; if so, what were the findings in respect of the Northern Territory.
- (3) How many Northern Territorians applied for and received the rebate.
- (4) How many of the 29 272 rebates issued were in respect of holidays to be taken in the Northern Territory.
- (5) How was the scheme publicised for the general public (please provide details of print, radio and television advertising for each state and territory and the number of times the advertisements were run).
- (6) How was the scheme advertised to operators in the tourism industry (please provide details of how individual operators were given information about the scheme and what mechanisms were established to deal with inquiries about the scheme).

*245 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the revenue impact of the forestry prepayments under Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002:

- (1) Is it correct, as stated in the explanatory memorandum to the bill, that 'industry and independent estimates place the presence or absence of the prepayment rule at 50 000 to 60 000 hectares per annum'.
- (2) Is it correct, as stated in the explanatory memorandum to the bill, that the 'cost to revenue resulting from the prepayment measure is estimated to be \$25 million in 2002-2003, \$5 million in 2003-2004, nil in 2004-2005 and \$25 million in 2005-2006 and each year thereafter'.
- (3) In assessing the cost to revenue of the measure what did the Minister assume to be the tax deductible costs over the life of the plantation.
- (4) Using the figures in parts (1), (2) and (3), what is the cost of the measure in each of the next five years assuming: (a) a marginal tax rate of 37 per cent; and (b) a marginal tax rate of 50 per cent.
- (5) With reference to the response provided to questions raised by Senator Murphy by Julia Neville from the Minister's office, dated 21 March 2002: (a) what is included in the 'entire amount of investment in the forestry industry' (estimated at \$560 to \$700 million per annum); and (b) why does it differ from the 'actual investment in forestry plantations in 2000-01' (stated to be \$200 million).
- (6) Can the analysis be provided of marginal tax rates of taxpayers likely to invest in schemes which supports the assertion that a marginal tax rate of 37 per cent is appropriate for these calculations.
- (7) Does the Minister agree that the following costs are representative for the purposes of estimating the cost of the measure – establishment cost \$5 069 per hectare, total cost over 11 years \$9 286 per hectare (Lonsdale Securities Ltd, mean costs for nine eucalypt pulpwood prospectus projects).

Notice given 16 April 2002

*246 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to the past major electorate office computer upgrade, when primary work stations were introduced to all offices, and the information provided to electorate officers that their individual C:drives were completely private, could be used to store sensitive information separate from the network and must therefore be backed up separately:

- (1) Why is it that CSC (Cluster 3) consultants are able to access electorate officers' C:drives having been given administrator rights to the system.
- (2) Do all CSC employees have administrator rights, and are therefore able to access all electorate staff C:drives.
- (3) On what grounds can CSC employees access C:drives.
- (4) Do any other groups or individuals have administrator rights to electorate officers' C:drives.
- (5) Can a Minister or someone from Ministerial and Parliamentary Services access electorate officers' C:drives.
- (6) How long has CSC, or any other group, been able to access electorate officers' C:drives.
- (7) What legislation or guidelines exist to guarantee that sensitive material that may be held within electorate officers' computers, particularly C:drives, remain private and confidential.
- (8) Can the Minister explain why electorate officers were told their C:drives were secure and independent and should be used to store sensitive information, when in fact they can be accessed by external groups.
- (9) Is the Minister aware that the security section of the properties of C:drives in electorate offices (with the exception of laptops) shows administrator access to everything on the C:drive.
- (10) Given that it would seem, from the security settings, that any changes made by electorate officers to the settings can be over-ridden by an administrator, hence not allowing the drive or any folder contained within to be private, can the Minister advise: (a) why electorate officers have not been given the authority to make their C:drives private; and (b) why electorate officers were not advised their C:drives are not private.
- (11) Is the Minister willing to guarantee the security of any files on C:drives in electorate offices.

Notice given 18 April 2002

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *247-*273)—

- (1) What programs and/or grants administered by the department provide assistance to people living in the federal electorate of Kennedy.
- (2) What was the level of funding provided through these programs and/or grants for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years.
- (3) Where specific projects were funded: (a) what was the location of each project; (b) what was the nature of each project; and (c) what was the level of funding for each project.

*247 Minister representing the Prime Minister

*248 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

- *250 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- *251 Minister for Defence
- *252 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- *253 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- *254 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- *255 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- *256 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- *257 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- *258 Minister for Family and Community Services
- *259 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- *260 Minister for Health and Ageing
- *261 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- *262 Minister for Justice and Customs
- *263 Minister for Forestry and Conservation
- *264 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- *265 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- *266 Minister representing the Minister for Science
- *267 Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
- *268 Minister representing the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- *269 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Services
- *270 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- *271 Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- *272 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- *273 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Notice given 19 April 2002

Senator Ludwig: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *274-*275)—

- (1) How many Part X bankruptcy arrangements, under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, have been lodged and/or finalised during the 2001-02 financial year.
- (2) How much tax revenue has been forgone by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) through part payments resulting from Part X agreements, under the Act, during the 2001-02 financial year.
- (3) Are there any current investigations, by the ATO or the Attorney-General's Department, into suspect Part X agreements; if so: (a) what is the nature and status of those investigations; and (b) are there any court proceedings pending.
- (4) Are there any proposed legislative changes to address possible abuses of Part X agreements under the Act.
- (5) How many complaints have been lodged with the ATO or the Attorney-General's Department in respect of possible Part X abuses under the Act.

- *274 Minister representing the Treasurer
- *275 Minister representing the Attorney-General

Notice given 22 April 2002

***276 Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When is the last of the Anzac frigates due to be commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).
- (2) Can the department indicate what ships and submarines will be commissioned in the RAN at that time.
- (3) Can the department indicate the crew size for each of those ships and submarines.
- (4) Can the department indicate the total number of personnel that will be required across the RAN to crew those commissioned ships and submarines at that time.
- (5) Can the department indicate the total number of on-shore Australian Defence Organisation personnel that will be required to service and support those ships and submarines at that time.
- (6) Can the department indicate the total number of personnel required across the RAN to crew all commissioned ships and submarines for each of the past 5 years.
- (7) Can the department indicate the shortage of personnel, if any, currently across the RAN in relation to ship and submarine crew (indicate the types of skills and professions where shortages exist).

***277 Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Office of Film and Literature Classification (OFLC) compile statistics on the number of films that are available to the public that are not classified (if so, please provide an answer for each classification).
- (2) Can the OFLC estimate how many films and videos are unclassified.
- (3) Of those that are not classified, how many does the OFLC estimate would fall into the R and X category.
- (4) Is the OFLC of the opinion that the majority of films and videos which would be classified R, X or RC and are available to the Australian public are classified.
- (5) With reference to part (4), what percentage of films and videos does the OFLC believe are actually classified against the percentage available to the Australian public (regardless of various state and territory prohibitions on the sale and production of X-rated videos).
- (6) Is the OFLC aware of producers outside the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory who manufacture and distribute videos that would or could be classified as R, X or RC.
- (7) How many films are screened in commercial and art house cinemas to the public every year (please provide a breakdown of figures on a state and territory basis for the past 5 years).
- (8) How many people have watched films in commercial or art house cinemas over the past 5 years.
- (9) Of those films screened in commercial and art house cinemas, how many have had the disclaimer 'this film is yet to be classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification', before the movie.
- (10) Is it lawful to screen or sell films that have not been classified; if so, on what basis.

Notice given 24 April 2002

*278 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the death of Eleanore Tibble in November 2000, and the Stunden report of 3 May 2001:

- (1) What actions have been taken to implement the recommendations of the report.
- (2) What procedures exist to ensure that a cadet is: (a) not able to be judged guilty on what they deny without fair process; (b) provided with a right of appeal; (c) ensured natural justice; (d) not treated less favourably by virtue of their age than an adult enlisted member; and (e) protected from victimisation.
- (3) What changes have been made to policy and procedures to ensure that procedural practice is determined by policy.

*279 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Air 87 project:

- (1) Can a detailed chronology on the tender process be provided, showing the dates at which each stage started and was then completed, from the release of the tender through to the signing of the contract.
- (2) Does this contract have any damages or penalty clause in relation to delays on the delivery of the helicopter; if so, what damages or penalties could be pursued.
- (3) (a) In terms of the tender process was the delivery date for the helicopter one of the critical requirements for the project; and (b) what delivery dates were specified in the tender documents.
- (4) What delivery dates are specified in the contract.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the installation of the Hellfire missile onto the Aussie Tiger will require modifications.
- (6) Are these modifications expected to lead to any delays in the delivery date of the helicopter; if so, what is the revised delivery date for the Aussie Tiger.
- (7) What modifications will be required to allow the Hellfire missile to be used on the Aussie Tiger.
- (8) Have those modifications been designed, tested and approved; if not, what is the timetable for the completion of these modifications.
- (9) In terms of the Aussie Tiger bid, what Australian involvement in the project was specified.
- (10) (a) Has the contract for the service of the Aussie Tiger been signed; (b) who won that contract; and (c) does the contract specifically require that it is dependent on the availability of the aircraft, unlike the service contract for the Seasprite helicopter.

*280 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the ground-based air defence weapon systems (GBADWSs):

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) uses the Rapier weapon system as the main GBADWS.
- (2) When did that system enter service.
- (3) What is the proposed end of life for this system.
- (4) Currently how much does it cost to purchase each of the missiles for this system.

- (5) (a) How many missiles are fired from this system each year for training purposes; and (b) does this level of use ensure required skills, as specified by the ADF, are maintained for all units required to use this system.
- (6) (a) Was this system deployed as part of the security arrangements for the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting; and (b) why were F-18s used to provide air defence for the site, given the existence of the GBADWS.
- (7) With reference to the JP 117 system, what is the expected in-service delivery date.
- (8) Is there a gap between the end of life for the current GBADWS and the next system; if so, why.
- (9) (a) In the period between the end of life for the Rapier system and the delivery of the JP 117 system, what GBADWS will be used in the ADF; (b) what is the capability of this interim system; (c) will it provide the necessary ground-based air defence for ADF units; and (d) will the interim system provide the equivalent capability of the current Rapier system.

Notice given 26 April 2002

*281 **Senator Hogg:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to contracts let by Defence for labour hire:

- (1) What contracts have existed since July 1996 in the Townsville area for the Army and for the Air Force, held by: (a) local labour hire firms; and (b) firms from outside the Townsville area.
- (2) Were there multiple contracts held by any contractor; if so, what are the summary details of those contracts.
- (3) (a) What contracts that were in existence post-July 1996 have been renewed; (b) when were they renewed; (c) were they renewed as a result of a further tendering process; and (d) if a contract was not renewed why was it not renewed.
- (4) (a) What, if any, contracts were renewed or extended without a further tendering process; and (b) what assessment/approval process was applied.
- (5) (a) What, if any, contracts were extended; (b) what was the period of extension in each case; and (c) what assessment/approval process was applied.
- (6) (a) What, if any, contracts were not renewed or extended; (b) why were they not renewed or extended; (c) who or what contractor was given the work where a contract was not renewed or extended; and (d) what process was applied to transfer the work to a new contractor.
- (7) Have any contracts that previously existed been transferred to companies outside of Townsville without a tender process; if so: (a) what are the summary details of those contracts; and (b) what process was used to re-assign the contracts.
- (8) Who, and at what level within Defence or the relevant service, had the authority to approve the letting of the contracts and/or the renewal or extension of the contracts.
- (9) (a) What commitments or undertakings, oral or written, have been made, by the department, individual services, or the Minister or any of his predecessors, to retain work in the Townsville area by contracting to a Townsville tenderer; and (b) if there are any written undertakings, can copies be supplied.

- (10) (a) What are the terms of insurance requirements, including public liability, under any of these tenders and/or contracts; (b) has this changed from tender to tender; if so, how have the requirements changed; and (c) is there any flexibility in the request for tender for the terms and conditions of insurance requirements; if so, are tenderers made aware of this.
- (11) At whose direction does the contract labour operate: the immediate Defence personnel supervisor or the contractor's personnel.
- (12) Have the direction and supervision arrangements for labour hire changed since July 1996; if so, in what way.

*282 **Senator Hogg:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the amphibious watercraft project:

- (1) How many tenderers were there.
- (2) Who were the tenderers.
- (3) Was the proposed platform to interface between the LPAs and the bow of the amphibious watercraft a factor in the selection of the preferred tenderer for this project.
- (4) Had the stability of the platform in the successful tender been proven before selection of the preferred tenderer was made; if not: (a) why was the platform not tested prior to the selection; (b) whose decision was it not to test the platform prior to the selection of the tender; and (c) on what basis was that decision made.
- (5) (a) If the platform was taken out of the successful tender, would the throughput rate be the same as per the successful tender document or would the throughput rate be more comparable to that of the other tenders; and (b) would some vehicles have to be taken by crane over the side of the LPA under this contention.
- (6) What is the value (in dollar terms or in a Defence ranking scheme if one exists) of the through-life cost referred to in the successful tender over the through-life costs of other tenders.
- (7) Have the tests on the stability of the platform been completed; if not, why not and when will they be completed.
- (8) If the trial has been completed what did the results show.
- (9) Has this led to any modification of the contract; if so, what is the modification.
- (10) If the basis on which the tenders were decided has changed, will the tenders be recalled.

*283 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Sepon Mining project which is under consideration by the Export Finance Insurance Corporation (EFIC):

- (1) Is it correct that EFIC has designated this project 'category A', meaning that it is likely to have significant adverse impacts that may be irreversible.
- (2) (a) Who is the proponent for the project; and (b) what is the relationship between Oxiana and the International Finance Corporation.
- (3) (a) Is the project being assessed according to guidelines used by the World Bank; and (b) how do these relate to Australian environmental assessment standards.
- (4) Will EFIC release a draft assessment of the proposal and provide for public comment on the draft assessment.

*284 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the projected expansion of logging in Papua New Guinea (PNG), reported in the *Age* of 13 April 2002:

- (1) Is it correct that 5 million hectares of rainforest is to be opened for logging following the lifting of a moratorium on forestry licences.
- (2) (a) Is it correct that Australia has pressured the World Bank into dropping demands for forestry reforms before issuing loans to PNG; and (b) can copies of correspondence between the Australian Government and the PNG Government and between the Australian Government and the World Bank relating to this issue be provided.
- (3) (a) Is it correct that Australia is co-sponsoring a forthcoming PNG forestry trade fair; (b) what form is the sponsorship taking; and (c) what is the cost.
- (4) What steps has the Australian Government taken to ascertain the views of local landowners who may be affected by the logging.
- (5) (a) What specific actions is the Australian Government taking to assist PNG to ensure that any logging that takes place has the informed agreement of local landowners and is carried out sustainably; and (b) what funding or resources have been provided in the past 5 years for this purpose.

*285 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 19 of the 2001-02 Defence portfolio budget statement, which includes funding for the implementation of the White Paper for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05:

- (1) Are those figures still current; if not, what are the current estimates of the funding that will be provided to implement the White Paper for those four financial years.
- (2) Can a detailed breakdown be provided for this funding for the current financial year, i.e. for the \$507 million allocated to the White Paper, indicating specifically what projects have been funded and the amount funded.
- (3) Can a similar detailed breakdown be provided for the White Paper funding for: (a) the 2002-03 financial year; (b) the 2003-04 financial year; and (c) the 2004-05 financial year.
- (4) (a) Were the capital projects funded under the White Paper already funded in the 2000-01 budget out years; and (b) was this funding reallocated; if so, to what was it reallocated.

*286 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the following statement, 'The Government has reorganised the net additional cost of current operations. Notwithstanding this, there are likely to be some impacts on Defence capability in the near and medium term due to the need to reschedule some planned maintenance and upgrade programs.' (*Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2001-02: Defence Portfolio*, page 4):

- (1) What programs have been affected by the rescheduling indicated in the above paragraph.
- (2) Can a description of each of the programs be provided, including the platform involved and relevant project under the Defence Capability Plan.
- (3) For each affected program: (a) what savings will be generated by the rescheduling; (b) exactly what delays are now planned; (c) what was the original timetable for the program; and (d) what impact will the delays have on future capability.

- *287 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 25 of the Defence portfolio additional estimates statements 2001-02, which lists a number of cancelled exercises: in relation to each of these exercises separately, can the following information be provided: (a) what the total cost of the exercise would have been, including embedded costs, eg. salaries; (b) what the total additional cost of the exercise would have been, excluding embedded costs that would have accrued without the exercise, eg. allowances that are paid while on exercise, higher fuel usage; (c) a breakdown of the additional costs associated with the exercise, eg. allowances, fuel, ammunition, equipment replacement, maintenance; and (d) how many personnel would have participated in the exercise, its duration and a description of the activities the personnel would have been performing.
- *288 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to pages 26 to 29 of the Defence portfolio additional estimates statements 2001-02, which lists exercises that will occur during the 2001-02 financial year: in relation to each of these exercises separately, can the following information be provided: (a) the total budget for the exercise (please confirm that this is an additional cost, i.e. does not include ongoing costs that would have accrued without the exercise); (b) if the exercise has been completed, the actual cost of the exercise (if this varies from the budget for the exercise explain the reason for the discrepancy); (c) if the budget for the exercise has been revised, the revised budget and the reason for the change; (d) a breakdown of the budget for the exercise, eg. allowances, fuel, ammunition, equipment replacement, maintenance; and (e) how many personnel will be involved in the exercise, its duration and a description of the activities the personnel will be performing.

Notice given 29 April 2002

- *289 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the current debt of: (a) the private sector; and (b) the public sector.
 - (2) Are either of these of concern.
 - (3) In each case, what is the Government doing, if anything, to reduce or regulate this level of indebtedness.
- *290 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the Papua New Guinea Forest Industries Association (PNGFIA) Forest Investment Seminar held in Port Moresby in March 2002:
- (1) Did Austrade contribute any funds to the sponsorship of the seminar or the trade fair held in conjunction with it; if so, how much.
 - (2) What was the purpose of Austrade's involvement with the seminar and/or the trade fair.
 - (3) What expectations are there of the trade benefits from the involvement of Austrade in the seminar and/or trade fair.
 - (4) Has an Austrade officer been involved on the steering committee for the seminar and/or trade fair; if so, how many meetings did he or she participate in.
 - (5) What is the total estimated cost of Austrade's involvement in the seminar, including the cost of staff time, direct sponsorship costs and any other costs.
 - (6) Was Austrade's participation in the seminar and/or trade fair at the invitation of the PNGFIA; if so, why was the invitation accepted.

- (7) Does Austrade expect to be involved in future PNGFIA annual seminars; if so, why.
- (8) Is Austrade involved in any other projects in conjunction with the PNGFIA.

Notice given 30 April 2002

*291 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is it true that two 17-year old male minors in detention at the Perth Detention Centre were taken from the detention centre to the Federal Court on three separate occasions in handcuffs and escorted by at least three guards, but with no guardian present.
- (2) Can the Minister explain why such treatment of minors is necessary.

Notice given 2 May 2002

*292 **Senator Hogg:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to *Australia Cycling - The National Strategy 1999-2004*:

- (1) What funding has been provided in support of the strategy by the Commonwealth Government for each year since the strategy was adopted to: (a) its own programs; and (b) state and/or local governments.
- (2) Is there a line item in the departmental portfolio budget statements that outlines the funding for the strategy.
- (3) What are the details for each funded program, including the name of the program, amount of funds provided and when.
- (4) What has been reported against the objectives detailed in the strategy.
- (5) When and where has this been reported.
- (6) Does the Australian Bicycle Council oversee and coordinate implementation of the strategy and function as the Austroads Bicycle Reference Group; if so: (a) how often has it met to review the strategy; (b) are the outcomes of its work reported; if so, to whom and are those reports available; and (c) what funding does it receive to carry out its work.
- (7) When did the Minister last review the progress of the council.
- (8) When the strategy was announced, were there any out-year funding commitments; if so, what were those commitments.
- (9) Has any consideration been given by the Government to a replacement for and/or extension of the strategy beyond 2004.

Notice given 6 May 2002

*293 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—With reference to the construction of the Christmas Island Detention Centre:

- (1) What consultation did the Government conduct with the community of Christmas Island before the Cabinet decision to build the detention centre; if none, in conveying the decision to construct a new detention centre to the community of Christmas Island, what promises did the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government make in relation to new mining leases approval.

- (2) What are the conditions of the agreement between Phosphate Resources Ltd and the Commonwealth with regard to the use of mining lease 138 for the detention centre.
- (3) Which minister or department negotiated the agreement for the Commonwealth.
- (4) Did the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government indicate to the community or the company that the need for an environmental impact assessment of the detention centre would be overcome.
- (5) Did any discussion take place between the Government and Phosphate Resources Ltd to the effect that the new mining leases currently being sought would be approved if lease 138 could be utilised for a detention centre.

*294 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—With reference to the construction of the Christmas Island Detention Centre:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the detention centre will be constructed to house a minimum of 1200 people.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that approximately 175 houses will be constructed for detention centre staff.
- (3) Are the workforce and the materials for the construction of the centre and related housing being accessed from places other than Christmas Island.
- (4) How many of the construction workforce are local people.
- (5) How many jobs in the centre will be available to local people.
- (6) What is the estimated cost of the construction of the centre and its operating cost once opened.

*295 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—With reference to the construction of the Christmas Island Detention Centre:

- (1) (a) Is a new port or unloading facility being constructed on the east coast of the island; (b) why; and (c) at what cost.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth pay for the upgrade of the existing port; if so, at what cost.
- (3) Has the existing port been privatised; if so: (a) why; (b) to whom was it sold; and (c) at what price.

*296 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the approval and construction of the detention centre on Christmas Island:

- (1) What impact will the total detention centre developments being built on Christmas Island, including the new port and road upgrades, have on the environment.
- (2) Why has no environmental impact assessment been done.
- (3) Who authorised the developments to proceed without an environmental impact statement; and (b) when and why.

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *297-*298)—With reference to Australian citizen David Hicks, currently a prisoner of the United States (US):

- (1) Have Mr Hicks' rights, including his legal rights, been upheld while in US custody in the same way they would have been upheld in Australia; if not, in what way has the US custody abrogated the equivalent Australian rights or expectations.
- (2) What representations has the Minister made to the US Government about Mr Hicks' rights and when (please specify).

*297 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

*298 Minister representing the Attorney-General

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Address-in-reply

1 Address-in-reply

That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General's opening speech has been adopted.

(Agreed to 13 February 2002.)

Committees

2 Allocation of departments

Departments and agencies are allocated to the legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Family and Community Services

Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury

Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment and Workplace Relations

Education, Science and Training

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Heritage

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Finance and Administration

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)
Legal and Constitutional
 Attorney-General
 Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
 Transport and Regional Services
 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(1 May 1996, amended 2 September 1997, 21 October 1997, 11 November 1998, 8 February 2001 and 13 February 2002.)

3 Estimates hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for the year 2002 be scheduled as follows:

2001-02 additional estimates:

Monday, 18 February and Tuesday, 19 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group A*)
 Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group B*)

2002-03 budget estimates:

Monday, 27 May to Thursday, 30 May and, if required, Friday, 31 May (*Group A*)
 Monday, 3 June to Thursday, 6 June and, if required, Friday, 7 June (*Group B*)
 Wednesday, 20 November, and, if required, Friday, 22 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
 Thursday, 21 November and, if required, Friday, 22 November (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to by the Senate.
 (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
 Finance and Public Administration
 Legal and Constitutional
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs
 Economics
 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
 Wednesday, 13 March 2002 in respect of the 2001-02 additional estimates, and
 Wednesday, 19 June 2002 in respect of the 2002-03 budget estimates.

(Agreed to 13 February 2002.)

4 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

Meeting of Senate

5 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2002 be as follows:

Summer sittings:

Tuesday, 12 February to Thursday, 14 February

Autumn sittings:

Monday, 11 March to Thursday, 14 March

Tuesday, 19 March to Thursday, 21 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 14 May to Thursday, 16 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 17 June to Thursday, 20 June

Monday, 24 June to Thursday, 27 June

Spring sittings:

Monday, 19 August to Thursday, 22 August

Monday, 26 August to Thursday, 29 August

Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September

Monday, 23 September to Thursday, 26 September

Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October

Monday, 21 October to Thursday, 24 October

Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November

Monday, 18 November to Tuesday, 19 November

Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December

Monday, 9 December to Thursday, 12 December.

(Agreed to 13 February 2002.)

Orders for production of documents

6 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Australian grocery retailers—Order for production of documents

(1) That there be laid on the table, as soon as practicable after 30 June 2001, a report by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the prices paid to suppliers by Australian grocery retailers for the goods that they re-sell, and whether retailers and wholesalers of a similar scale, as customers of suppliers, are offered goods on like terms and conditions, and including:

(a) an assessment, based on a sampling of key suppliers and major retailers of:

(i) the extent of any price differences,

(ii) the impact of any such price differences on competition in the relevant markets, and

- (iii) whether there is public benefit in the existence of price differences;
 - (b) subject to paragraph (2)(b), identification of any conduct found by the commission in the course of preparing the report that is likely to be in breach of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, together with an account of action taken or proposed to be taken by the commission in respect of such conduct; and
 - (c) an outline of the circumstances in which, in the commission's view, differences in prices paid to suppliers by the various industry participants would amount to a breach of the anti-competitive conduct provisions of the Act.
- (2) That, in carrying out the requirements of paragraph (1), the commission:
- (a) is to take 'prices' to include all aspects of the terms and conditions of dealings between retailers or wholesalers and their suppliers, including the total funding support given by suppliers to the major retailers and wholesalers; and
 - (b) may withhold genuinely commercially sensitive information from the report provided that the withholding of such information does not prevent the commission from giving the Senate a clear account of the matters mentioned in paragraph (1).

(Agreed to 8 February 2001.)

7 Health—Nuclear testing—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill), no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 20 March 2002, the following documents:

R225.040	Health Physics - Tolerances Ingested and Inhaled Materials
R225.041	Health Physics - External Radiations
R216.010	Chemical Warfare Testing Sites - Report by Joint Aus/US Survey Team
R217.025	Effect on Personnel of Atomic Testing at Maralinga
R100.018	DCMO Brisbane and Amberley
R208.010	Certificates for wounds and hurts
R065.015	Likelihood of Clandestine Introduction of Nuclear Weapons into Australia
R065.046	UK Testing at Woomera of Missiles with Nuclear Warheads
R210.004	Radiation Dose Records
R010.002	Comparison of UK Personnel Listings Against Exposure Records in Australia
R228.022	Safety Procedures and Health Effects - Investigations
R009.011	Weapons Atomic Test Program Investigation of Safety and Health Effect.

(Agreed to 20 March 2002.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister

Senate Chamber

8 Dress code—Media representatives and advisers

That the Senate does not require media representatives in the Senate gallery, or senators' advisers, to wear coats.

(Agreed to 20 March 2002.)

***9 Chamber photographs**

That photographs of any senator may be taken by the media in the chamber whenever that senator has the call.

(Agreed to 21 March 2002.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

- 1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

- 2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any other matter.

Government documents

- 4 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine

Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)

Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)

Senator Brown

Senator Harradine

Senator Harris

- 5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine

Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Statements

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Questions without notice

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.



TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Bartlett, Calvert, Chapman, Cook, Crowley, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hogg, Knowles, Lightfoot, McKiernan, McLucas and Watson

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National Crime Authority
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund
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N.B. Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

COMMITTEES

A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee

(appointed 13 February 2002; terms of appointment varied 13 March 2002; reporting date: 16 May 2002)

Members

Senator Cook (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Collins, Faulkner, Ferguson, Mason and Murphy

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Boswell, Bourne, Heffernan, Ian Macdonald, Ray and Schacht

ASIO, ASIS and DSD —Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Calvert, Sandy Macdonald and Ray and Mr Beazley, Mr McArthur and Mr McLeay

Report presented

* Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

The President, the Speaker and Senators Knowles and West and Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Ms JS McFarlane and Mr Price

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Knowles (*Chair*), Senator Allison (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Denman, Herron and Tchen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Crowley, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Gibbs, Harradine, Lightfoot, McGauran, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Tierney and Watson

Senators Lees for matters relating to the Health portfolio

Senator Cherry for matters relating to the Family and Community Services portfolio

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Crowley (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lees, Gibbs, McLucas and Tchen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Tierney, Watson and West

Senator Cherry for matters relating to the Family and Community Services portfolio

Current inquiry

Nursing (*referred 5 April 2001; readopted 14 February 2002; reporting date: 27 June 2002*)

Report presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

(formerly the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities*; name amended 11 March 2002 pursuant to Schedule 1, item 5 of the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*)

Members

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Mr Griffin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Conroy, Cooney and Murray and Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Hunt and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

- * Regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001* (adopted 20 March 2002)
 - * Review of the *Managed Investments Act 1998* (adopted 20 March 2002)
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Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Collins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Murray, Schacht and Watson

Substitute member

Senator Allison to substitute for Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Ridgeway, Sherry, Tchen and Tierney

Reports presented

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2001 (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 December 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 19 March 2002*)

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 and Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

- * Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
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Economics References Committee

Members

Senator Collins (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bolkus, Chapman, Cook and Ridgeway

Substitute member

Senator Allison to substitute for Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiry

Public liability and professional indemnity insurance (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 27 August 2002*)

Reports presented

Inquiry into mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection (*presented to the President on 11 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Inquiry into the framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges
(presented to the President on 11 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7);
tabled 12 February 2002)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 14 February 2002)

Members

Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Ferris, Mason,
Murray and Ray and Mr Forrest, Mrs Ley and Mr Melham

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

(formerly the *Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education
Legislation Committee*; name amended 11 March 2002—see standing order 25)

Portfolios

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members

Senator Tierney (*Chair*), Senator George Campbell (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett,
Carr, Ferris and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Senator Murray to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the
Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Lees to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the
Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the
Employment portfolio

Senator Allison to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the
Schools portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Crane, Crossin,
Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Forshaw, Gibbs, Harradine, Hutchins,
Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Sherry and Watson

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002
(referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002
(referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union
Fees) Bill 2002 (referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected
Action) Bill 2002 (referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 (referred 20 March
2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002)

Reports presented

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

(formerly the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee; name amended 11 March 2002—see standing order 25)

Members

Senator George Campbell (*Chair*), Senator Tierney (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Carr, Crossin and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Senator Murray to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Lees to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

Senator Allison to substitute for Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools portfolio

Senator Conroy to substitute for Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into small business employment

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, Calvert, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Crane, Crowley, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Sherry and Watson

Current inquiries

Education of students with disabilities (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: the last sitting day in October 2002*)

Small business employment (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 19 November 2002*)

Reports presented

Education of gifted and talented children (*presented to the President on 2 October 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public university to meet Australia's higher education needs—Addendum (*presented to the President on 8 November 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Mackay (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Calvert, Lundy and Tchen

Substitute members

Senator Greig to substitute for Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Bourne to substitute for Senator Bartlett for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, McLucas, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Tierney and Watson

Senators Allison and Bourne for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Current inquiry

* Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 (*referred 21 March 2002; reporting date: 3 June 2002*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

* Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Allison (*Chair*), Senator Tchen (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lundy, Mackay, McLucas and Tierney

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Buckland, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, Lees, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Environment portfolio

Senators Greig and Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Current inquiry

Urban water management (*referred 5 April 2001; readopted 14 February 2002; reporting date: 27 June 2002*)

Report presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration

Members

Senator Mason (*Chair*), Senator Murray (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Forshaw and Lightfoot

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, McGauran, Mackay, Murphy, Payne, Ridgeway, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiries

- * Portfolio Budget Statements (*referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998 and 21 March 2002*)
- * Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] and the provisions of the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000 (*referred 29 November and 5 December 2000; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 27 June 2002*)
- * Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002] (*referred 8 August 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 27 June 2002*)

Reports presented

- Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)
- * Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
- * Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee*Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lightfoot, Lundy, Ridgeway and Schacht

Substitute member

Senator Allison to substitute for Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Tchen and Tierney

Senator Allison for matters relating to public service issues

Current inquiries

- * Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (*referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998 and 21 March 2002*)
- * First year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (*ordered 20 June 2001; amended 27 September 2001*)
- * Recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service (*referred 21 March 2002; reporting date: 12 December 2002*)

Report presented

- * Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee*(appointed 14 February 2002)**Members*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Brereton (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Calvert, Chapman, Cook, Evans, Gibbs, Harradine, Hutchins, Sandy Macdonald, Payne and Schacht and Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Bevis, Mr Edwards, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Dr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay and Mr CP Thompson

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Members

Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Chair*), Senator Hogg (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Evans, Ferguson and Payne

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Hutchins, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, McKiernan, Murphy, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Reports presented

- * Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
 - * Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee*Members*

Senator Hogg (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Hutchins, Lightfoot and West

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, McKiernan, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiries

Materiel acquisition and management in Defence (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002*)

Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002*)

Report presented

Recruitment and retention of ADF personnel (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Chapman, on 4 October 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

House—Standing Committee*Members*

The Deputy President (*Chair*), Senators Calvert, Carr, Colbeck, Collins, Gibbs and Knowles

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator McKiernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cooney, Greig, Mason and Scullion

Substitute member

Senator Lees to substitute for Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, McGauran, Murphy, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio

Current inquiries

Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission (*referred 1 December 1998 on adoption of the 73rd report of the Committee of Privileges; readopted 11 March 2002; reporting date: 30 June 2002*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002 (*referred 20 March 2002*)

Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002 (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*)

Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*)

Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 15 May 2002*)

- * Provisions of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 (*referred 21 March 2002*)

Reports presented

Matter not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 11 March 2002*)

- * Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
- * Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
- * Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Chapman, on 10 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- * Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 26 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- * Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 26 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

- * 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 and Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- * Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- * 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 and Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Knowles, on 8 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

Senator McKiernan (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cooney, Greig, Ludwig and Scullion

Substitute members

Senator Lees to substitute for Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Senator Murray to substitute for Senator Greig for the committee's inquiry into sections 46 and 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*

Senator Lundy to substitute for Senator McKiernan for the committee's inquiry into outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Brandis, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio

Current inquiries

Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology (*referred 26 June 2001; readopted 11 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*)

Sections 46 and 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (*referred 8 August 2001; readopted 11 March 2002; reporting date: 14 May 2002*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 11 March 2002*)

Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000 (*tabled 12 March 2002*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), Senators Boswell, Crowley, Mackay, Scullion, Sherry and Tierney

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Ms Gambaro (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McKiernan and Tierney and Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mrs Irwin, Mr Ripoll and Mr Schultz

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), The Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, Senators Colbeck, Greig and Lundy and Ms Ellis, Mr Johnson, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon and Mr CP Thompson

National Crime Authority—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Sercombe (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Denman, Ferris, Greig, Hutchins and McGauran and, Mr Dutton, Mr Kerr, and Mr CP Thompson

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Senator McLucas (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin, Lees and Mason and Mr Cobb, Dr Lawrence, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker and Mr Snowdon

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Ray (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Eggleston, Evans, McGauran, Payne and Sherry

Current inquiries

(a) Whether any person or body purported to direct Senator Tambling as to how he should exercise a vote in the Senate; (b) whether a penalty was imposed on Senator Tambling in consequence of his vote in the Senate; and (c) whether contempts of the Senate were committed in that regard (*referred 7 August 2001*)

Having regard to the 18th report of the Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, the statement by the chair of the committee on the tabling of the report on 30 August 2001, and the letter of the chair of

the committee of 3 September 2001 to the President, whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the committee, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 19 September 2001*)

(a) Whether any breaches of the immunities of the Senate or contempts were involved in the search and seizure, and continued possession, by the Queensland police of material from the office of Senator Harris, and, if so, what remedies should be applied; (b) whether any steps should be taken to ensure that any such material protected from seizure by parliamentary privilege is returned to Senator Harris without further access to the material by the police; and (c) whether procedures should be established to ensure that, in cases of the execution of search warrants in senators' premises, material protected by parliamentary privilege is appropriately treated (*referred 14 February 2002*)

The desirability and efficacy of engaging counsel to represent the Senate in court and other tribunal proceedings on questions involving parliamentary privilege affecting the Senate or senators (*referred 20 March 2002*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bourne, Ian Campbell, Eggleston, Ferguson, Ludwig and Ray

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Charles (*Chairman*), Ms Plibersek (*Vice Chairman*), Senators Colbeck, Crowley, Hogg, Murray, Scullion and Watson and Mr Ciobo, Mr Cobb, Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Griffin, Ms CF King, Mr PE King and Mr Somlyay

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Mr BPJ O'Connor (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Calvert, Ferguson and Forshaw and Mr Jenkins, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd and Mr Ripoll

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senators Bishop, Calvert, Chapman, Hutchins, McLucas and McKiernan

Report presented

* 1st report (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Tchen (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Brandis, Buckland, Ludwig and Mason

Report presented

* 110th report—Annual report 2000-01 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Crane (*Chair*), Senator Buckland (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cherry, Colbeck, Ferris and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2002 (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 16 May 2002*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (*adopted 22 October 1999; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples (*referred 2 November 2000; readopted 13 March 2002 reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J* (*referred 25 June 2001; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

* Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

* Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Ridgeway (*Chair*), Senator Crane (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, Ferris, Mackay and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee*Members*

Senator Cooney (*Chairman*), Senators Crane, Crossin, Ferris, Mason and Murray

Current inquiry

- * The application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation (*referred 28 June 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Alert Digests presented

No. 1 of 2002 (presented to the President on 21 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); *tabled 11 March 2002*)

No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

No. 3 of 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

Reports presented

No. 1 of 2002 (*presented to the President on 21 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 March 2002*)

No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

No. 3 of 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

- * Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee*Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the National Party of Australia Whip and Senators Buckland, Ian Campbell, Crossin and Ferris

Reports presented

Report no. 1 of 2002 (*presented 13 March 2002*)

Report no. 2 of 2002 (*presented 20 March 2002*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee*Members*

Senator Denman (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Barnett, Bolkus, Collins, Forshaw and Herron

Notifications of alterations of interests

Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 26 June 2001 and 6 December 2001 (*presented to the President on 21 December 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Report presented

- * Report 1/2002: Annual report 2001 (*presented to the President on 28 March 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Superannuation—Select Committee

(appointed 14 March 2002)

Members

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Allison, Buckland, Chapman, Hogg, Lightfoot and Sherry

Current inquiries

Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy (*referred 14 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in September 2002*)

Taxation treatment applying to transfers from an overseas superannuation fund to an Australian regulated fund (*referred 14 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in September 2002*)

Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee

(appointed 22 September 1999 with effect on and from 11 October 1999)

Report presented

Early access to superannuation benefits (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hogg, on 31 January 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Documents presented

Early access to superannuation benefits—Discussion paper (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hogg, on 31 January 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Investing superannuation funds in rural and regional Australia—Issues paper (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 14 February 2002)

Members

Ms JI Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Cooney, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Schacht and Tchen and Mr Adams, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr PE King and Mr Scott

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

Senator Faulkner (*appointed 27 June 1999 for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Tierney (*appointed 14 February 2002 for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Cook and Watson (*appointed 13 May 1998 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

HARRY EVANS

Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Robert Hill <i>Minister for Defence</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for the Environment and Heritage Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Senator the Honourable Richard Alston <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Science Minister for Employment Services
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i>	Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone <i>Minister for Family and Community Services</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women</i>	Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson <i>Minister for Health and Ageing</i>	Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i>	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Attorney-General Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald <i>Minister for Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Special Minister of State</i>	Minister for Small Business and Tourism
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer</i>	
Parliamentary Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	
Senator the Honourable Judith Troeth <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	
Senator the Honourable Ronald Boswell (<u>Ron</u>) <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services</i>	

In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.

A GUIDE TO THE DAILY NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

Matters of privilege take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to uncompleted debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business is business initiated by a minister. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements of intention that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records in full current items of business of the Senate and government business, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses follows government business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses which have been presented during the week. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents appears in general business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Business for future consideration lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Bills referred to committees lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

Questions on notice includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees: is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees: is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees: a daily list of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

A GUIDE TO THE FULL NOTICE PAPER

On the first day of each period of sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full electronic version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the parliament's Internet site.

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3015.

