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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 14 March 2002

1 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 14 May 2002

2 Senator Brown: To move—

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

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

Eleven sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Notice given 15 May 2002

3 **Senator O'Brien:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002:

- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
- (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in the light of the identification of these impediments; and
- (c) whether other action is desirable in the interests of establishing and maintaining a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector.

Notice given 18 June 2002

*4 **Senators Bishop and Bartlett:** To move—

(1) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2002:

- (a) consideration of the adequacy, effectiveness and fairness of proposed legislative participation requirements for parents and mature-age unemployed Australians; and
- (b) the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002, with particular reference to:
 - (i) the nature of the participation requirements proposed in the bills for parents and older unemployed people, including how they compare to existing requirements for other workforce-age income support recipients,
 - (ii) the nature of penalty (breaching) provisions provided in the bill for parents and older unemployed people, including how they compare to existing requirements for other workforce-age income support recipients, and
 - (iii) the fairness, efficiency and effectiveness of proposed legislative social security penalty provisions.

(2) That in undertaking this reference, the committee will consider the report of the Independent Review of Breaches and Penalties in the Social Security System (the Pearce Review) to determine whether implementation of its recommendations would improve the capacity of the participation requirement regime to provide effective and efficient support to workforce-age income support payment recipients while improving rates of compliance.

*5 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 129 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

*6 **Senator Murphy:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 August 2002:

- (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 said 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 allowed for adequate public input; and
- (g) what the long-term strategies are for companies currently involved in the plantation industry.

Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented in respect of the 2002-03 Budget estimates.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

*1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*, and for related purposes. *Torres Strait Fisheries Amendment Bill 2002*.

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 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2002—**
(Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)

- Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 16 May 2002*).
- 3 **Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 March 2002*).
- 4 **Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 March 2002*).
- 5 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hutchins, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 6 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Hutchins, 15 May 2002*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 16 May 2002*).
- 9 **Marriage Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 14 May 2002*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **Budget statement and documents 2002-03**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), 16 May 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 **Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee—36th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2002-03**
Consideration (*18 June 2002*).

- *2 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report entitled: Commonwealth contracts: A new framework for accountability—Government response**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *3 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002**
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Advisory report—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Calvert—That the Senate take note of the reports (*Senator Harris, in continuation, 18 June 2002*).
- *4 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 and Regulations**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Harris—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Harris, in continuation, 18 June 2002*).
- 5 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service’s Information Technology**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 6 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—**
Report 44—Four nuclear safeguards treaties tabled in August 2001
Report 45—The Statute of the International Criminal Court
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the reports (*adjourned, Senator Harradine, 15 May 2002*).
- 7 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the Trade Practices Act 1974**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McKiernan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 May 2002*).
- 8 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Lost innocents: Righting the record—Report on child migration—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 9 **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: Report 379—Contract management in the Australian Public Service—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 10 **Lucas Heights, Inquiry into the contract for a new reactor at—Select Committee—Report entitled: A new research reactor?—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 11 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report entitled: Rough justice? An investigation into allegations of brutality in the Army’s parachute battalion—Government response**
Consideration (*14 May 2002*).
- 12 **Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—Report—Annual report 2001**
Consideration (*14 May 2002*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of the provision of information to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Transactional banking practices in selected agencies**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Integrity of the electoral roll: Australian Electoral Commission**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Indigenous education strategies: Department of Education, Science and Training**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 18 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force fuel management: Department of Defence**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 19 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Recordkeeping**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 20 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of an IT outsourcing contract: Department of Veterans' Affairs**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 21 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Administration of the 30 per cent private health insurance rebate: Health Insurance Commission; Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Taxation Office; Department of Finance and Administration; and Department of the Treasury**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 22 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Regional Assistance Programme: Department of Transport and Regional Services**
Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 23 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2001-02—Performance audit—The management of Commonwealth national parks and reserves ‘Conserving our country’: Department of the Environment and Heritage**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 24 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2001-02—A preliminary examination into the allocation of grant funding for the co-location of national general practice organisations**
Consideration (16 May 2002).
- *25 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Research project management: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *26 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 52 of 2001-02—Financial control and administration audit—Internal budgeting**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *27 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 53 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Goods and services tax administration by Commonwealth organisations**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *28 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Drug detection in air and containerised sea cargo and small craft: Australian Customs Service**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *29 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 55 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Administration of tobacco excise: Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *30 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 56 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Workforce planning in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *31 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 57 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management framework for preventing unlawful entry into Australian Territory: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- *32 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 58 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Defence property management: Department of Defence**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
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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.

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 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.

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.

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 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

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.

Notice given 14 May 2002

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) recently the United States (US) tested a missile defence prototype, intercepting an intercontinental ballistic missile target vehicle over the central Pacific Ocean at the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands,
 - (ii) the test was a fundamentally-flawed experiment, costing around \$US100 million, and was conducted at the expense of international relations and justice in the Pacific, and
 - (iii) despite the US claims that the test was a success, it failed to address the full range of countermeasures or decoys that an enemy would use to try to outwit an anti-missile weapon; and
- (b) urges the Government to raise the issue at the Pacific Island Forum in Suva in August 2002 and to point out that the US and other world powers have consistently abused the Pacific Ocean for military experiments which have never helped the Pacific Islands, but have put them at more risk of being caught in a military conflict or being at the centre of a catastrophic accident.

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the release in the week beginning 5 May 2002 of the report of the Mining Minerals and Sustainable Development Australia project entitled *Facing the future*, and
 - (ii) that the analysis, conclusions and recommendations represent a broadly-accepted vision for change in the minerals sector with regard to sustainability; and
- (b) congratulates the mining industry on this initiative and looks forward to implementation of the action agenda to enhance the minerals sector's contribution to Australia's sustainable development.

Notice given 16 May 2002

77 **Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) congratulates the medical teams of the John Hunter and Mater Hospitals for their revolutionary stem cell trial;
- (b) applauds the skill of Newcastle cardiologist Dr Suku Thambar and haematologist Dr Phil Rowlings for their world-first adult stem cell transfer;

- (c) wishes Newcastle patient Jim Nicol the best in his recovery from the radical trial;
- (d) encourages other countries to follow the lead of Newcastle doctors in performing trials on adult stem cells; and
- (e) recognises the leading role that Newcastle and Hunter doctors are playing in medical research, both nationally and internationally.

78 **Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that south-eastern Australia is the most fire prone region in the world;
- (b) commends the support provided by the Howard Government to New South Wales in January 2002, in particular, the provision of aerial fire fighting equipment;
- (c) expresses its concern that the state government is whitewashing the causes of the bushfire catastrophe of Christmas 2001 by just blaming pyromaniacs during the current bushfires inquiry;
- (d) calls on the New South Wales Government to give serious consideration to the evidence of State Forests of NSW, which believes that inadequate back-burning was the primary cause of the devastating fires;
- (e) rejects calls from the Nature Conservation Council to restrict hazard reduction;
- (f) calls on the Carr Government to allow non-government committee members to receive witnesses' submissions without having to first request them;
- (g) encourages the inquiry to reach a conclusion based on evidence and not party politics resulting from pressure from extreme green groups; and
- (h) hopes that the lessons learned from the bushfire inquiry will be shared to other state governments so all Australians can avoid such an unnecessary disaster.

Notice given 18 June 2002

- *82 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table, on the last sitting day of the winter sittings 2002, the revised costings document, including the correct phasing-in arrangements, of the Australian Labor Party's plan for a fairer superannuation system, prepared by Phil Gallagher (Manager, Retirement and Income Modelling Unit, Treasury) which was sent to the Treasurer's office in the week beginning 20 May 2002 and identified in Mr Gallagher's evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 4 June 2002.
- *83 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That there be laid on the table, immediately after the passage of this resolution, the Migration Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 129 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*.
- *84 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the Senate—
 - (a) notes that:
 - (i) Australia was among the leading advocates of the Rome Statute, which created the legal basis for the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 1998,
 - (ii) the ICC will provide an avenue for the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, where domestic legal systems are unable or unwilling to deliver justice,

- (iii) the Rome Statute will enter into force on 1 July 2002, having been ratified by more than 60 nations, and
 - (iv) Australia will be excluded from participation in the first Assembly of States Parties if it does not ratify by 2 July 2002; and
- (b) calls on the Government to ratify the Rome Statute for the ICC before 2 July 2002.

Notice of motion altered on 18 June 2002 pursuant to standing order 77.

- *85 **Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Sandy Macdonald):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on the 2002-03 Budget estimates be extended to 26 June 2002.
- *86 **Senator Ferris:** To move—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 24 June 2002, from 8 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the National Crime Authority annual report 2000-01.
- *87 **Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund (Senator Ferris):** To move—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 25 June 2002, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the National Native Title Tribunal annual report 2000-01.
- *88 **Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (Senator Tierney):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee on the 2002-03 Budget estimates be extended to 27 June 2002.
- *89 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on the 2002-03 Budget estimates be extended to 25 June 2002.
- *90 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 25 June 2002, the following documents:
- (a) the current mine lease or leases on Christmas Island held by Phosphate Resource Ltd (PRL), including all conditions;
 - (b) the Environment Management Plan for the lease or leases;
 - (c) any Environment Australia (EA) documents relating to compliance, oversight and enforcement of the lease or leases and conditions;
 - (d) all materials relating to breaches of conditions, including claims, investigations and actions;
 - (e) any audits of PRL's rehabilitation program;
 - (f) any new mining proposals for Christmas Island;
 - (g) a current tenure map of all blocks that have been mined;
 - (h) any documents relating to the transfer of any lots to or from PRL;
 - (i) any documents relating to the current mine rehabilitation budget for EA on Christmas Island;
 - (j) any documents relating to the current status of rehabilitation on lease block 138;

- (k) any documents relating to the payment or non-payment of power bills by PRL;
- (l) any documents relating to alternative locations for the proposed detention centre on Christmas Island
- (m) any documents containing responses of EA to the detention centre proposal; and
- (n) current funds held for purposes of mine rehabilitation on Christmas Island.

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**

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

36 Grains Research and Development Corporation—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*).

37 Migration Review Tribunal—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*).

38 Comcare Australia—Report for 2000-01, including the report of QWL Corporation Pty Limited

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

39 Attorney-General's Department—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*).

40 Department of Defence—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*).

41 Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report 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*).

42 Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports 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*).

43 Federal Court of Australia—Report 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*).

44 Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report 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*).

45 Department of Health and Aged Care—Report for 2000-01, including a report on the administration and operation of the Therapeutic Goods Administration—Volumes 1 and 2

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

46 Australian Research Council—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*).

47 Social Security Appeals Tribunal—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*).

48 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park 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*).

49 Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—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*).

50 Federal Magistrates Service—Report 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*).

51 Family Court of Australia—Report 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*).

52 Australian Communications Authority—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*).

53 Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

54 Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

55 Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984—Report for 2000-01 on consultants engaged under section 4 of the Act

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

56 Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

57 Airservices Australia—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

58 Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

59 Australian Film Finance Corporation Limited—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

60 Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

61 Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

62 Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for the period 3 April 2000 to 30 June 2001

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

63 Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 2000-01

Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

- 64 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 65 **Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Report for 2000-01—Corrigenda**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 66 **Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 67 **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 68 **CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 69 **Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988***
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 70 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2000-01 (Report no. 93)**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 71 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 72 **Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 73 **Comcare Australia—Report for 2000-01, including the report of QWL Corporation Pty Limited—Addendum**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 74 **Australian Landcare Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 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**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 76 **Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 77 **Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 78 **Employment National Limited—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 79 **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).

- 80 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 81 **Medibank Private—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 82 **Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent 2001-2004**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 83 **National Standards Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 84 **ComLand Limited—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 85 **Family Law Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 86 **Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 87 **Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—
Reports for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 88 **Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 89 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 90 **Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 91 **Commonwealth Government of Australia—Consolidated financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2001—Statement**
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- 92 **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—
Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 93 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report
for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 94 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia's welfare 2001:
Services and assistance—Fifth biennial report**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 95 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
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- 96 **Department of the Treasury—Tax expenditures statement 2001, December
2001**
Consideration (12 February 2002).

- 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—
Report by Mr Malcolm Turnbull, dated 3 December 2001**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 100 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 101 **Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 102 **Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 103 **Department of Finance and Administration—Parliamentarians' travel paid
by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 January to 30 June
2001, December 2001**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 104 **Department of Finance and Administration—Former parliamentarians'
travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 January to
30 June 2001, December 2001**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 105 **Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Energy use in
Commonwealth operations—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).
- 106 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 16—Telecommunications competition
regulation, 21 September 2001**
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- 107 ***Freedom of Information Act 1982*—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the
Act**
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- 108 **Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2000-01**
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- 109 **Commonwealth Government of Australia—Consolidated financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2001**
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- 110 **Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—
Report on progress for 1998-2001**
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- 111 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2000-01 on the
operations of the registered health benefits organisations**
Consideration (*12 February 2002*).

- 112 **Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2001-02**
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- 113 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 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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- 121 **Landcare Australia Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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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**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 125 **Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 126 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 127 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Statement of corporate intent 2001-02**
Consideration (12 February 2002).
- 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**
Consideration (13 February 2002).
- 135 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (13 February 2002).
- 136 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2000-01**
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- 137 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Statement of corporate intent 2000-02 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**
Consideration (13 February 2002).
- 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**
Consideration (13 February 2002).
- 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**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 147 **Essendon Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 148 **Centrelink—Compliance activity for Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 149 **National Competition Council—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 150 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 832/1998—Decision**

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- 151 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 930/2000—Views**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 152 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 978/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 153 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 984/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 154 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 1011/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 155 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 1012/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 156 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 1014/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 157 **United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 1036/2001—Outline**

Consideration (*13 February 2002*).

- 158 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2001**

Consideration (*11 March 2002*).

- 159 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General between 1 January 2001 and 30 June 2001**

Consideration (*11 March 2002*).

- 160 **National Institute of Clinical Studies Limited—Report for the period 21 December 2000 to 30 June 2001**
Consideration (11 March 2002).
- 161 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 162 **Productivity Commission—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 163 **Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 164 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01—Erratum**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 165 **Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 166 **Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 167 **Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 168 **ScreenSound Australia—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 169 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 170 **Administrative Review Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 171 **National Australia Day Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 172 **Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 173 **Kimberley Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 174 **Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 175 **Cape York Land Council—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 176 **Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (12 March 2002).
- 177 **Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 178 **National Environment Protection Council and the National Environment Protection Council Service Corporation—Reports for 2000-01**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 179 **National Office of Local Government—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995***

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 180 **Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 181 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on state revenue sharing relativities—2002 update**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 182 **Bundanon Trust—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 193 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER), done at Nauru on 18 August 2001**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 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**

Consideration (12 March 2002).

- 196 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Supporting applications of issues—July 2001 to January 2002**

Consideration (13 March 2002).

- 197 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement—July 2001 to January 2002**

Consideration (14 March 2002).

- 198 **Roads to Recovery Programme—Report for the period 21 December 2000 to 30 June 2001**

Consideration (19 March 2002).

- 199 **Airservices Australia—Sydney Airport—Maximum movement limit compliance statement for the period 1 July to 30 September 2002**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 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**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 201 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 15—Cost recovery by government agencies, 16 August 2001**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 202 ***Broadcasting Services Act 1992*—Report—Review of the spectrum allocation powers of the Australian Broadcasting Authority, March 2002**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 203 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 204 ***Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000*—Product stewardship arrangements for waste oil—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 205 ***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—Australian State of the Environment Committee—Report—Australia state of the environment 2001**
Consideration (19 March 2002).
- 206 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 15—Cost recovery by government agencies, 16 August 2001—Addendum [Recommendations and findings]**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 207 **Takeovers Panel—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 208 ***States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 1996*—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2000**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 209 ***Telecommunications Act 1997*—Funding of consumer representation, and research, in relation to telecommunications—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 210 **Australian Communications Authority—National Relay Service provider performance—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 211 **Australian Sports Commission—Strategic plan 2002-2005**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 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**

Consideration (20 March 2002).

- 214 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement—February 2002**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 215 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Supporting applications of issues—February 2002**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 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**
Consideration (20 March 2002).
- 217 **Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd (Screenrights)—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 218 **National Crime Authority—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 219 **Higher education—Report for the 2002 to 2004 triennium by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, March 2002**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 220 **Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for 2000-01**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 221 **Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report for 2001 pursuant to section 34A of the Act**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 222 **International Labour Organisation (ILO)—Submission report on ILO Instruments adopted in 2000**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 223 **Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979—Report for 2000-01 pursuant to Division 2 of Part IX of the Act**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 224 **Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc., Native Title Unit—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 225 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2001—Native Title (Report no. 1/2002)**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 226 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2001—Social justice (Report no. 2/2002)**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 227 **Payments System Board—Report for 2000-01**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 228 **Trade policy—Australia's trade outcomes and objectives statement 2002**

Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 229 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 18—Review of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and certain other superannuation legislation, 10 December 2001**

Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 230 **Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 231 **Health Services Australia—Statement of corporate intent 2001-2004**

Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 232 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 19—Price regulation of airport services, 23 January 2002**

Consideration (14 May 2002).

- 233 **GP House—Allocation of funding to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)—Letter from Secretary (IJ Watt), Department of Finance and Administration to Secretary (M Moore-Wilton), Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, dated 15 March 2002**

Consideration (16 May 2002).

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

Consideration (16 May 2002).

- *235 **Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula—Report for 2000-01**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

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*).

- 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*).

- 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 Calvert, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 18 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Coonan, in continuation, 5 October 2000*)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002).
- 19 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 June 1996)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002).
- 20 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 26 September 2001*)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002).
- 21 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bourne, in continuation, 15 May 2002*).
- 22 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja))**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 23 **Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 3 December 1998*)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 16 May 2002).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (20 June 2002)

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 May 2002

- 1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—
- (1) That a bill 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.

(2) That this order operate as a sessional order.

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 27 May 2002.

General Business—Notice 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.*

On 24 June 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.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On 25 June 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 *Migration Act 1958* 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 21 March 2002

2 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.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2002

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 not withstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and not withstanding 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.

On 26 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented.

General Business—Notice of Motion

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 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. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

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.

General Business—Orders of the Day

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*).

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*).

Five 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.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, 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.

Six sitting days after today (19 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

*1 **Senator Harris:** To move—That the Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 350 and made under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Eight sitting days after today (21 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

*1 **Senator Conroy:** To move—

(1) That regulations 7.9.10 and 7.9.11 of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 319 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.

(2) That regulations 7.9.10, 7.9.11(1), 7.9.11(1)(a), 7.9.11(1)(b) and 7.9.11(2) of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 16 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.

(3) That regulation 7.8.22 of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 41 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 21 August 2002

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.

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 15 May 2002.

Nine sitting days after today (22 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

- *1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 327 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Act 2001*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, 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 15 October 2002

General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 16 May 2002*80 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—

- (1) That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill), at the end of each quarter after the commencement of this order, copies of all permit applications, permit decisions and permits issued, together with any conditions imposed, made in accordance with regulation 18 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983, made in accordance with the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.
- (2) That for the purposes of this order, a quarter means a period of 3 months ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

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

Bills currently referred†**Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]‡****Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]‡**

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 29 November 2000; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 27 June 2002*).

Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 8 August 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 27 June 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 23 to 337 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2002

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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- (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 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.

Notice given 7 March 2002

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

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.

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 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.

Notice given 9 April 2002

- 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

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.

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*.

238 Minister for Forestry and Conservation

Notice given 15 April 2002

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 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.

251 Minister for Defence

255 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

257 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

258 Minister for Family and Community Services

260 Minister for Health and Ageing

263 Minister for Forestry and Conservation

264 Minister for the Arts and Sport

268 Minister representing the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

271 Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

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

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).

Notice given 24 April 2002

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 Rapiers 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.
- 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

- 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 6 May 2002

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).

298 Minister representing the Attorney-General

Notice given 13 May 2002

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

- (1) Is it the case that Telstra intends to close its Regional Call Centre at Warrnambool, Victoria on 21 June 2002; if so, why and how many jobs will be lost.
- (2) Is it the case that Telstra intends to close its Regional Call Centre at Cooma, New South Wales; if so, why and how many jobs will be lost.
- (3) Is there any intention on the part of Telstra to close or reduce the operation of its Regional Call Centre at Horsham, Victoria; if so, why and how many jobs will be lost.
- (4) In the event of call centre closures, how does the Government or Telstra intend to offset the economic impact of the loss of jobs to those regions.

301 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many 1300 phonewords are currently available in the number pool managed by Industry Number Management Services Ltd (INMS) under the Australian Communications Authority (ACA).
- (2) (a) What are the current processes, procedures and fees involved in businesses and not-for-profit organisations obtaining 1300 phonewords; and (b) do the processes, procedures or fees differ between businesses and not-for-profit entities.
- (3) (a) Why is it possible to obtain 1300 phonewords only within the existing number pool; and (b) why will neither INMS nor the ACA consider or permit the issuing of specifically requested 1300 phoneword combinations outside of the available pool.
- (4) Can the Minister please confirm that the 1300 phonewords yet to be released will not be subject to any public tendering or public auction process in the future.

Notice given 14 May 2002

303 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the revenue raised from superannuation contributions tax (excluding the surcharge) for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (2) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from superannuation contributions tax (excluding the surcharge) for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (3) What was the revenue raised from the superannuation surcharge for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (4) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from the superannuation surcharge for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (5) What was the revenue raised from superannuation exit taxes for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (6) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from superannuation exit taxes for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).

- (7) (a) What was the amount of salary sacrificed for superannuation for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01; and (b) what revenue was lost as a result.
- (8) (a) What is the projected amount of salary sacrificed for superannuation for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis); and (c) what revenue will be lost as a result.
- (9) What was the revenue lost as a result of concessional contributions tax for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (10) (a) What is the projected revenue loss as a result of concessional contributions tax for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (11) What was the cost of the Senior Australians Tax Offset for the financial year 2000-01.
- (12) (a) What is the projected cost of the Senior Australians Tax Offset for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (13) What was the cost of the 15 per cent rebate for allocated annuities and pensions for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (14) (a) What is the projected cost of the 15 per cent rebate for allocated annuities and pensions for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).

304 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow voluntary contributions to superannuation beyond 70 to age 75 in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond.
- (2) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to reduce the tax rate on excessive Eligible Termination Payments in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond.
- (3) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to increase the deduction limit for the self-employed in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-\$19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, and (viii) \$70,000 plus.
- (4) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow splitting of superannuation contributions in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-\$19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, and (viii) \$70,000 plus.
- (5) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to reduce the rate of the surcharge contributions tax in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$80,000-\$89,999, (ii) \$90,000-\$99,999, (iii) \$100,000-\$109,999, (iv) \$110,000-\$149,999, (v) \$150,000-\$249,999, (vi) \$250,000-\$499,999, (vii) \$500,000-\$999,999, and (viii) \$1 million plus.

- (6) (a) How many people (in terms of those who are making the contributions and those who receive them) are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow superannuation contributions for children in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, (viii) \$70,000-\$79,999, (ix) \$80,000-\$89,999, (x) \$90,000-\$99,000, (xi) \$100,000-\$109,999, (xii) \$110,000-\$149,999, (xiii) \$150,000-\$249,000, (xiv) \$250,000-\$499,999, (xv) \$500,000-\$999,999, and (xvi) \$1 million plus.

305 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to page 9 of the Superannuation Working Group's Issues Paper, presented on 2 October 2001, which describes problems encountered by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) 'with some of the smaller corporate funds, where most of its enforcement action is concentrated', and to the statement by the then Minister for Financial Services and Regulation, (Mr Hockey) in presenting the paper, 'It is going to be hard particularly for industry funds. It's going to mean that the representatives of some workers on those industry funds, including union officials, are going to start to be held accountable for investment decisions':

- (1) Is APRA aware of any instances where trustees of industry or corporate superannuation funds who are union officials have been responsible for inappropriate conduct of the type outlined in the working group's issues paper.
- (2) Did APRA provide any advice to Mr Hockey to this effect before he made his remarks on 2 October 2001.

306 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to the answer to a question taken on notice during additional estimates hearings regarding the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's new draft reporting requirements, does the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) currently collect data, in fund annual returns or by other means, on the administration and/or investment costs of superannuation or on any fees, charges and commissions levied against members' accounts; if so, why is this information not made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (2) What relationship, if any, is there between the data to be collected under APRA's draft reporting requirements and the disclosure requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* following the passage of the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*.
- (3) Has APRA held any discussions with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission about how the draft reporting standard might complement these disclosure provisions.
- (4) When does APRA expect the draft reporting requirements will be implemented and the data collected first published.
- (5) At what level of detail does APRA propose to publish the data collected under the draft reporting requirements.
- (6) (a) Will the draft reporting standard collect data on fees and expenses only on a 'whole of fund basis'; if so, why; and (b) does this have the potential to misrepresent expenses for funds offering multiple products with different fees.

- 307 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to an answer to a question taken on notice during additional estimates hearings, in which the Minister informed the Economics Legislation Committee that the Australian Taxation Office had conducted 141 prosecutions (involving 177 charges) in respect of superannuation guarantee matters over the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01, and that from 1 July 2001 to mid-February 2002, there were 10 prosecutions involving 10 charges:
- (1) How many prosecutions have been commenced since mid-February 2002.
 - (2) Can a breakdown be provided of the outcomes from this total of 151 prosecutions involving 187 charges from 1996-97 to mid-February 2002 as well as any subsequent prosecutions.
 - (3) In the period from 1996-97 until mid-February 2002, how many employers have been the subject of employee notifications of insufficient employer contributions.
 - (4) Since mid-February 2002, how many employers have been the subject of employee notifications of insufficient employer contributions.
- 308 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the draft report of the Productivity Commission publicly released its draft report into the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and Certain Other Superannuation Legislation, publicly released on 19 September 2001, which recommended that the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal be replaced with an industry-funded complaint resolution services, a recommendation retained in its final report provided to the government on 10 December 2001:
- (1) When was this draft report first provided to the Chairman of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.
 - (2) When was the content of this draft report, particularly draft recommendation 8.1, first communicated to the Chairman of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.
- 309 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the current application by Phosphate Resources Ltd for nine new mining leases on Christmas Island:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that on 11 February 1988 the then Minister for the Arts and Territories, the Honourable Gary Punch MP, announced that the Federal Government would not allow any further rainforest clearing on Christmas Island as it was inconsistent with the Government's long-term strategy for the island.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that the then Prime Minister, the Honourable Robert Hawke MP, wrote to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1988 regarding new mining proposals stating that, 'My government has made it clear, in examining these proposals, that approval will only be granted under the strictest environmental conditions and provided that no further clearing of rainforest occurs'.
 - (3) Did mining leases granted in 1988 or at any time thereafter for the mining of phosphate prohibit rainforest clearing as a condition of the lease.
 - (4) Is it still Government policy to allow no further clearing of rainforest on Christmas Island; if not, when was the policy changed to allow for such clearance.

- (5) Do the Environment, Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations pertaining to the conservation of biodiversity in Commonwealth areas prohibit the clearing of habitat for native species in those areas.
 - (6) Why was an application for new mining leases on Christmas Island advanced to the stage of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessment when most of those leases were for land covered by primary rainforest.
 - (7) Will the Minister: (a) now reject the application for new mining leases over areas covered by primary rainforest; and (b) in view of the above, abort the EIS process as redundant for those areas.
- 312 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to questions on notice nos 61 to 76, which the Minister has advised will all be transferred from the departments to which they were addressed, to the Department of Environment and Heritage:
- (1) What is the reason for this decision.
 - (2) If individual departments are unable to answer the questions, how is it that the Minister for Environment and Heritage can do so.
 - (3) What is the process by which questions will be coordinated.
- 313 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Why are certain premium phone numbers (1 900) not available to prepaid mobile phones, while account customers have unlimited access to them.

Notice given 16 May 2002

- 317 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—(a) How much revenue has been foregone to the Commonwealth through the non-payment of excise duty on fuel for the vessel *CSL Pacific*; and (b) what is the total amount foregone by all foreign vessels operating on single or continuing voyage permits in each year since 1996.
- 318 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can a copy be provided of the current exit survey form given to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, as well as those used in the past 3 years, if the questions asked have changed at all over this period.
 - (2) If the current attitudinal survey form asks any different questions to those in the past 3 years, can copies of the latter be provided.
 - (3) Are the same exit and attitudinal survey forms used across the ADF, or are they different for each service.
 - (4) Can copies be provided of the 'executive summary' (or similar type of document) of Defence's attempt to analyse the results of exit and attitudinal survey responses for the past 3 years.
 - (5) Are all personnel leaving the ADF obliged to fill out an exit survey form (or similar document); if not, are any categories of personnel obliged to fill out exit surveys (for example, personnel from a certain category, such as all totally and permanently incapacitated personnel; all personnel who leave within 2 years of joining, etc) (please list the categories of personnel that are obliged to fill out exit surveys).

- (6) Are attitudinal survey forms given to all ADF personnel, or only to particular groups selected within the ADF (please detail the selection or distribution criteria for these forms, and how often surveys are done).
- (7) (a) Which part or parts of Defence currently construct, distribute, collect and analyse the data obtained from exit and attitudinal surveys; and (b) if this is different to the part or parts responsible for administering any stage of the survey process over the past 3 years, please list these as well.
- (8) (a) How many ADF censuses have been conducted; and (b) when were they conducted.
- (9) Can a copy be provided of the most recent census form circulated to ADF personnel, as well as copies of any 'executive summary' (or similar type of document) analysing the results of each of the censuses.

319 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For the 2000-01 financial year: (a) how much did it cost per permanent recruit to recruit him or her to the Australian Defence Force (ADF), including the total cost of: (i) advertising on all forms of recruitment (ie, brand, single and tri-service advertisements and marketing exercises), (ii) operating ADF career and call centres, and (iii) physical and psychological assessments pre-enlistment etc; and (b) what were the precise types of costs used to calculate this per person figure.

For this or any other part of this question for which particular cost types cannot be calculated, please specify what the cost relates to (ie, what goods, service, salary etc) and why it cannot be calculated.

- (2) Can the same figures be provided for each financial year since 1995-96.
- (3) For each financial year since, and including, 1998-99, what was the total cost (ie, including lease or building maintenance costs, salaries with on-costs of employees involved in relevant administration etc) to Defence of providing each of the following services: (a) ADF information/career centres; (b) call or inquiry centres; (c) promotional and information material about Defence jobs, other than direct advertising in the media; (d) compulsory screening and assessment procedures for potential ADF entrants; and (e) any other recruitment-related service.
- (4) Can a list be provided of: (a) the location of all current ADF career and call centres; and (b) those that have either opened or closed since the 1998-99 financial year.
- (5) What is the cost per trainee of training a permanent entrant to the ADF (broken down for each of the services) after each of the first, second, third and fourth years of service for: (a) officer employment groups; and (b) other rank employment groups (for the Navy, sailor employment groups and for the Air Force, airmen and airwomen employment groups).
- (6) What is the cost per trainee of training the following specific employment groups: (a) pilot (Navy); (b) weapons electrical aircraft engineering (Navy); (c) operator special vehicle-engineer (Army); (d) air traffic control (Air Force); and (e) communications electronics (Air Force).
- (7) With reference to the May 2001 Defence submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee which indicates that, in general terms, fixed Return of Service Obligation (ROSO) has been replaced with a ROSO determined proportionally to the training investment: (a) can the figures on which the various ROSO levels are currently based be provided

(that is, the calculation of the training investment for each category of entrant to the three services); and (b) can these figures be provided in tabular and formulaic form, if available.

- (8) Can information be provided on the length of service of each permanent member of the ADF who separated from each of the services since the 1998-99 financial year, setting out how many in each service left: (a) before completing 12 months of service; (b) between 12 and 24 months of service; (c) between 24 and 48 months of service; and (d) above 4 years of service.

320 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) How many injuries were there in each of the services in the past 3 years; (b) for each year since 1998, how many individuals in the Navy, Army and Air Force were injured (separately for each service, and for permanent personnel and reserves); and (c) can these figures be broken down into the types of injury (for example, muscular strain, fractured bone, ligament damage, tropical diseases contracted).
- (2) For each of the injury types identified in (1): (a) what is the average length of rehabilitation (using approximate figures based upon standard medical advice for treating the type of injury, if there are no statistics on actual rehabilitation periods experienced by Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel); and (b) for how many days on average is a serviceman or woman with that type of injury unable to engage in military training, and/or perform their regular job.
- (3) How many personnel in each year since 1998 separated from the ADF indicating injury as the sole or main reason for separation (please list separately voluntary and involuntary separations).
- (4) What is the system within Defence for recording injuries in the ADF (for instance, who is responsible for reporting injuries to an individual in a unit to what level in the chain of command, is there an administrative area responsible for collecting health and injury records of personnel, etc).
- (5) For each year from 1998, how many injuries immediately or ultimately led to members being classed as Totally and Permanently Incapacitated.
- (6) Has there been analysis done of the costs to Defence of injuries, both in terms of actual medical costs and costs involved in a member being unable to perform their regular duties for a period of time.
- (7) (a) How often is such an analysis conducted; (b) when was it last done; and (c) can a copy of the most recent analysis be provided; if there is no such document, can a 2-3 page summary of ADF performance in this area over the past few years be provided, including trends and issues of concern.
- (8) With reference page 327 of the Defence Annual Report 2000-01 which states that a report was commissioned to look into the management reporting requirements needed by senior executives, commanders and managers from the Defcare system: (a) what changes were recommended in the report; and (b) what are the outcomes.
- (9) With reference to page 329 of the Defence Annual Report 2000-01 which notes that certain organisational changes left personnel uncertain as to who should report and when: (a) were these changes within Defence or Comcare; and (b) what was the nature of the changes.
- (10) For each year from 1998 onwards can the following information be provided: (a) the workers' compensation premiums paid to cover the costs

of injuries sustained in the ADF; (b) how much was spent in the ADF on occupational health and safety training and education and other injury prevention initiatives; (c) how many personnel were receiving ongoing compensation payments as a result of an injury sustained in the ADF (indicating the total amount paid to these people); and (d) how much in total was paid by Defence to people in the form of compensation for injuries sustained in the ADF.

321 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the sale of Defence assets, the Government's Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) document for the 2001-02 financial year indicates that since the 2001-02 Budget there was a decision made to sell additional Defence assets (see attachment B of the MYEFO document, page 33):

- (1) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the MYEFO indicates that an additional \$74 million will be returned to the Government in the 2001-02 financial year through the sale of excess property, and sale and lease-back arrangements; (b) when was this decision taken; and (c) can a list be provided of the additional properties to be sold.
- (2) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the MYEFO indicates that an additional \$272 million will be returned to the Government in the 2002-03 financial year through the sale of excess property, and sale and lease-back arrangements; (b) when was this decision taken; and (c) can a list be provided of the additional properties to be sold.
- (3) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the MYEFO indicates that an additional \$166 million will be returned to the Government in the 2003-04 financial year through the sale of excess property, and sale and lease-back arrangements; (b) when was this decision taken; and (c) can a list be provided of the additional properties to be sold.
- (4) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the MYEFO indicates that an additional \$166 million will be returned to the Government in the 2004-05 financial year through the sale of excess property, and sale and lease-back arrangements; (b) when was this decision taken; and (c) can a list be provided of the additional properties to be sold.
- (5) (a) Can the Minister explain why the amounts shown in the 2001-02 Defence Additional Estimates Statements, released after the MYEFO, show no increase in the projected proceeds from asset sales to the Government for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, when compared with the 2001-02 Defence Budget Statement; and (b) why were the measures included in the MYEFO not reflected in the Additional Estimates Statements.

322 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1229:

- (1) (a) Has the Nulka System been fully accepted into service; and (b) can the Minister confirm that the target date for full acceptance was the end of 2001, as noted on the Defence Materiel Organisation website.
- (2) If full acceptance has not been achieved: (a) why not; and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be fully accepted into service.
- (3) Have there been any additional costs associated with the process of fully accepting the system, for example, modifications required to the ship or system.

- (4) If fully accepted, is the Nulka System now fully meeting all requirements in the Detailed Operational Requirement.
- (5) In terms of phases 2 and 3 of this project, what is the total contracted price for installing the Nulka System on all frigates.
- (6) To date, what has been spent on: (a) phase 1 of the project; and (b) phases 2 and 3 of the project.
- (7) Has the Nulka System been installed on all three commissioned Anzac frigates; if not, when will all Anzac frigates have this system installed.

323 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1431:

- (1) (a) When were the four 'attrition' Seahawks purchased under project 1308; and (b) when were they delivered.
- (2) What was the cost of each of these helicopters.
- (3) What was the rationale of purchasing four helicopters without the logistic support to use them.
- (4) Were these four attrition helicopters exactly the same as the other Seahawk helicopters used by the Royal Australian Navy; if not, what modifications or equipment differences exist between these four helicopters and the other Seahawks.
- (5) Prior to the implementation of project Sea 1431 were these four helicopters flown; if so, for how many hours.
- (6) (a) What was the total cost of storing the four helicopters at Nowra prior to Sea 1431; and (b) how many people were employed to maintain these helicopters while stored.
- (7) Does this project now allow the four helicopters to be fully used in addition to the existing capability.
- (8) (a) What was the total funding for project Sea 1431; and (b) what was the funding for its first year and each subsequent year.
- (9) When did this project commence.
- (10) Is it still due to be completed in mid-2002; if not: (a) what is the new completion date; and (b) what were the causes for the delay.

324 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1390 and the 2001-02 Additional Estimates Statement which indicates that there are delays with the FFG upgrade program:

- (1) What are the reasons for the delays.
- (2) What is the latest estimate on: (a) when the first ship will commence the upgrade program; and (b) when the last ship will complete the upgrade program.
- (3) Are there any costs associated with these delays; if so, what is the latest estimate of those costs.
- (4) Under the contract is the Government liable for any increased costs due to the delays.
- (5) (a) What impact does the delay have on the capability of the FFGs; (b) are the ships as they are currently configured more vulnerable to attack; and (c) does this have implications for the deployment of the ships on operations, including in the Persian Gulf.

- (6) (a) Given that the Defence Materiel Organisation website notes that the combat system is expensive to maintain due to its age, what are the additional costs associated with the continued maintenance of the existing combat systems during the delayed start to the project; and (b) will the Government pay these costs.

325 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to Seasprite helicopters:

- (1) Have any payments been made to Kaman in 2002; if so, can the Minister indicate: (a) the type of payment made; (b) the date; and (c) the value of the payment.
- (2) In terms of the service contract: (a) what payments were made to Kaman; (b) on what date; and (c) what was the value of the payments.
- (3) The Defence Annual Report 2001-02 notes that 805 Squadron has been 'commissioned': (a) when was this squadron commissioned; and (b) have any personnel been assigned to the squadron; if so, how many (or does it exist as a notional unit).
- (4) Has a facility been established to house the squadron.
- (5) To date, what has been the full cost of funding the squadron, that is, all personnel costs, administration costs, supplier costs, and facility costs.
- (6) Is the principal role of this squadron to fly the Seasprite helicopters.
- (7) When was the Chief Petty Officer assigned to the integrated service team for the Seasprite (as indicated in an answer to a question at Senate estimates hearings).

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

- (1) What are the initiatives funded under the \$507 million allocated for the implementation of the White Paper in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (2) With reference to the \$507 million, for each initiative, what is the projected expenditure for the 2001-02 financial year.
- (3) If there is a shortfall between the \$507 million and the projected expenditure, what is the explanation for the shortfall.
- (4) For each initiative can the Minister indicate whether its implementation is on schedule, completed, delayed or halted; if delayed or halted, can an explanation be provided as to why.
- (5) Given that the Defence Annual Report notes that the quarterly reports on the implementation of the White Paper are provided to the Minister, can a copy of each of these reports be provided.

328 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence Annual Report which notes that in the 2000-01 financial year, the Government made a decision to accelerate \$190 million of capital works projects:

- (1) (a) What projects were funded as a result of this decision; (b) what funding was allocated to each project; and (c) where the project involved a base facility, what was the name of the facility.
- (2) When was the decision to accelerate this funding made.
- (3) Why was this funding accelerated.

329 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—On 8 May 2002, the Secretary of Defence indicated that the senior leadership in the department get a monthly

briefing on the top 20 capital projects and others of 'significant concern': can a copy of these briefings for each of the months in 2002 to date be provided.

- 330 **Senator West:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—
- (1) How much money has been allocated from the Regional Solutions Program as at 30 May 2002.
 - (2) Of this amount: (a) how much has been allocated to each federal electorate; and (b) which party represents each of these electorates.
 - (3) For each federal electorate: (a) how much was allocated in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) how much has been allocated in the 2001-02 financial year.
 - (4) How much money has been allocated for projects that extend across federal electorate boundaries in each of these years.
 - (5) What has been the length of time taken to process applications.
 - (6) Have there been any delays in the processing of applications.
- 331 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What prosecution action, if any, did Environment Australia take in relation to the culling of Spectacled Flying Foxes by Rohan Bosworth in November-December 2000.
 - (2) If no action was taken, in light of the Federal Court's finding that in the order of 18 000 Spectacled Flying Foxes were culled and that this had a significant impact on the world heritage values of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, why was no enforcement action taken.
 - (3) In light of the finding of significant impact by the Federal Court, what was the basis for the decision to assess the permit based on preliminary information and not a more rigorous assessment such as an environmental impact assessment.
 - (4) Is it not the case that granting an approval to Rohan Bosworth to cull 5 500 Spectacled Flying Foxes in 2002 (EPBC Referral 2002/571) would effectively be an open licence to cull unlimited Spectacled Flying Foxes, as the total of 5 500 could not be enforced in any practical term.
- 332 **Senator Cook:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to Telstra's announcement offering satellite technology to remote communities:
- (1) How many stations and/or pastoralists in Western Australia have taken up the Telstra offer.
 - (2) How many remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia have taken up the Telstra offer.
 - (3) How many customers have not been able to take up the offer as they are utilising Apple MacIntosh technology, with which this equipment is not compatible.
- 333 **Senator Cook:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the settlement offers sent to investors in mass-marketed tax effective schemes by the Commissioner of Taxation recently:
- (1) What is the Commissioner's estimate of the number of taxpayers who will take up the settlement offer.

- (2) How many taxpayers have already taken up the settlement offer.
- (3) What is the Commissioner's estimate of the number of taxpayers who will accept the offer at the different levels of settlement.
- (4) Excluding film investors, what portion of overall taxpayers involved does this figure represent.
- (5) As taxpayers are required to declare the level of cash contributions made to their project and then send this declaration back to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for verification, what are the specific costs that have been incurred to date and are forecast for the next 12 months in finalising the settlement amount for each investor.
- (6) When does the ATO anticipate that the process of assessing each offer will be completed.
- (7) What is the estimated level of staff required for this process.
- (8) Has the Commissioner investigated the potential effect of an option for taxpayers to have a discount for up-front payment of the settlement amount rather than spread the payment over the possible 2-year interest-free period; if so, what are his findings.
- (9) Have estimates been made for default amongst taxpayers who take up the offer; if so, what are those estimates: (a) by number of taxpayers; (b) by amounts of original disputed debt; and (c) by amounts of settlement debt.
- (10) Will the Commissioner follow through on his documented right (contained on the settlement deed) to re-activate the original disputed debt, including penalties and interest if a taxpayer defaults on the payment of the settlement amount; if so, what criteria would be used in determining the actions and the taxpayers against whom the action would be taken.
- (11) With reference to the methodology of the current settlement offer: (a) how can the Commissioner remain in compliance with the law by offering a deduction for an amount (as in the Budplan case) that has been determined by a court to be non-deductible; (b) what are the legislative changes that have been made which enable deductibility to be a discretionary allowance; and (c) as the usual settlement process is that the Commissioner may concede items as deductible where there is doubt or ambiguity, what are the provisions in legislation which enable the Commissioner to allow deductions for amounts that are not deductible where (as in the Budplan case) that doubt and ambiguity was removed both by the Federal Court ruling and the plaintiffs' failure to appeal.
- (12) As a consequence of the Commissioner's decision to tie the settlement offer to cash contributions made rather than a fixed percentage of either the original deduction claimed or the resulting amended assessment: is it the case that several thousand investors in film projects are returned to virtually the same financial position (some are given a further deferral) they held when they commenced the alleged tax mischief; if so, why has the Commissioner decided to disadvantage a large group of taxpayers in such a way whilst advantaging the remainder to a significant extent.
- (13) Given that the first report of the Economics References Committee inquiry into mass-marketed tax effective investments documented serious failings in the ATO management of the legislation affecting these projects and the way the ATO went about auditing promoters, drawing conclusions, advising taxpayers, amending their assessments and attempting to collect disputed tax: (a) will the ATO take account of its mishandling (at whatever stage of the process) and offer further settlement allowances to bring the

- matter to a close in a fairer and more equitable manner; and (b) what is the estimated liability to the Commonwealth to claims for compensation due to the conduct of the ATO as documented in the report, or future adverse court decisions on projects for which taxpayers have not settled.
- (14) With reference to the recommendation contained in Senator Murphy's minority report that, due to the ambiguity and inequity of the ATO's position and conduct, the Government should instruct the ATO to withdraw from the dispute and cease all legal, settlement and collection activity: (a) has the Commissioner considered this view; and (b) why does the current level of settlement offered not include any allowance for ATO mishandling.
 - (15) (a) Is it the case that in September-October 2001 Deputy Commissioner Peter Smith received legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor that the Commissioner could not exclude one or more taxpayers (the Budplan plaintiffs) from a global settlement offer; and (b) what is the Commissioner's legal justification for excluding one group of taxpayers from the settlement offer.
 - (16) Has the Commissioner considered the potential costs of maintaining this position if challenged; and, if so, what are those costs.
 - (17) In the case of his broad-brush exclusion of tax agents, advisers and planners from the waiver of penalties and interest, along with the 2-year interest-free payment period, has the Commissioner considered the course of providing the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with details of advisers it feels may have breached statutory and/or professional standards.
 - (18) What considerations is the Commissioner using to justify his specific exclusion against tax agents, advisers and planners.
 - (19) (a) Has the Commissioner taken into account the financial consequences of this exclusion on tax agents, advisers and planners; and (b) are those consequences negative or positive to the revenue.
 - (20) How does the Commissioner justify the consequence that advisers who sold investments in schemes but did not personally invest in them are not affected, disadvantaged or penalised in any way by the settlement process and are free to continue their activity without consequence.
 - (21) (a) Has the Commissioner taken into account the view of the Commonwealth Ombudsman that the ATO has breached the Taxpayers' Charter in its dealings with investors in these products; (b) is he prepared to compensate them for this breach; and (c) if this has been considered, what is the estimated cost of such a remedy.
 - (22) Is the Commissioner prepared to accept a responsibility for this breach by reducing the amount of the settlement offer.
 - (23) Given the serious nature of these outstanding issues, as well as pending court decisions and cases already listed for hearing in June 2002, will the Commissioner immediately suspend the deadline for acceptance of the settlement offer until these matters are resolved.

Notice given 20 May 2002

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in the 2002-03 Defence Budget \$150 million of capital projects were deferred into the 2003-04 financial year.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the capital projects affected by this decision.

- (3) For each project, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the project; (b) a brief description of the project; (c) the savings gained by the delay; (d) the extent of the delay, for example, 12 months; (e) whether a contract had been signed with a contractor for this project; (f) if a contract has been signed, the name of the organisation that has been contracted; and (g) if a contract has not been signed, the stage the project has reached (for example, tender released, tender chosen).
- (4) If there are projects where a contract has been signed, can the Minister indicate how the delay will be allowed under the contract and whether there is any cost arising to the Commonwealth as a result of the delay.
- (5) If there are projects where a successful bidder has been chosen, can the Minister indicate whether the Commonwealth will be liable, given the expectations of the bidder, for any damages because of the delay.

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in the 2002-03 Defence Budget \$21 million of military equipment purchases were cancelled.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the purchases cancelled.
- (3) For each purchase, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the purchase; (b) a brief description of the purchase; (c) the savings gained by the cancellation; (d) the impact of the cancellation on Australian Defence Force capability; (e) whether a contract had been signed with a contractor for this purchase; (f) if a contract has been signed, the name of the organisation that has been contracted and their location; and (g) if a contract has not been signed, the stage the purchase has reached (for example, tender released, tender chosen).
- (4) If there are purchases where a contract has been signed, can the Minister indicate how the cancellation will be allowed under the contract and whether there is any cost arising to the Commonwealth as a result of the cancellation.
- (5) If there are purchases where a successful bidder has been chosen, can the Minister indicate whether the Commonwealth will be liable, given the expectations of the bidder, for any damages because of the cancellation.

336 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can a full list be provided of Defence property sold (or expected to be sold) in the 2001-02 financial year, indicating: (a) the address; (b) type of property (vacant land/buildings); (c) size of the property; (d) type of sale (auction/advertised price); (e) name of the purchaser; (f) sale price (or expected sale price); and (g) date of the sale.

337 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can a full list be provided of the Defence property proposed for sale in the 2002-03 financial year, indicating: (a) the address; (b) type of property (vacant land/buildings); (c) size of the property; (d) type of proposed sale (auction/advertised price); (e) expected price range; and (f) likely timing of the sale.

Notice given 21 May 2002

338 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence White Paper (page 122), which includes a graph setting out Defence funding by the five capability groups:

- (1) Can the table of figures used for this graph be provided, that is, the funding for each capability group in each of the 10 years.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the funding figures used are minus the capital use charge, that is, appropriation and equity injection funding minus the capital use charge component.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that funding for the strike capability group appears to remain approximately constant over the 10 years.
- (4) Given the acknowledged increasing cost of flying ageing aircraft, how was it proposed that this capability group could maintain its fleet of aircraft over the 10 year period without any significant increase in funding.

339 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the list on the Defence website of all contracts signed by Defence worth \$100 000 or more, the table for the 2001-02 financial year includes the value of each contract, yet the table for the 2000-01 financial year does not include this value: Can an updated version of the table of contracts for the 2000-01 financial year, which includes the value of each of the contracts signed, be provided.

Notice given 22 May 2002

- 340 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) How many Australian Taxation Office (ATO) employees, staff or management, personally or through an adviser, are investors in mass-marketed tax effective schemes.
 - (2) What schemes are involved in (1).
 - (3) Will those schemes in (1) receive favourable treatment when being re-assessed by the ATO.
 - (4) Do ATO officers receive bonuses; if so, are bonuses paid on the issuing of re-assessment notices relating mass-marketed tax effective schemes.

Notice given 23 May 2002

- 341 **Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the department intends to increase the area of the Lancelin Defence Training Area (DTA) by acquiring an additional 36 600 hectares of land, comprising vacant crown land, freehold private property and some pastoral leases.
 - (2) What is the status of the land-use agreement that the department has entered into relating to the 'permissive occupancy area', which extends from the north-east side of the Lancelin DTA adjacent to the naval gunnery to north of Nilgen Reserve, which has been described by the department as part of the existing training area.
 - (3) Is the land-use agreement renewable, ongoing or is it due to expire; if so, when.
 - (4) What is the reason for the haste of the department in pushing through the formal environmental assessment process.
 - (5) Will the proposal be considered or assessed under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* or a previous Act.
 - (6) What period of notice was given to stakeholders in the area directly affected by the proposal.
 - (7) How is the additional land justified, given the existing area is already 17 300 hectares.

- (8) Is the Minister aware that the land involved: (a) is fragile coastal land and is subject to erosion if not managed properly; and (b) contains valuable wetlands, rare flora and fauna, underground caves and a number of heritage sites that need protection.
 - (9) (a) Have more stable training areas at Northam or Bindoon been considered; and (b) has the possibility of relocating training areas to a more remote area where they will not cause serious impact on the environment been considered.
 - (10) Is it the case that the department will prepare environmental management plans and other management strategies only after it secures the land.
 - (11) Is any of the land listed on the Register of the National Estate.
- 342 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the deployment and support of troops to East Timor:
- (1) Can a list be provided of the civilian (that is, non-Navy) ships used to transport personnel and supplies to East Timor to support the various Australian Defence Force operations during and after 1999.
 - (2) For each ship, can the following information be provided: (a) its name; (b) the country in which it is registered; (c) the size of the vessel; and (d) the date or dates it was used.
- 343 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the response to question no. 13 asked in the February 2002 estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, which provided the daily full cost at sea for HMAS *Manoora*, *Kanimbla* and *Tobruk*:
- (1) Can the same daily full costs at sea be provided for: (a) the Anzac and FFG frigates; (b) the *Success* and *Westralia*; and (c) the Fremantle class patrol boats.
 - (2) Can the equivalent average full costs for operating F-18s, 707s, and P-3s be provided, that is, the average daily full costs of these aircraft when deployed on operations.
- 344 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to F-111 aircraft:
- (1) What is the target for flying hours in the 2001-02 financial year for the fleet.
 - (2) To date, how many hours have been flown towards the target.
 - (3) With reference to the response to a written question no. W23 in the February 2002 estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee which stated that the additional cost of maintaining ageing aircraft ranges from 3 per cent to 7 per cent depending on the type: For each of the three F-111 models used by the Royal Australian Air Force what, specifically, is the estimated rate of increase to costs associated with ageing for that type.
 - (4) (a) What is the average amount of flying hours F-111 pilots accrued in the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 financial years and the 2001-02 financial year to date; and (b) for each year in (a), what was the average strength of F-111 pilots, that is, the number of pilots.
 - (5) For the months of January, February, March, April and May in 2002, (a) what was the number of F-111s that flew; and (b) what was the total hours flown.

- (6) Of the 35 F-111s, how many have not flown at all in 2002.
- (7) Of the F-111s that have flown in 2002: (a) when did each of them last fly; and (b) what was the total hours that each aircraft has flown in 2002 to the end of May 2002.

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

- (1) Have any Hawk lead-in fighters commenced training operations at RAAF Williamtown or the Salt Ash Weapons Range (SAWR) yet; if so: (a) in which of these two locations have the Hawks been used; (b) when did they first arrive; and (c) how many are there.
- (2) (a) On how many days in each financial year since 1995-96 has the SAWR been used; and (b) how many days has the SAWR been used during the 2001-02 financial year to date.
- (3) Does the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) have any policy on what is the maximum noise acceptable for aircraft; if so, can a copy of any policy document be provided.
- (4) (a) What method of noise testing is most often used for RAAF aircraft; (b) what method was used to test the Hawks; (c) if the methods are different in any respect, why was the different aspect and/or different method chosen to test the Hawks.
- (5) If the policy identified in (3) specifies different acceptable noise levels for different zoning used, what are these differences, for example, what are the RAAF guidelines on the maximum and desirable decibel levels for high-density, medium-density and low-density residential areas, etc.
- (6) Was any consideration given to the noisiness of the Hawk lead-in fighter when the proposal was made by the RAAF to purchase them as replacements for the Macchi; if so, at what stage of the process was their noise considered (for example, in the first 2 months after the proposal was formulated, 2 weeks before it was put to the Minister, etc.).
- (7) What is the noise range of Macchi aircraft used at Williamtown and SAWR; please provide both the minimum and maximum decibels recorded at any time during the Macchi's use in both of these locations.
- (8) (a) What is the possible noise range of Hawk lead-in fighters (in other words the minimum and maximum decibels at which they are capable of operating); and (b) what were the recorded noise levels of the Hawks at Williamtown and SAWR over the duration of their activities in either of these places (please provide the maximum, minimum and average noise recorded and specify the period over which the average is calculated).
- (9) How often, and from which point or points in Williamtown and SAWR, have Hawk noised levels been recorded (please provide the dates and time of day and night the noise was gauged).
- (10) On any of the occasions set out in the answer to (9), was there more than one RAAF aircraft operating in the area and was the noise of other aircraft also recorded; if so: (a) what type of aircraft was operated simultaneously or overlapping with a Hawk; (b) what are the maximum and average decibel levels of such aircraft; and (c) can a copy of the noise records of such aircraft over the relevant period be provided.
- (11) Were any of the noise tests conducted on the Hawk for the purpose of data-collection for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for introduction into service of the Hawk at Williamtown and SAWR conducted at less than full throttle.

- (12) Was a toxicologist asked to assess the physiological effects on humans resulting from exposure to loud noise as part of the preparation of the draft EIS or, alternatively, if anyone was requested to assess this effect, and the person was not a toxicologist, what formal qualifications did this person have.
- (13) (a) How many flights in total have all the Hawk aircraft taken in the Williamstown and SAWR area since their arrival; (b) from what starting date is this figure calculated; and (c) how is the Williamstown/SAWR area defined.
- (14) Can the figure in (13) be broken down into: (a) the total number of flights made by each of the Hawks since their commencement at RAAF Williamstown; and (b) the number made by each for each month since their commencement.
- (15) Using the definition of the Williamstown/SAWR area adopted in (13), is more than one of the Hawks ever used in the area at the same time; if so, approximately how often, in percentage terms (for example, 75 per cent of the time).
- (16) Is the Hawk lead-in fighter 10 decibels noisier than the Macchi.
- (17) When was the decision made to prepare an EIS.
- (18) Was the EIS prepared in response to community concerns rather than as a legal requirement.
- (19) How many days did the draft EIS take to prepare (including as a separate figure what dates the data relied upon in the EIS was collected).
- (20) Was any monitoring conducted of fuel contamination levels in rainwater tanks in the Williamstown/SAWR area for the purpose of preparing the EIS; if so, can a copy of the study be provided; if not, why not.
- (21) Does the RAAF have water delivered to the SAWR, whereas in the past it has used water tanks on or near the SAWR for drinking water; if so, when did the water tanks cease to be used.
- (22) (a) When was the last time atmospheric tests were conducted in the Williamstown/SAWR area; and (b) what did the results show.
- (23) What is the lowest level that Macchi have flown at in the Williamstown/SAWR area (please give the answer in feet or metres and give an approximate answer if there is no completely accurate data).
- (24) What is the lowest level that Hawks have flown, and are intended to fly, during future training exercises at Williamstown and SAWR (please give the answer in feet or metres and give an approximate answer if there is no completely accurate data).
- (25) (a) What types of training operation are conducted by the RAAF in the SAWR (for example, live-firing, bombing, fuel-dumping etc.); and (b) what percentage of all RAAF activities in the SAWR does each of the activities in (a) represent (approximately if no precise figures are available).
- (26) How many square kilometres does the RAAF need to conduct all of the operations described in the answer to (19).
- (27) Has the RAAF ever conducted any of the activities intended to be conducted within the SAWR outside the gazetted area; if so, when and why.
- (28) On average, how many litres of fuel do the Hawks burn per hour and how many litres of fuel do the Macchis burn per hour.

- (29) Can the Minister confirm that there are no limitations on RAAF bombing activity at SAWR during high-danger fire periods.
- (30) Have there been any back-burning or firewall-creation activities on the RAAF base at Williamtown or the SAWR.
- (31) (a) Do Hawks eject the cases for 30 millimetre cannon shells; and (b) how many shells is a Hawk designed to carry on a practice operation.
- (32) Have any phone calls made by members of the local RAAF Consultative Committee to the RAAF Williamtown base since June 2001 been electronically recorded (by audiotape or otherwise).

Notice given 27 May 2002

- 346 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—With reference to ex-service personnel pensions, where the person has passed away:
- (1) What rules govern who is eligible to continue to receive the pension (or part thereof); that is, spouse and/or children or other beneficiaries.
 - (2) Is access to the pension entirely at the discretion of the ex-service person, for example, as set out in a will.
 - (3) Is there any discretion on the part of Defence as to who has access to the pension.
 - (4) In the case of a woman who was married to an ex-service person for 25 years and has been denied access to the pension because they separated prior to his death, what rules apply in terms of determining who has access to the pension.
- 347 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can a non-citizen ever join the Australian Defence Force (ADF); if so: (a) under what circumstances; and (b) do the same considerations apply in relation to each of the services; if not, can a non-citizen apply to join the ADF and subsequently apply for citizenship, pending a successful application.
 - (2) Is there any basis in Australian immigration law or immigration or defence policy for recognising non-Australian applicants to the ADF, successful or otherwise, as being in a special category or subject to particular considerations when applying for Australian citizenship.
 - (3) Do any of the services receive or accept people who have served in the defence forces of other countries; that is, lateral recruits.
 - (4) What are the labour agreement and employer nomination schemes (or similarly-titled schemes) that relate to special entry into Australia of prospective or actual recruits to the ADF.
- 348 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can a copy of the Statement of Principles for Enhanced Cooperation in Matters of Defence Equipment and Industry which, came into effect on 17 July 2000, be provided.

Notice given 28 May 2002

- 349 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each of the events listed below, can the Minister confirm: (a) the veracity of the events; (b) the fact that members of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) took part in these events

during the presence of the RAAF Contingent at Ubon, Thailand, from 25 June 1965 until 31 August 1968; and (c) whether these events undertaken by the RAAF were, in fact, a 'direct supporting role' of the United States Air Force's Vietnam War effort conducted from within Thailand during the period concerned:

- RAAF Fire/Crash Rescue Crews performed 'crash rescue' operations on 'combat damaged' United States Air Force (USAF) F4 aircraft returning from Vietnam and Laos. (USAF Letter 18/7/66; 8TFW to OC Ubon)
- RAAF Motor Transport drivers refueled USAF 'combat aircraft' for flights into Vietnam and Laos. (Department of Defense Letter 27/12/87)
- RAAF Surface Finishers helped in repairing of damaged USAF aircraft, that sustained 'combat damage' in Vietnam or Laos. (RAAF Unit History Sheets AFO 18/F/5; 1965)
- The USAF's 8th-Tactical Fighter Wing (8TFW) and 79 Squadron conducted 'Combat Flight Training Operations' together, for the benefit of young inexperienced USAF replacement pilots conducting 'combat missions' into Vietnam and Laos. These operations were defined by letters of agreement. (8TFW History Apr-Jun 1968 & Dep Air Letter 68/5/Air(18))
- The Air Defence Posture for Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB) was not accomplished by the USAF's 8TFW. The RAAF stationed at Ubon RTAFB, and equipped with F 86 fighter aircraft, had the responsibility for the Air Defence Alert Posture. (8TFW History Jul-Dec 1966; Maxwell AFB)
- The RAAF was placed on 'Alert 5' Air Defence Alert duties by the 7th Air Force (7AF) wef. 25.6.65 and at times 'increased alert posture' as required. (meeting USAF RAAF 12.6.65: Signal Ubon to DCAS 5/7/65 and June 1966)
- That 'Command Control' was given to the USAF and that the Deputy Commander 7/13th Air Force (USAF), and the designated TACC Battle Commanders were delegated authority to: (a) order scrambles (USAF and RAAF only) including mandatory scrambles, when required for accomplishment of Active Air Defence missions; and (b) order engagement of the first hostile airborne object. (HQ PACAF 7 AF Regulation 23-15 1 Oct 1966)
- The RAAF was part of the tactical control force in Thailand that remained assigned to the tactical air support group in Vietnam because this group was charged with the operation of the South East Asia Integrated Tactical Air Control System. The RAAF Sabres at Ubon, Thailand, came into this system by a combined agreement for air defence executed by the RTAF, the USAF and the RAAF. (History PACAF Jul-Dec 1965)
- The implementation of the USAF 7th AF O Plan 427-66 (wef 1.7.66) combined the air defence systems of Thailand and Vietnam as components of a Single Integrated Air Defence System. (7AF O Plan 427-66)
- The RAAF 79 Squadron was included as 'augmentation forces – Thailand' under the USAF 7AF O Plan 427-66. (7AF O Plan 427-66)
- The RAAF provided RAAF Airfield Defence Guards (ADGs) for external perimeter fence 'ground defence duties' (they patrolled out to 40 kilometres from the base). The USAF provided a USAF Air Police Squadron for internal perimeter fence duties (they were not allowed to patrol outside the base). Attacks using standoff weapons such as rockets and mortars accounted for

96 per cent of ground attacks on main operating bases during the war. This outside patrol role by RAAF ADGs was to counter this threat.

- RAAF aircraft were being employed in the defence of an air base from which offensive operations were being mounted against North Vietnam could be considered by North Vietnam and Communist China as being similar to participation in the actual offensive operation. (Defence Committee 1965)
- RAAF ADGs entered Laos covertly and illegally collecting intelligence information regarding bombing targets in Laos and passed this to USAF authorities in contravention of the 1954 and 1961 Geneva Accords that made Laos a neutral country. (July 1962 agreement signed recognising Laos neutrality) (Aust. Military Attache, Bangkok; SEAR review evidence)
- The RAAF, as required, maintained and performed these allotted duties until released from duty by the Commander USAF 7th Air Force, Headquarters at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, wef. 27 July 1968. (File 566/2/311)

Notice given 29 May 2002

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

- (1) What is the length of telephone cabling in rural and remote areas that is currently supported by fence posts, hay sheds, trees and objects other than poles.
- (2) Can the data be provided on a state-by-state basis.
- (3) What length of new wiring was rolled out: (a) in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year, supported by fence posts etc.
- (4) What length of such wiring supported as in (1) was replaced with pole-supported cable, underground cable or satellite in: (a) the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year (please detail areas in which this took place).
- (5) What program is in place for such replacement.
- (6) What are Telstra's priority areas for the 2002-03 financial year.
- (7) What is the budget for this program in the 2002-03 financial year.
- (8) What would be the total cost of ensuring that all telephone cabling is supported by poles or other appropriate means.
- (9) How many telephone faults attended in: (a) the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year, were due to damage done to cabling supported as in (1).
- (10) What is the cost of repairing those faults.

Notice given 4 June 2002

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

- (1) Why are the counselling and psychotherapy professions not exempt from the goods and services tax (GST) while other mental health professions are exempt.
- (2) Is it the case that there is a national regulatory body that maintains a register of counselling and psychotherapy practitioners who are required to meet clear training and industry standard requirements.

- (3) Is there any evidence of the impact this lack of an exemption from the GST has had on the counselling and psychotherapy professions; if so, what are these impacts.

Notice given 12 June 2002

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

- (1) Did any investigation result from a Qantas flight that departed Launceston on 23 October 2001; if so: (a) when did the investigation commence; (b) who undertook the investigation; (c) when was the investigation completed; and (d) what was the result of the investigation.
- (2) Were the findings of that investigation referred to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority General Counsel; if so: (a) why was the matter referred to the General Counsel; and (b) what was the result of the General Counsel's consideration of the matter.

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

- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority have a code of conduct in place for staff.
- (2) (a) Who developed the code; and (b) when was it put in place.
- (3) On how many occasions has this code been amended since it was first put in place.
- (4) Does the code include a process for a review or investigation of possible breaches of its provisions; if so, what is that process.

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

- (1) Who is the officer in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) designated as the decision-maker in relation to breaches by staff of the CASA staff Code of Conduct.
- (2) What is the appeal process in relation to findings of breaches of the code.
- (3) Since January 2000, how many investigations have there been of alleged breaches of the code.
- (4) In general terms, what was the nature of each alleged breach.
- (5) In each case: (a) what was the date of the alleged breach; (b) what was the date on which the investigation was initiated; (c) who undertook the investigation; (d) what was the result of the investigation; and (e) was there any formal, or informal, appeal or request for review in response to the recommendation or finding that flowed from each investigation.
- (6) In relation to all of the above investigations: (a) on how many occasions was internal legal advice sought; (b) why was that advice sought; and (c) what action followed the provision of that advice.
- (7) In relation to all of the above investigations: (a) on how many occasions was external legal or other professional advice sought; (b) why was that advice sought; and (c) what action followed the provision of that advice.
- (8) Where external legal or other professional advice was sought: (a) who provided that advice; and (b) in each case, what was the cost of providing that advice.

- 355 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Where there has been an investigation into a breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct, since January 2000, on how many occasions have staff sought external legal advice.
 - (2) In each case, who met the cost of the provision of that legal advice.
- 356 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) staff Code of Conduct address the issue of senior officers organising meetings of CASA staff at the homes of senior officers; if so, what rules are in place in relation to the holding of such meetings.
 - (2) Since January 2000, on how many occasions has there been an investigation or inquiry into the appropriateness of senior officers holding meetings of CASA officers at the homes of senior officers.
- 357 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct require the recognition of the chain of command in the reporting of a possible breach of the code; if so, are there any exemptions from the requirement that the chain of command be observed in reporting possible breaches of the code.
 - (2) If the code does not require the recognition of the chain of command in the reporting of a possible breach of the code, what rules apply in relation to the reporting of a possible breach of the code.
- 358 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Was the incident referred to during the estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 30 May 2002 (*Hansard*, p. 331), reported through the proper chain of command within the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
 - (2) Given that the incident under investigation occurred in the Sydney Airline Office, would the head of the compliance division of CASA have been the officer directly responsible for overseeing the investigation.
 - (3) If the incident was not reported through the chain of command: (a) how was the incident reported; and (b) to whom was the incident reported.
 - (4) In the first instance, was the incident reported to the CASA Director directly or the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission.
 - (5) Did a meeting take place in the office of the Deputy Director to discuss this matter on 4 September 2001.
- 359 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is there currently an investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p. 331); if so, is the same process of investigation being applied in relation to this matter as has been followed in relation to the Sydney Airline Office investigation; if not: (a) how is this investigation varying from the investigation into the Sydney Airline Office

- incident; and (b) what are the reasons for the different approach being taken.
- (2) Was this second incident the subject of a meeting in the office of the Deputy Director on 4 September 2001.
 - (3) During that meeting were formal written complaints, or drafts of formal written complaints, relating to this matter provided to the Deputy Director or any other senior officer who attended that meeting.
 - (4) If these documents were provided to an officer other than the Deputy Director, who was that officer.
 - (5) What action followed in relation to the written complaints.
- 360 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In relation to any investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p.331), was there a meeting in the office of the Deputy Director to discuss this investigation in the office of the Executive Officer Corporate Services Division on 28 September 2001.
 - (2) Was the purpose of that meeting to discuss how best to deal with the investigation.
 - (3) At that meeting did the Executive Officer Corporate Services Division direct, or request, that draft letters of complaint in relation to the investigation that had been provided to the Deputy Director or another senior officer at a meeting to discuss this matter on 4 September 2001 be shredded; if so: (a) what was the basis for the direction, or request, to shred these documents; and (b) were the documents detailing the complaint that was the subject of this investigation actually shredded.
- 361 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In relation to any investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct, in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p.331), was there a meeting in the office of the Director to discuss issues related to this investigation.
 - (2) Did these discussions go to the role of the Director, specifically to statements made by the Director, or allegedly made by the Director, in relation to certain matters associated with the investigation.
 - (3) When did that meeting take place.
- 362 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which Australian airports are international airports.
 - (2) Which airports in Australia receive flights directly from South Korea.
- 363 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What are the current achieved x-ray scanning rates of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports.

- (2) What are the current achieved rates of searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports.
- (3) What are the current achieved x-ray scanning rates of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (4) What are the current achieved rates of searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (5) What are the target x-ray rates for scanning of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (6) What are the target rates for searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (7) By what date were each of the above targets to be achieved (and were they so achieved) for: (a) Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea; and (b) all other Australian international airports.
- (8) What is the current number of Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) staff at each Australian international airport.
- (9) What is the current number of AQIS staff at each Australian international airport which receives flights directly from South Korea.
- (10) What is the projected number of AQIS staff at each Australian international airport for the period of 15 July 2002 to 31 July 2002.
- (11) What number of AQIS staff would be required at each Australian international airport to achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.
- (12) What other sections or divisions within AQIS would need to provide resources (both human and materiel) to Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea to achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching of passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.
- (13) Which Australian international airports will have the number of AQIS staff reduced during the period 15 June 2002 to 15 August 2002 to ensure that Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching of passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.

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

- (1) What has been the total value of Australian red meat exports, by year, over the past 5 financial years.
- (2) When did the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) first become aware of the problem of apparent organised crime involvement in the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (3) When did the Minister first become aware of the problem of apparent organised crime involvement in the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.

- (4) What is the extent of the problem in terms of: (a) metric tonnage sold in this manner globally per annum; and (b) the damage, in Australian dollars per annum, done to the Australian meat export industry by way of lost sales.
- (5) What action has been taken to date by AQIS to combat the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (6) What action has been taken to date by the Minister in relation to the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (7) Besides the AQIS Investigation Branch, what other Commonwealth agencies are involved in this investigation.
- (8) What is the particular role of each Commonwealth agency in this investigation.
- (9) How are the various Commonwealth agencies involved in the investigation are being coordinated to ensure that the investigation is most effective.
- (10) What agencies from other nations is the Commonwealth working with to combat the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (11) What is the quantum of funding the Government has committed to combating this illegal trade for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years.
- (12) How much of this funding is being allocated to agencies from other nations with which the Commonwealth is working to combat this illegal trade.
- (13) What are the current penalties for persons convicted of trading in contaminated meat sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (14) Have these penalties been amended since 30 June 1998; if so: (a) when; and (b) what are the nature of the changes to these penalties.

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

- (1) What is the number of veterinarians currently practising in Australia.
- (2) How many of the total fit into the following age group cohorts: (a) 20-29 years of age; (b) 30-39 years of age; (c) 40-49 years of age; (d) 50-59 years of age; and (e) 60-69 years of age.
- (3) What number in each age group cohort are women.
- (4) What is the number of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia (that is, outside the official city boundaries of Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, Perth and Adelaide).
- (5) How many of the total of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia fit into the following age group cohorts: (a) 20-29 years of age; (b) 30-39 years of age; (c) 40-49 years of age; (d) 50-59 years of age; and (e) 60-69 years of age.
- (6) What number of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia in each age group cohort are women.
- (7) Following the Government's budget announcement to provide five scholarships to veterinary students through the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service, can the Minister advise: (a) what is the progress of stakeholder consultation; (b) who in terms of individuals and interest groups have been consulted; (c) who in terms of individuals and interest

groups remains to be consulted; and (d) for those who remain to be consulted, what is the target date for completing this consultation process.

Notice given 13 June 2002

366 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) (a) Which Australian universities offer undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree; and (b) where are they located.
- (2) (a) Which Australian universities offer postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree; and (b) where are they located.
- (3) How many places are currently available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (4) How many places are currently available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (5) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many places have been available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which could directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (6) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many places have been available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which could directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (7) How many fully federally-funded places are currently available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (8) How many fully federally-funded places are currently available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (9) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many fully federally-funded places have been available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (10) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many fully federally-funded places have been available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

367 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What is the standard length (in years) of an undergraduate course at an Australian university which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (2) What is the standard length (in years) of a postgraduate course at an Australian university which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

- (3) What is the current total Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government requires to be paid by an undergraduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (4) What is the current total HECS or other contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Master of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government requires to be paid by a graduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (5) For each of the past 5 financial years, what has been the total HECS contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government has required to be paid by an undergraduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (6) For each of the past 5 financial years, what has been the total HECS or other contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Master of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government has required to be paid by a graduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

368 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What is the forecast by year, over the next 5 financial years, of the number of students who will graduate from Australian universities with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (2) What is the forecast by year, over the next 5 financial years, of the number of students who will graduate from Australian universities with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary qualification.

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

- (1) What medical research has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council into the causes of lower back pain.
- (2) Can a copy of the reports of such research be provided.
- (3) If no research has been conducted, can the Minister indicate what priority this cause of debility has in public policy.
- (4) What measures has the Government adopted to prevent the causes of lower back pain.
- (5) Does the Government have an estimate of the cost to the health system, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, of lower back pain.

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the critique prepared by Animals Australia of the environment assessment report by Environment Australia (December 2001) on the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to the National Registration Authority.
- (2) What is being done to address the concerns raised in the critique in relation to cross infectivity.

- 371 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Who wrote the report, 'Environmental Assessment of Rabbit Calicivirus Injection, a product of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for registration as a new biological product, 1996'.
 - (2) Who wrote Environment Australia's environment assessment report on the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by CSIRO to the National Registration Authority, 2001.
 - (3) Has the 2001 report been peer-reviewed; if so, by whom.
- 372 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Taiwanese study by Shien and Lee in 2000 which illustrated that Rabbit Calicivirus Disease (RCD) pigs inoculated with RCD suffered fever and still had live virus present in their lungs and livers after 14 days.
 - (2) Can the Minister give an unequivocal assurance that RCD will never spread from Australian rabbits to Australian pigs.
 - (3) Given that the use of RCD on food baits would expose a much wider range of non-target species to ingestion of the live virus than has occurred with RCD inoculation, can the Minister give an unequivocal assurance that RCD will not spread from Australian rabbits to humans and any other species of animal.
- 373 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—When is the National Registration Authority expected to make a decision on the proposed development of the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
- 374 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that members of the Hazara faith have been subject to persecution and human rights abuses in Afghanistan prior to, as well as during, the rule of the Taliban regime.
 - (2) What steps is the Minister taking to guarantee the safety of members of the Hazara faith who are being repatriated to Afghanistan from Australia.
- 375 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 168 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 May 2002, p.1567):
- (1) Did the Tasmanian experiments in question involve the introduction or attempted introduction of different generations of the *E. nitens* and *E. globulus* species; if so: (a) for what purpose; and (b) with what result.
 - (2) Who conducted the experiments.

Notice given 14 June 2002

- 376 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to correspondence from the Minister received by Senator Ridgeway on 19 February 2002 regarding overseas film and documentary makers entering Australia for work purposes:

- (1) (a) How many (i) 420 Entertainment Visas; and (ii) 423 Media and Film Staff Visas, have been issued by the department over the past 5 years; and (b) from which countries of origin are the recipients of the visas.
- (2) How many of the applications for 420 Entertainment Visas over the past 5 years have been referred to the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance for their input.
- (3) What are the criteria that applicants are required to meet in order to qualify for a 423 Media and Film Staff Visa, in particular, is it a condition of eligibility that the material filmed in Australia will not be screened in Australia.
- (4) (a) What actions have Commonwealth staff employed in national parks in the Northern Territory been directed to undertake to enforce visa requirements in those areas; (b) what form have these directions taken; (c) how many breaches of visa requirements have Commonwealth staff in these national parks reported to the department over the past 5 years; and (d) of these, how many breaches are related to either 420 or 423 visas.

Notice given 17 June 2002

377 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—With reference to overseas documentary-makers working in Australia in co-productions with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC):

- (1) What are the general terms of co-production agreements that the ABC enters into with overseas broadcasters such as the BBC, Channel 4 and WGBH Boston, which travel to Australia to film documentaries, in particular: (a) what provisions are built into these agreements to directly benefit the Australian film and documentary making industries, and Australians who work in these industries; (b) how are the export earnings from these co-productions shared between the parties; and (c) what are the licensing arrangements in terms of copyright ownership of the co-produced works.
- (2) In terms of the requirement in the ABC's Corporate Plan to broadcast the best of Australian and overseas programs on television, does this override the ABC's ability to give preference to Australian-made productions ahead of overseas productions.
- (3) What policies or programs does the ABC implement to directly support and foster the Australian documentary production industry and those who work in this field.

378 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Is Facility Licence No. FV0043 for the Maralinga Rehabilitation Program now with the department; if so, what is the status of this licence.
- (2) Has the department provided the report required in accordance with the special conditions outlined in Schedule 4 of the Facility Licence; if so, can a copy of the report be provided.
- (3) What surveys and assessments have been made of surface contamination following rehabilitation of the site and can copies be provided.
- (4) What were the dosimetric factors used in this assessment.
- (5) What assumptions were made to take account of factors such as the carry-over of soils and the shielding effect of that soil.

- (6) Has the department prepared proposals for monitoring ground contamination, checking the water table for radioactive contamination and monitoring the state of the burial trenches; if so, can copies of these proposals be provided.
- (7) What is the timeframe for the hand over of Maralinga to the traditional owners.
- (8) Has the Maralinga Rehabilitation Technical Advisory Committee report on assessment of dose estimates been completed; if not, when it is expected to be completed; if so, can a copy be provided.

Notice given 18 June 2002

*379 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the administration of the R&D Start Program and the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002, administered by AusIndustry through the department:

- (1) Given that the program is the single most useful and successful program for small- to medium-sized enterprises seeking to undertake investment and commercialisation of new technologies within Australia and for export, why has the department ceased approving applications since April 2002.
- (2) Have applications been received for projects seeking to commercialise such things as life-saving light aeroplane wind shear detection devices.
- (3) Considering the success of the program, why has the Minister not come back to the Parliament seeking a further appropriation to ensure the continuation of this program.
- (4) Is it a fact that AusIndustry has not approved a single new application in 2002.
- (5) Is it the case that the department was not informing applicants that there were no monies available when applications were being lodged in November and December 2001.
- (6) How will the Government reinstate credibility in the program with it now turning the tap on and off.
- (7) What was the date of the lodgement of the application for the last funded project.
- (8) What was the date of the approval and funding of the most recently funded project.
- (9) At what date was the department aware of the fact that it was unable to fund any further applications.
- (10) On what date was the Minister notified by the department that it did not have funding available for any further projects in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (11) Did the department open new offices in 2002 which will promote the program.
- (12) Did the department have a stall at the recent Australian Innovation Festival, held on 22 April 2002, where the program was promoted.
- (13) Given that the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002 state that the program will not deal with any new applications until further notice, is the Government looking to shut down the program and not approve any further applications; if not, when will the department begin approving applications again.

- (14) Will the department begin dealing with applications at the start of the 2002-03 financial year; if not, why not.
- (15) (a) Is it the case that the program is to be audited; (b) what are the terms of reference for this audit; and (c) when will the audit report be made available to the Parliament.
- (16) Does the Minister support statements made by senior members of the department that they are not concerned if innovative products go overseas for development and manufacture.
- (17) What was the basis for paragraph 7 of the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002, which provides that all applications not granted prior to this direction are deemed to be refused.

*380 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Maribyrnong detention centre:

- (1) Given the high level of monitoring, the security cameras and the control room, which is manned 24 hours a day and has surveillance over every corridor and every area other than inside the bedrooms and toilets: (a) why is it necessary for 2-hourly headcounts; and (b) how are these headcounts conducted.
- (2) Are records kept of headcounts; if so, can copies of these records be provided for the past 6 months; if not, why not.
- (3) Can a schedule of the medication currently being taken by detainees and the doses of that medication together with medical records be provided.
- (4) Are detainees forced to take sleeping pills or any other medication.
- (5) What arrangements are in place to supervise the taking of medication.
- (6) (a) What records of self harm are kept; and (b) can they be provided for the past year.
- (7) Is it the case that only one blanket and no more than two on request is provided to each detainee.
- (8) Why is it that visitors are not permitted to take blankets into the centre on request.
- (9) Is it the case that heating at the centre was not turned on for 3 weeks after requests had been made.
- (10) (a) Is the heating now fully operational; and (b) for what period of the day and night and in what areas is it turned on.
- (11) Is it the case that none of the bedrooms, toilets and bathrooms have doors.
- (12) Is it the case that detention guidelines call for privacy considerations; if so, how is this provided.
- (13) Is it the case that detention officers who were previously employed as prison officers receive the full 6-week training course.
- (14) What measures and processes are in place to ensure that complaints against officers can be made without any repercussions from, or retribution by, those officers towards the detainees.
- (15) What are the current arrangements with regard to access to the external grassed area, including the size of groups allowed, times of access, number of detention officers present, etc.

- (16) Is the mother of the three children aged 5 years, 3 years and 8 months permitted to accompany her child or children to kindergarten; if not, why not.
- (17) Can the medical report on the detainee diagnosed with tuberculosis be provided.
- (18) Where is that detainee presently.
- (19) Why were detainees in the centre at the same time as this detainee not inoculated against the disease.
- (20) Have the exposed detainees been subsequently tested for the disease; if not, why not.
- (21) Is it the case that cut flowers are not permitted at the centre.
- (22) Is it the case that visitors are not permitted to bring in notebooks and pencils; if so, when was this rule introduced.
- (23) Can a copy of the rules that apply for visitors to Maribyrnong with regard to what may be brought to detainees by visitors be provided.
- (24) What measures are in place to ensure that the rules are not interpreted differently or changed arbitrarily by various officers.
- (25) Given that the department in its submission to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission indicated that cricket, badminton, treadmill, basketball, billiards, jewellery-making, Egyptian dancing, computing, music classes for children and sewing classes were being provided at the Maribyrnong detention centre, can a schedule be provided showing the times when these facilities are available to detainees.
- (26) What are the rules with regard to birthing mothers.
- (27) What arrangements were in place for the two children of the mother who gave birth most recently.
- (28) Why is it that a burns victim who required skin grafts, was not provided with that medical attention.
- (29) (a) How often are fire drills conducted at the centre; and (b) can records be provided of fire drills so far in 2002 and their duration.
- (30) Can a copy of the so-called log of claims developed by detainees at a recent hunger strike be provided.
- (31) (a) What is the status of each claim; (b) which of these claims have been implemented; and (c) which were not implemented and why.
- (32) Was a representative of the department present at the meeting at which the log of claims was discussed.
- (33) With reference to a booklet produced by the Australasian Correctional Management there is a warning about injuries that can be caused by strap wire: can details be provided of (a) this device; and (b) what that advice is.
- (34) What is the routine or the requirement with regard to informing detainees about the circumstances in which the accommodation charge will be made of them, that is, detainees being told that they will incur a debt and not being given advice that if, for instance, they are granted refugee status there is no debt.
- (35) Can a copy of that advice be provided.
- (36) What revenue was raised by accommodation charges at the Maribyrnong detention centre in the 2000-01 financial year.

- (37) Are there any circumstances in which the accommodation debt is not waived where a detainee is given a residential visa.

*381 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) (a) How many detainees has Australia sent back; and (b) to where.
- (2) With which countries does Australia have arrangements, in regard to accepting deported asylum seekers.
- (3) With which countries is Australia still negotiating for deportation.
- (4) Which countries have refused to accept deported asylum seekers.
- (5) Is it the intention of the department that the Maribyrnong detainee who was recently convicted of people-smuggling, but given a suspended sentence which he is appealing, will remain at Maribyrnong; if not: (a) where will he be transferred to; and (b) when.
- (6) Why is it that 'Mr Y' was deported earlier this month when he was a key witness in the trial of 'Mr Z' on 27 May 2002 and is required to appear in the appeal Mr Z instigated on 30 May 2002 against his sentence in the county court.
- (7) Does not this action prejudice Mr Z's right to a fair trial.
- (8) What, in the view of the department, are the risks faced by Mr Y in returning to Iran as a result of the testimony he gave of his political activities in opposition to the Iranian regime, which was widely reported, including on television.
- (9) Why did the prosecution, in calling Mr Y, not seek a suppression order on his evidence, given the risk that such reporting would entail.
- (10) Why was Mr Y not allowed the opportunity to seek an application of ministerial guidelines concerning *sur* place claims, pursuant to sections 48B and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958*.
- (11) What assurances does the department have from Iran that Mr Y will be safe on the return voyage aboard the *Iran Mazandaran* and when he arrives in Iran.
- (12) Can a copy of the documentation relating to those assurances be provided.
- (13) (a) On what basis did the Australian Government obtain the consent of the Iranian Government and/or the Iranian national line to repatriate Mr Y without his consent; and (b) can all documentation and all and any records be provided of communications between the department and its officers and any other Australian Government entity, including the Australasian Correctional Management (ACM), with the Iranian Government and Iranian national line in respect of obtaining the consent of the Iranian Government.
- (14) Does the department intend to continue to deport Iranian nationals who have been refused protection visas aboard Iranian state cargo ships.
- (15) (a) Did the department consider the accentuated risk to Mr Y in repatriating him aboard a shipping line owned and controlled by the state authorities he had fled from, particularly as there is always at least one intelligence agent of the PRS aboard Iranian national line ships; and (b) can any and all documentation and correspondence between: (i) any officer of the department, (ii) any employee of ACM, (iii) any employee of the Iranian state line, and (iv) any person aboard the *Iran Mazandaran*, between 29 May 2002 and 2 June 2002, concerning the removal of Mr Y be

provided, including all incident reports and records of medical treatment, if any.

- (16) Can all or any medical and or psychological records, statements or assessments, and incident reports, concerning Mr Y between 1 April 2002 and 29 May 2002 be provided, including any records concerning his attempted suicides, and any sedation to which he was exposed when placed upon the *Iran Mazandaran*.

*382 **Senator Cooney:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Given that the Australian population, indeed the world population, have been captivated by the world's most popular sporting event, the World Cup, is the Minister aware of the dire situation in which Soccer Australia currently finds itself.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that on a recent *Four Corners* program it was reported that if soccer's governing body in Australia is wound up, it could lose its Federation Internationale de Football Association accreditation and effectively fail to qualify for the 2006 World Cup.
- (3) Given that it is the world game, and is an increasingly popular sport in this country, is there a strategy in place to ensure that soccer enthusiasts in Australia are not penalised due to the dire financial situation of Soccer Australia.

*383 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 192 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 May 2002, p.1458), can a copy be provided of the letter referred to from Mr Kevin Keefe, Assistant Secretary, World Heritage Branch, Department of the Environment and Heritage to Mr Francesco Bandarin, Director of the World Heritage Centre, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that United States (US) military bases in South Korea are polluting the Han River with oil and toxic chemicals.
- (2) What action will the Minister take through the ANZUS Treaty and other relationships with the US to urge that military bases in South Korea and other Asian and Pacific countries meet environmental operating standards at least as stringent as would apply in the US or Australia and are cleaned up when they close.

*385 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Saemangeum wetland reclamation proposal in South Korea:

- (1) Is it the case that the reclaimed land is to be used for industrial development and farmland, not housing.
- (2) Is the proposed migratory birds agreement between South Korea and Australia a treaty similar to those between Australia and Japan and Australia and China; if not, what form will it take.
- (3) How significant are the Saemangeum wetlands to Korea, the Yellow Sea and the Australasian-East Asian flyway, and to Australia's migratory birds.
- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that Hyundai is the main contractor for the reclamation project which is destroying the wetlands; and (b) has the Minister had any contact with Hyundai Australia to express concerns.

- (5) Will the Minister ensure that the Saemangeum wetlands are protected as part of any migratory birds agreement negotiated between Australia and South Korea.
- (6) What other action will the Minister take to help ensure that Saemangeum is protected, including through the Ramsar Treaty.

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

- (1) Why was there no opportunity for public comment on Australia's national assessment report for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
- (2) Why does the report not highlight Australia's appalling loss of native vegetation, destruction of old growth and high conservation value forests, and rapidly rising rates of greenhouse gas emissions.

*387 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held in Johannesburg in August and September 2002:

- (1) (a) On what basis did the Minister decide that oceans, national governance and sustainable land management are the key issues for Australia; and (b) what meant by 'national governance'.
- (2) Will the Government oppose water privatisation, including through the GATS agreement.
- (3) Will the Government support setting targets and timetables for a substantial global shift to renewable energy sources.
- (4) Will the Government support the creation of an independent international renewable energy agency.
- (5) (a) What environmental treaties has the Government signed but not ratified; and (b) when will they be ratified.
- (6) Will the Government support placing international environmental and social rules ahead of trade rules, with the final power of arbitration transferred from the World Trade Organization to an independent international court.
- (7) Will the Government support the creation of an international legal framework for corporate social and environmental responsibility and accountability of private corporations.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Committees

1 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.)

2 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.)

3 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

4 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

5 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.)

*6 Animal welfare—National Health and Medical Research Council primate colonies—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on Monday, 24 June 2002, by the Minister for Health and Ageing, a copy of the colony visit reports written relating to the recent visits of the Animal Welfare Committee to the National Health and Medical Research Council primate colonies.

(Agreed to 18 June 2002.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

| Date of order | Subject | Addressed to |
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| 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

7 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.)

8 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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Appropriations and Staffing

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Procedure

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Senators' Interests

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Community Affairs Legislation

Community Affairs References

Economics Legislation

Economics References

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References

Finance and Public Administration Legislation

Finance and Public Administration References

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

Legal and Constitutional Legislation

Legal and Constitutional References

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

Select Committees

A Certain Maritime Incident

Superannuation

Superannuation and Financial Services

Joint Statutory Committees

ASIO, ASIS and DSD

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

Corporations and Financial Services

National Crime Authority

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

Public Accounts and Audit

Public Works

Joint Committees

Electoral Matters
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Migration
National Capital and External Territories
Treaties

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 varied 15 May 2002; reporting date: 26 June 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

Report presented

Thirty-sixth report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2002-03 (*certified by the President on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 166(2); tabled 18 June 2002*)



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

Reports 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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

- * Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Advisory report (*tabled 18 June 2002*)



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, Harris, 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 Gibbs, Lees, McLucas and Tchen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, 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*)

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, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, 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*)

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, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Stott Despoja, 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, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Sherry and Watson

Reports presented

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

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

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002 and Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002 (*tabled 15 May 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, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, 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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, McLucas, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Ray, 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: 18 June 2002*)

Reports presented

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

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

- * Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 (*presented to the President on 18 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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, Brown, Buckland, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, 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, Harris, Knowles, McGauran, Mackay, Murphy, Payne, Ray, 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, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, 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

Current inquiries

Examination of the Department of Defence's 2000-01 annual report (*adopted 21 March 2002*)

Examination of annual reports within the Foreign Affairs portfolio (*adopted 11 April 2002*)

Enterprising Australia – planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

Watching brief on the war on terrorism (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

United Nations – Australia's role in the UN (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

World Trade Organisation – Australia's role in the WTO (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

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, Harris, 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*)

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, Harris, 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, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, McGauran, Murphy, Ray, 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*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Erratum (*tabled 16 May 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cook, on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cook, on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 13 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

* Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 (*tabled 18 June 2002*)

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 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, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

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

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*)

Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (*tabled 14 May 2002*)

Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology (*tabled 16 May 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

Current inquiry

Norfolk Island electoral matters (*referred 1 November 2000; re-referred 7 May 2002*)

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*)

Having regard to the matter submitted to the President by the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident, whether there was any attempted or actual interference with a witness before the committee in respect of the witness' evidence, and whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard (*referred 16 May 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

Report presented

Sixty-fifth annual report, March 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

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, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Ray, 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

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*)

Quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States (*referred 16 May 2002; reporting date: 27 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*)

Airports Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 16 May 2002*)

- * Administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* and Regulations (*tabled 18 June 2002*)
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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, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Harris, 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*)

No. 4 of 2002 (*tabled 15 May 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*)

No. 4 of 2002 (*presented 15 May 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*)

Report no. 3 of 2002 (*presented 15 May 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); tabled 14 May 2002*)

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

Reports presented

Report 44—Four nuclear safeguards treaties tabled in August 2001 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Report 45—The Statute of the International Criminal Court (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

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*).

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Clerk of the Senate

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MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

| Minister | Representing |
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| 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 (Nick) <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 (Chris) <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 (Rod) <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 (Ron) <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.

