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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 27 June 2002

- 1 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 May 2003, and that, in its recommendations, the committee take into account a preference to maintain overall budget neutrality within the alcohol taxation sector:
 - (1) The efficiency, equity and complexity of the existing structure (and relevant history) of Commonwealth, state and territory alcohol taxation (excluding goods and services tax) and related rebates, subsidies and grants being applied to each category of alcohol product, including:
 - (a) beer (low-, mid- and full-strength beer, in packaged and draught form);
 - (b) ready to drink alcohol products (below 10% alcohol by volume (abv)) currently taxed as ‘other excisable beverages’ under the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*);
 - (c) wine, wine products and cider (currently subject to the wine equalisation tax (WET));
 - (d) spirits (including brandy) and ‘other excisable beverages exceeding 10% abv’; and
 - (e) any other alcohol products.
 - (2) Identification of the amount of Commonwealth taxation revenue collected in the 2001-02 financial year (and forecast to be collected over the next 10 years) on each category of alcohol product, including:
 - (a) the quantity of customs duty, excise duty and WET collected;
 - (b) the amounts of rebates, subsidies and grants paid; and
 - (c) the amounts of drawback of customs and excise duty paid on re-exports and exports.
 - (3) The effectiveness of the existing alcohol administration arrangements relating to taxation collection, including whether or not the collection should be administered by a single administration agency.
 - (4) For the purpose of implementing alcohol taxation policy, the extent to which there is substitution between the various categories of alcoholic beverages, including (but not restricted to) issues such as whether substitution between alcoholic beverages is the same for each category of alcoholic beverage.
 - (5) The impact of the existing alcohol taxation arrangements for:
 - (a) the economy, employment, the environment and industry;
 - (b) beverage pricing and cost structures;
 - (c) the patterns of consumption, including the abuse, of the various categories of alcohol product;
 - (d) the health and welfare of regional, rural and remote communities (including the funding of alcohol rehabilitation and education); and
 - (e) the flexibility and sustainability of government revenue.

- (6) An examination of selected international alcohol taxation regimes (and recent overseas tax reviews) in order to identify the best options for alcohol taxation policy, legislation and administration in Australia.

Notice given 23 September 2002

- 2 **Senator Conroy:** To move—That the Telstra Carrier Charges—Price Control Arrangements, Notification and Disallowance Determination No. 1 of 2002, made under subsections 154(1), 155(1) and 157(1) of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, be disallowed.

Two sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Notice given 24 September 2002

- 3 **Senator O'Brien:** To move—That the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 167 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed.

Three 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.*

Order of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian meat industry and export quotas.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 October 2002

- 1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2], allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Notice given 12 November 2002

- *2 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002

Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002

Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002**
In committee (12 November 2002).
- 2 **Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002**
In committee (12 November 2002).
- 3 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002**
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 170 from the House of Representatives (17 October 2002).
- 4 **Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002**
Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 September 2002).
(Bills exempted on 23 October 2002 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 5 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002**—(Senate bill)—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2002).
(Bill exempted on 23 October 2002 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 6 **Excise Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002**
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2002).
(Bills exempted on 23 October 2002 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 7 **Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2002**—(Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Crossin, 11 November 2002).
- 8 **Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002**
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—(Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2002).
(Bills exempted on 23 October 2002 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 9 **Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Bishop—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate condemns the Government’s unfair application of breach penalties on job seekers and calls on it to amend the breach penalty regime in line with

principles outlined in the report of the *Independent Review of Breaches and Penalties in the Social Security System* (the Pearce review), including:

- (a) a rate reduction for first or second breaches of no more than 25 per cent of benefits;
- (b) breach and non-payment periods of a maximum of 8 weeks duration; and
- (c) reinstatement of benefits on compliance”—(*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 23 October 2002*).

- 10 **Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 23 October 2002*).
- 13 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*24 June 2002*).
- 14 **Plant Breeder’s Rights Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)
In committee (*21 October 2002*).
- 15 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Patterson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 25 September 2002*).
- 16 **Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance—Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 October 2002*).
- 17 **Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review and Other Matters) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 11 November 2002*).
- 18 **Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 23 September 2002*).
- 19 **Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002**
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 11 November 2002*).

- 20 **Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

- 21 **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 **Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report entitled: Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs—Government response**
Consideration (*11 November 2002*).
- 2 **Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report entitled: Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services: First report—Government response**
Consideration (*11 November 2002*).
- 3 **Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report entitled: Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—Second report: Some case studies—Government response**
Consideration (*11 November 2002*).
- 4 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001***
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Chapman)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Chapman, in continuation, 23 October 2002*).
- 5 **Economics References Committee—Report—A review of public liability and professional indemnity insurance**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Collins)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan), in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

6 Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Migration zone excision: An examination of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 and related matters

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Bolkus)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 21 October 2002*).

7 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Visit to Australian forces deployed to the international coalition against terrorism: Parliament's watching brief on the war on terrorism

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ferguson)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 21 October 2002*).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 12 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Management of the Innovation Investment Fund Program: Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources [and] Industry Research and Development Board

Consideration (*21 October 2002*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2002-03—Information support services—Benchmarking the internal audit function: Follow-on report—Benchmarking study

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 14 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Health group IT outsourcing tender process: Department of Finance and Administration

Consideration (*11 November 2002*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 15 of 2002-03—Performance audit—The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health program follow-up audit: Department of Health and Ageing

Consideration (*11 November 2002*).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2002-03—Business support process audit—The administration of grants (post-approval) in small to medium organisations

Consideration (*11 November 2002*).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Age pension entitlements: Department of Family and Community Services; Centrelink

Consideration (*11 November 2002*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

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

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

*Notice given 11 March 2002***23 Senator McGauran:** To move—That the Senate—

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

- (c) take action to include the names of these two Australians on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

30 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate—

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

Notice given 16 May 2002

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 26 June 2002

108 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table, on the next day of sitting, the advice by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to the Assistant Treasurer under section 230A of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, in relation to applications for financial assistance for superannuation funds where Commercial Nominees of Australia was trustee.

112 **Senator Ridgeway:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the week beginning 24 June 2002 is Drug Action Week, aimed at generating community awareness about drug and alcohol abuse and the solutions being used to tackle these issues,

- (ii) each day of Drug Action Week highlights a different theme and the theme on 27 June 2002 is Indigenous issues,
 - (iii) the misuse of alcohol and other drugs has long been linked to the deep levels of emotional and physical harm suffered by Indigenous communities since the colonisation of Australia,
 - (iv) alcohol and tobacco consumption rates continue to remain high in the Indigenous population, against declining rates in the general population, and the increasing use of heroin in urban, regional and rural Indigenous communities is also of particular concern,
 - (v) substance misuse is probably the biggest challenge facing Indigenous communities today, as it affects almost everybody either directly or indirectly and is now the cause as well as the symptom of much grief and loss experienced by Indigenous communities, and
 - (vi) the demand for the services of existing Indigenous-controlled drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres far exceeds the current level of supply;
- (b) acknowledges the essential role of Indigenous community-controlled health services in providing long-term, culturally-appropriate solutions for substance abuse; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
- (i) fund the national substance misuse strategy, developed by the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, which is designed to build the necessary capacity within the Indigenous health sector so communities can address their health and well-being needs in a holistic and culturally-appropriate manner, and
 - (ii) improve coordination between Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments on these issues and ensure this facilitates greater Indigenous control over the development and implementation of all health programs.

Notice given 19 August 2002

120 Senator Ray: To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the claims in the *Age* newspaper of 15 August 2002 that the McGauran family is financially supporting the Democratic Labour Party of Australia (DLP) in its attempt to retain registration under the provisions of the Electoral Act,
 - (ii) that two of the three Victorian National Party representatives in the Federal Parliament are from the McGauran family and have, on occasions, relied on DLP preferences,
 - (iii) the comments of the DLP Secretary, Mr John Mulholland, when he said, 'It would be in Senator Julian McGauran's interests for the DLP to survive this de-registration moved by the Electoral Commission', and
 - (iv) the immense amount of money made by the McGauran family from its poker machine interests in Altona, some of which is apparently going to fund the DLP's legal expenses; and
- (b) calls on Senator McGauran and the Minister for Science (Mr McGauran), to explain their knowledge of their family's involvement in funding the DLP's legal bills.

Notice given 22 August 2002

139 **Senator Mackay:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) congratulates the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly:
 - (i) on becoming the first state or territory legislature to remove abortion from the criminal code, and
 - (ii) for repealing the appalling law which required women seeking abortions to first look at pictures of fetuses;
- (b) notes that this landmark legislation should serve to encourage all remaining states and territories to enact similar legislative changes; and
- (c) notes that the Australian Capital Territory legislation recognises that abortion is a decision for women and is not something that should carry the threat of a jail term.

Notice given 16 September 2002

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Deaflympic Games will be held in Melbourne in 2005; and
 - (ii) Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria has set up a Games Organising Committee to begin planning and organising this international event which will see the participation of 4 000 deaf athletes and officials from over 90 countries; and
- (b) urges the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) to respond to the correspondence from Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria and to offer support for the Deaflympic Games.

Notice given 19 September 2002

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

- (a) deploras comments made in the New South Wales Parliament on Tuesday, 17 September 2002, by the State Minister for Education and Training (Mr Watkins), which misrepresented the future direction of universities in Australia and, in particular, the role of rural and regional universities;
- (b) notes that the Minister for Education, Science and Training (Dr Nelson) has put on the record that regional universities will not be disadvantaged by the current reform process;
- (c) further notes that the Federal Minister told all state education ministers, including Mr Watkins, in July 2002 that Australia would not be returning to second tier, teaching-only, higher education institutions; and
- (d) congratulates the Federal Minister for his comprehensive and inclusive review of higher education in Australia.

Notice given 24 September 2002

184 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the commitment of the Government and Mr John Loy, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), to a demonstrated store for radioactive waste by 2005,

- (ii) the commitment of the Government and Mr Loy to a second spent fuel reprocessing pathway for spent fuel from the Lucas Heights reactor,
- (iii) the commitment in the Lucas Heights environmental impact statement (EIS), EIS supplementary report and EIS assessment report to a radioactive waste store by 2005,
- (iv) the ARPANSA site licence assessment regarding a potential operating licence at Lucas Heights that, 'A license to operate would not be issued by ARPANSA without there being clear and definite means available for the ultimate disposal of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel',
- (v) that the recent comments by Mr Loy on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *PM* program indicating that the 'new' deadline for a store is now 2025 and that provision for second country reprocessing is no longer required are in direct contradiction to previous commitments, and
- (vi) that it recently passed a second reading amendment that:
 - (A) noted the view of the CEO of ARPANSA that arrangements for taking the spent fuel and turning it into a reasonable waste form need to be absolutely clear before the new reactor at Lucas Heights commences operation, and there needs to be clear progress on siting a store for the waste that returns to Australia, and
 - (B) expressed its opinion that until all matters relating to safety, storage and transportation of nuclear materials associated with the new reactor at Lucas Heights are resolved, no operating licence related to the new reactor at Lucas Heights should be issued by ARPANSA; and
- (b) calls on the CEO of ARPANSA to:
 - (i) reaffirm commitments made to the Australian people as part of the EIS process, and
 - (ii) act in conformity with the Senate's second reading amendment.

Notice given 17 October 2002

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

- (a) recognises that the Federal Coalition Government has increased investment in education each year, with \$2.4 billion being provided for public schools in 2002-03, an increase of 5.7 per cent over the past year and a 52 per cent increase since 1996;
- (b) expresses alarm that New South Wales state government spending on education currently lags \$318 million a year below the Australian national average;
- (c) notes that New South Wales primary schools have the worst student-to-teacher ratios in Australia and some of the largest class sizes in the country;
- (d) further notes that the Vinson report into public education demonstrates the under resourcing of the public education system in New South Wales by the Carr Government; and
- (e) congratulates New South Wales Opposition Leader, John Brogden, who vowed on 24 September 2002 to spend more on public schools and backed the need to reduce class sizes.

Notice given 11 November 2002

235 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in June 1999 the International Labour Organisation (ILO) adopted Convention 182 regarding the worst forms of child labour;
 - (ii) this convention deals with children in the worst forms of labour, including trafficking, bonded and forced labour, armed conflict, prostitution and pornography,
 - (iii) in April 2002, ILO research found that there were 8.4 million children world wide involved in the worst forms of child labour,
 - (iv) to date, 131 countries, including the United States, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the United Kingdom, Iraq and Thailand, have ratified this convention,
 - (v) this convention has been the fastest ratified in the 82 year history of the ILO, demonstrating an overwhelming international commitment to eliminating abusive child labour, and
 - (vi) Australia remains in a minority of nations, including Eritrea, Swaziland, Suriname, Kyrgyzstan, Kiribati and India, which have not ratified the convention, and is the only Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development nation not to have done so; and
- (b) encourages the Australian Government to immediately pursue the ratification of ILO Convention 182.

238 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table, immediately after taking note of answers to questions without notice on 13 November 2002, the evaluation of the ‘Living in Harmony’ initiative and the associated market research that was conducted between 1996 and 1998.

Notice given 12 November 2002

*242 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on the Australian meat industry and export quotas be extended to 14 November 2002.

*243 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 13 November 2002, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002.

*244 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett):** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than noon on Thursday, 14 November 2002, the figures ‘in terms of the increasing capability that’s necessary to meet this much more complex strategic environment’, and all documentation relating to those figures, which were provided to the Government by the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) and referred to by Senator Hill on Channel 10’s *Meet the Press* program on 10 November 2002.

*245 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett):** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 5 December 2002, all

documents associated with the formation, funding and membership of the Foundation for a Sustainable Minerals Industry, including but not limited to: reports, correspondence, e-mail, records of conservation, memos, margin notes and minutes of meetings.

*246 **Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Knowles):** To move—That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 14 November 2002, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002.

*248 **Senator Ridgeway:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes, with sadness, the passing on 3 November 2002 of Mr Jimmy Pike, a Walmajarri man from the Great Sandy Desert in the Kimberley, and thanks his family for their permission to refer to him by name in recognition of his outstanding achievements as an artist;
- (b) remembers Mr Pike as one of the artists who transformed the Indigenous fine art movement by his bold use of colour and distinctive style of design, which were inspired by his traditional desert country and the Walmajarri ceremonies and stories associated with that country;
- (c) notes that Mr Pike was first introduced to Western-style painting in his 40s, yet created an expansive body of work across many different mediums including painting, printmaking, fabric design and wood carving, that has been exhibited in major galleries throughout Australia, and in Japan, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China; and
- (d) recognises that Mr Pike's works are represented in most of the major galleries, museums and private collections in Australia, as well as overseas, contributing to his status as one of the nation's pre-eminent Aboriginal artists and cultural custodians.

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the many calls by the Australian Democrats to phase out clear-fell logging of native forests in Victoria, and the local and state-wide opposition to logging, particularly in the Otways and Wombat State Forests,
 - (ii) the work of members of the Otway Ranges Environment Network, Geelong Community Forum, Geelong Environment Council and Otway Ranges Interest Group in working to protect native forests, and
 - (iii) the announcement by the Victorian State Government last week that the logging of native forests in the Otways will end within 6 years and logging in the Wombat State Forest will be reduced and woodchipping there stopped altogether; and
- (b) congratulates the State Government on this initiative and urges the Premier to put these promises into action immediately after the forthcoming election.

*250 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to:

- (a) immediately present to the Parliament details of:

- (i) Australia's negotiating position in the current round of World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations relating to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and
- (ii) the specific requests received by Australia from other countries in the current round of WTO negotiations relating to GATS;
- (b) make a commitment that the Government will make public by 31 March 2003 Australia's responses to specific requests from other countries; and
- (c) invite community, parliamentary and media observers to sit in on the informal ministerial talks to be held in Sydney in the week beginning 10 November 2002 relating to WTO and GATS.

*251 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Australian Government:

- (a) to agree to a unitisation deal concerning Greater Sunrise that considers for the purposes of negotiating the Timor Sea Treaty that 80 per cent of the Greater Sunrise gas field is accepted to lie within the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA);
- (b) if it will not negotiate in good faith about the proportion of Greater Sunrise to lie with the JPDA, to ratify the Timor Sea Treaty independently of the Greater Sunrise unitisation arrangement being finalised; and
- (c) in order to facilitate ongoing negotiation in good faith, to recommit to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice with respect to the determination of maritime boundaries.

*252 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the Medact report, *Collateral Damage: the health and environmental costs of war on Iraq*, launched internationally on Tuesday, 12 November 2002 by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War; and
- (b) calls on the Government to adopt conclusions contained within the report, including:
 - (i) the urgent need for humane and wise global leadership which recognises that national security is impossible without international security and that this can be achieved only the measures outlined in the report, and
 - (ii) pursuing peaceful means of resolving conflicts with Iraq and thinking carefully about the effects of waging war that might damage our fragile planet and its people for decades to come.

*253 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) four and a half years ago, on 18 May 1998, Malcolm Arthur Colston was committed in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory to stand trial on 28 charges of defrauding the Commonwealth pursuant to section 29D of the *Crimes Act 1914*,
 - (ii) on 5 July 1999, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) presented a Notice Declining to Proceed Further on the charges to the Supreme Court because of medical evidence of Mr Colston's imminent demise, and
 - (iii) Mr Colston and spouse each incurred fares in the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 for \$992.24, and charged the taxpayer for Comcar services worth a total of \$212;

- (b) welcomes the Parliament's enacting legislation to strip corrupt politicians of their gold passes; and
- (c) in the light of the recent revelations of Mr Colston's use of his gold pass entitlements, welcomes the decision of the DPP to review Mr Colston's medical status.

*254 **Deputy President (Senator Hogg):** To move—That standing order 21 be amended to read as follows:

- (1) A House Committee, consisting of the President, the Deputy President and 5 senators, shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament, with power to act during recess, and to confer and sit as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives.
- (2) The committee may consider any matter relating to the provision of facilities in Parliament House referred to it by the Senate or by the President.
- (3) The President shall be the chair of the committee.

*255 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that former Senator Ingrid Betancourt and Ms Clara Rojas have been held captive by Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerillas in Colombia since February 2002; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to write to President Uribe asking that he take urgent and active steps to secure the release of Ms Betancourt, Ms Rojas and other captives of the FARC.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 **Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited—Report for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

2 **International Air Services Commission—Report for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

3 **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

4 **CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

5 **Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation (Land and Water Australia) and Land and Water Australia Selection Committee—Reports for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

6 **National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 2001-02**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

7 Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

8 Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

9 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation and Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

10 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Visits to immigration detention facilities by the Human Rights Commissioner 2001, August 2002

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

11 Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

12 Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

13 Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

14 Sugar Research and Development Corporation and Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

15 Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

16 Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

17 Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

18 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

19 Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

20 Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

21 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

22 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

23 Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

24 Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

25 Australian Strategic Policy Institute—Report for the period 22 August 2001 to 30 June 2002

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

26 Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

27 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

28 Film Australia Limited—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

29 Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

30 Australia Council—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

31 National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

32 National Library of Australia—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tierney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

33 Australian Film Commission—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

34 Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

35 Bundanon Trust—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

36 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Statement of corporate intent 2002-03 to 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

37 Centrelink—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

38 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2001-02

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

39 Indigenous Land Corporation—National Indigenous Land Strategy—Changes to strategy, 18 September 2002

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 22 October 2002*).

40 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2001-02

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

41 Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2001-02

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

42 Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2001-02 (Report no. 94)

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

43 Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2001-02

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

44 Family Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

45 Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02

Consideration (*23 October 2002*).

- 46 **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 47 **Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 48 **Cotton Research and Development Corporation and Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 49 **Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation and Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 50 **National Museum of Australia—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 51 **Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 52 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 53 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 54 **Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 55 **Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 56 **Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 57 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 58 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 59 **National Office for the Information Economy—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 60 **Australian National Training Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 61 **Australian National Training Authority—Australia’s vocational education and training system—Report for 2001—**
Volume 1: National overview
Volume 2: Commonwealth, state and territory reports
Consideration (23 October 2002).

- 62 **Australian National Training Authority—Australia’s vocational education and training system—Report for 2001—Volume 3: Report on the key performance measures for the Australian Vocational Education and Training System**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 63 **Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 64 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 65 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2001-02**
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- 66 **Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 67 **National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 68 **Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2001-02—Volume 1**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 69 **Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2001-02—Volume 2**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 70 **Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 71 **ComLand Limited—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 72 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2001-02—Volume 1: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 73 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2001-02—Volume 2: Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 74 **Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2001-02**
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- 75 **Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2001-02**
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- 76 **National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2001-02 on the operation of the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989***

Consideration (23 October 2002).

- 77 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2001-02**
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- 78 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 79 **National Competition Council—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 80 **Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 81 **Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 82 **National Road Transport Commission—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 83 **Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 84 **Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 85 **Repatriation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Reports for 2001-02, including reports pursuant to the *Defence Service Homes Act 1918* and the *War Graves Act 1980***
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 86 **Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 87 **Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 24 June 2001 to 23 June 2002**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 88 **Australian Hearing Services (Australian Hearing)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 89 **Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 90 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 91 **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 92 **Australian War Memorial—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 93 **Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2001-02**

Consideration (23 October 2002).

- 94 **Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 95 **Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2001-02, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 96 **Health Insurance Commission—Equity and diversity program—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (23 October 2002).
- 97 **Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2001-02**
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- 98 **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 99 **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2001-02**
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- 100 **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 101 **Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 102 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 103 **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 104 **Northern Land Council—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 105 **Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2001-02, including the report of the Supervising Scientist and reports on the operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986* and the *Ozone Protection Act 1989***
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 106 **Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2001-02**
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- 107 **Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2001-02 on the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966***
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 108 **Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).

- 109 **National Standards Commission—Report for 2001-02**
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- 110 **Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 1 June 2001 to 31 May 2002**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 111 **Employment Advocate—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 112 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 113 **Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2001-02**
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- 114 **Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2001-02**
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- 115 **Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2001-02**
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- 116 **Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 2001-02**
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- 117 **Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 118 **Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 2001-02**
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- 119 **Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for the period 20 September 2001 to 30 June 2002**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 120 **Professional Services Review—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 121 **Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 122 **Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 123 **Australia New Zealand Food Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 124 **Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 125 **National Oceans Office—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 126 **Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).

- 127 **Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2001-02, including a report on the administration and operation of the Therapeutic Goods Administration**
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- 128 **Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2001-02**
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- 129 **Public Service Commission—Report for 2001-02—Workplace diversity**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 130 **Public Service Commission—Report for 2001-02—State of the service**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 131 **Department of the Treasury—Report for 2001-02**
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- 132 **Family Law Council—Report for 2001-02**
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- 133 **Department of Defence—Report for 2001-02**
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- 134 **Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 135 **National Capital Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 136 **Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 137 **Employment National Limited—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 138 **Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2001-02, including reports pursuant to the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948***
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- 139 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 2001-02**
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- 140 **Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 2001-02**
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- 141 **Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2001-02**
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- 142 **Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2001-02**
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- 143 **Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Reports for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).

- 144 **Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2001-02, including a report of the Defence Force Ombudsman and a report pursuant to the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981***
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 145 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2001-02, including reports of the Australian Valuation Office and the Development Allowance Authority**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 146 **Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 147 **Airservices Australia—Report for 2001-02**
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- 148 ***Housing Assistance Act 1996*—Report for 1999-2000 on the operation of the 1996 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 149 **Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd—Report for the period 17 October 2001 to 30 June 2002**
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- 150 **CSS Board—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 151 **PSS Board—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 152 **High Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02**
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- 153 **Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02**
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- 154 **Federal Magistrates Service—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 155 **Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 156 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 20—Citrus growing and processing, Government response**
Consideration (11 November 2002).
- 157 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by six asylum seekers concerning their transfer from immigration detention centres to state prisons and their detention in those prisons (HRC report no. 21)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nettle—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 11 November 2002*).
- *158 **Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management (trading as Frontline Defence Services)—Report for 2001-02, incorporating a report of its equal employment opportunity program for 2001-02**

Consideration (12 November 2002).

- *159 **Services Trust Funds—Reports for 2001-02 of the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund, the Royal Australian Navy Welfare Trust Fund and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund**
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- *160 **Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *161 **Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *162 **Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *163 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *164 **Director of National Parks—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *165 **Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *166 **Australian Federal Police—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *167 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities for 2001-02—Australian Federal Police**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *168 **Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *169 **Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper)—Report for 2001-02, including reports on the administration and operation of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973 and the Superannuation Act 1922**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *170 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 30 March 2002**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *171 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2002**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *172 **Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).
- *173 **Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2001-02**
Consideration (12 November 2002).

- *174 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and the current status list—Amendments, done at Bonn, Germany on 24 September 2002, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, done at Bonn on 23 June 1979**
 Consideration (12 November 2002).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **ABC Amendment (Online and Multichannelling Services) Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (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)**
 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)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 March 1999)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002).
- 5 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]**
Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bills)—(Senator Murray)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2000)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002).
- 6 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Murray and Stott Despoja)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (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 (4 April 2000)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002).
- 8 **Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bill)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (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 (5 September 2000)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002).

- 10 **Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 May 1995)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 11 **Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 June 2001)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 12 **Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ridgeway*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (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 (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*)—(*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*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Calvert, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 18 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 October 2000)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002*).
- 19 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*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*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 September 2001)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002).

21 Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002—(Senate bill)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 May 2002).

22 Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(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 (3 December 1998)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 16 May 2002).

24 Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (Forest Practices) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Brown, in continuation, 20 June 2002).

25 Family Law Amendment (Joint Residency) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Senator Harris)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Harris, in continuation, 20 June 2002).

26 ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation (AIPO)—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 22nd AIPO General Assembly, Thailand, 2 to 5 September 2001; Visits and briefings, Bangkok, 6 to 8 September 2001; and Bi-lateral visit to Singapore, 9 to 13 September 2001

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Calvert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Calvert, in continuation, 27 June 2002).

27 Family and Community Services—Family tax benefits

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Howard Government's decision to strip, without warning, the tax returns of Australian families who have been overpaid family payments as callous and unfair to parents trying to survive under increasing financial pressures;
- (b) notes that this is not consistent with the statement of the Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Vanstone) in July 2001 in which she assured families that, 'The Government has also decided that it would be easier for any family who still had an excess payment to have it recovered by adjusting their future payments, rather than taking it from their tax refund. This is because people may have earmarked their refund for use for specific things';
- (c) considers that the Government's 2-year-old family payments system is deeply flawed, given that it delivered average debts of \$850 to 650 000 Australian families in the 2001-02 financial year and continues to punish families who play by the rules; and
- (d) condemns the Howard Government and its contemptible attack on Australian families (Senator Tierney, in continuation, 22 August 2002).

28 Health—Medicare—Bulk billing

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Evans—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) since the election of the Howard Government, the rate of bulk billing by general practitioners (GPs) has dropped from 80.6 per cent to 74.5 per cent, and that the average patient cost to see a GP who does not bulk bill has gone up 41.8 per cent to nearly \$12, and
 - (ii) in every year from the commencement of Medicare in 1984 through to 1996, bulk billing rates for GPs increased, but that, in every year since the election of the Howard Government, bulk billing rates have decreased;
- (b) recognises that the unavailability of bulk billing hurts those Australians who are least able to afford the rising costs of health care and those who are at greatest risk of preventable illness and disease;
- (c) condemns the Howard Government's failure to take responsibility for declining rates of bulk billing; and
- (d) calls on the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Patterson) to release publicly the June 2002 quarter bulk billing figures so that the true extent of the problem is made known (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 29 August 2002*).

29 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002—Document

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 16 September 2002*).

30 Kyoto Protocol (Ratification) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 19 September 2002*).

31 Communications—Regional telecommunication services—Inquiry

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mackay—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Howard Government for establishing an inquiry into regional telecommunications services, the Estens inquiry, which is chaired by a member of the National Party and friend of the Deputy Prime Minister, and has a former National Party MP as one of its members;
- (b) condemns the Government's decisions that the inquiry will hold no public hearings and must report within little more than 2 months of its commencement; and
- (c) calls on the Government to address all issues associated with Telstra's performance, including rising prices, deteriorating service standards and inadequate broadband provision (*Senator Tierney in continuation, 19 September 2002*).

32 Trade Practices Amendment (Public Liability Insurance) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Conroy)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Conroy, in continuation, 23 September 2002*).

33 Corporations Amendment (Improving Corporate Governance) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Conroy)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Conroy, in continuation, 23 September 2002*).

34 Trade Practices Amendment (Credit Card Reform) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Conroy)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Conroy, in continuation, 23 September 2002*).

35 Superannuation

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate notes the Howard Government's third term failures on superannuation, including:

- (a) the failure to provide for a contributions tax cut for all Australians who pay it, rather than a tax cut only to those earning more than \$90 500 a year;
- (b) the failure to adequately compensate victims of superannuation theft or fraud;
- (c) the failure to accurately assess the administrative burden on small business of the Government's third attempt at superannuation choice and deregulation;
- (d) the failure to support strong consumer protections for superannuation fund members through capping ongoing fees and banning entry and exit fees;
- (e) the failure to provide consumers with a meaningful, comprehensive and comprehensible regime for fee disclosure; and
- (f) the failure to cover unpaid superannuation contributions in the case of corporate collapse as part of a workers' entitlements scheme (*Senator Ferguson, in continuation, 26 September 2002*).

36 Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 21 October 2002*).

37 Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 21 October 2002*).

***39 Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*2 September 1999*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 12 November 2002*).

***40 Customs Amendment (Anti-Radioactive Waste Storage Dump) Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 October 1999*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 12 November 2002*).

***41 Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*6 September 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 12 November 2002*).



BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (14 November 2002)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002. (*Referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 November 2002

- *1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being additional works at Reconciliation Place and Commonwealth Place.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 November 2002

- *247 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes, with concern, indications by the Government that it is considering entering into an agreement with the United States of America (US), pursuant to which Australia would agree not to surrender US nationals to the International Criminal Court without the consent of the US; and
 - (b) refers the proposed agreement to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties for inquiry and report, with particular reference to the following matters:
 - (i) whether the proposed agreement would breach the terms of, or be otherwise inconsistent with the spirit of, the Rome Statute which Australia has ratified,
 - (ii) the effect of the proposed agreement, either itself or in conjunction with similar agreements between the US and other states, on the ability of the International Criminal Court to effectively fulfil its intended function,
 - (iii) the implications of any extradition provisions in the proposed agreement and whether the proposed agreement would require the re-negotiation of existing extradition agreements to which Australia is a party, and
 - (iv) the implications of the proposed agreement with respect to Australia's national interest.

General Business—Order of the Day

38 **Parliament House security—Statement by President**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ray—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Ray, in continuation, 11 November 2002*).

On 15 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for Victorian Workers) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 18 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002

Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002—
(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 15 October 2002*).

On 19 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

1 Senator Murray: To move—

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting day of 2003:
 - (a) in relation to any government or non-government institutions, and fostering practices, established or licensed under relevant legislation to provide care and/or education for children:
 - (i) whether any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children occurred in these institutions or places,
 - (ii) whether any serious breach of any relevant statutory obligation occurred at any time when children were in care or under protection, and
 - (iii) an estimate of the scale of any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children in such institutions or places;
 - (b) the extent and impact of the long-term social and economic consequences of child abuse and neglect on individuals, families and Australian society as a whole, and the adequacy of existing remedies and support mechanisms;
 - (c) the nature and cause of major changes to professional practices employed in the administration and delivery of care compared with past practice;

- (d) whether there is a need for a formal acknowledgement by Australian governments of the human anguish arising from any abuse and neglect suffered by children while in care;
 - (e) in cases where unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children has occurred, what measures of reparation are required;
 - (f) whether statutory or administrative limitations or barriers adversely affect those who wish to pursue claims against perpetrators of abuse previously involved in the care of children; and
 - (g) the need for public, social and legal policy to be reviewed to ensure an effective and responsive framework to deal with child abuse matters in relation to:
 - (i) any systemic factors contributing to the occurrences of abuse and/or neglect,
 - (ii) any failure to detect or prevent these occurrences in government and non-government institutions and fostering practices, and
 - (iii) any necessary changes required in current policies, practices and reporting mechanisms.
- (2) In undertaking this reference, the committee is to direct its inquiries primarily to those affected children who were not covered by the 2001 report *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, inquiring into child migrants, and the 1997 report, *Bringing them Home*, inquiring into Aboriginal children.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee**

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

2 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**

Report to be presented on urban water management.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 October 2002

- 227 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett):** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 19 November 2002:
- (a) all documents relating to the acquisition of the north-east margin search and rescue (SAR) data, including but not limited to the authorisation for acquisition, and any related internal correspondence;
 - (b) briefing documents or briefing notes relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority interest in SAR data, as referenced in Dr Trevor Powell's letter to the authority, dated 18 September 2002;
 - (c) covering letter accompanying the Shell/Woodside Consortium proposal, May 2000;
 - (d) all materials distributed at the Bali 2000 conference attended by Geoscience Australia;

- (e) outputs leading to the outcome listed in the 2001-02 workplan under section 2, Geoscience for Oceans and Coasts, subsections 2.9, Petroleum and Regional Geology and 2.11 Eastern Region, as 'A geological overview of the east coast basins in order that decisions can be made regarding petroleum exploration opportunities and acreage release; and
- (f) all documents and materials relating to the outcome and outputs described above, including preliminary discussions for the outcome and outputs, discussions, memorandums, budget materials, notes of phone conversations and e-mails.

On 21 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 2 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 3 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Report to be presented on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 and related matters.

2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002

In committee (*21 October 2002*).

2 Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002— (*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Alston*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Buckland, 28 August 2002*).

On 5 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**

Report to be presented on environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations.

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

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

Committee Reports and Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports—Notice of Motion

Notice given 26 June 2002

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators' Interests (Senator Denman):**

To move—That the following amendments to the resolutions relating to senators' interests and declaration of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament be agreed to:

Resolution 1—Registration of senators' interests

Paragraph (1), omit—

“Within 14 sitting days after the adoption of this resolution by the Senate and 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation of allegiance as a senator”,

substitute—

“Within:

- (a) 28 days after the first meeting of the Senate after 1 July first occurring after a general election; and
- (b) 28 days after the first meeting of the Senate after a simultaneous dissolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and
- (c) 28 days after making and subscribing an oath or affirmation of allegiance as a senator for a Territory or appointed or chosen to fill a vacancy in the Senate”.

Resolution 3—Registrable interests

Paragraph (i), omit “\$5,000”, substitute “\$10,000”.

Paragraphs (k), (l) and (m), omit “\$500” wherever occurring, substitute “\$1,000”; omit “\$200” wherever occurring, substitute “\$500”.

Resolution 4—Register and Registrar of Senators' Interests

Paragraph (3), omit “the commencement of each Parliament”, substitute “receipt of statement of registrable interests in accordance with resolution 1(1)”.

[Consequential on amendment to paragraph 1(1)]

Resolution 5—Declaration of interest in debate and other proceedings

To be omitted.

Resolution relating to declaration of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament

Paragraph (1)(a), omit “practical”, substitute “practicable”.

Sub-paragraph (ba), omit “\$500”, substitute “\$1,000”; omit “\$200” substitute “\$500”.

Sub-paragraph (d), line 2, omit “is to”, substitute “may”.

After sub-paragraph (h), insert—

- “(i) When a senator who is using or displaying a gift ceases to be a senator, the senator may retain the gift:
 - (i) if its value does not exceed the stated valuation limits of \$1,000 for a gift received from an official government source, or \$500 from a private person or non-government body; or
 - (ii) if the senator elects to pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, as obtained from an accredited valuer selected from the list issued by the Committee for Taxation Incentives for the Arts. The Department of the Senate will be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining the valuation.
- (j) If the senator does not retain the gift in accordance with paragraph (i), the senator must return the gift to the registrar, who shall:
 - (i) dispose of it in accordance with instructions from the Committee of Senators’ Interests, as set out in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution; or
 - (ii) arrange its donation to a nominated non-profit organisation or charity, at the discretion of the senator who has returned the gift and the Committee of Senators’ Interests.
- (k) Any senator subject to paragraph (j) must formally acknowledge relinquishment of the senator’s claim to ownership of any surrendered gifts.”.

On 10 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Superannuation—Select Committee

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

On 12 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service.

2 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Report to be presented on small business employment.

By the last sitting day in 2002 (12 December 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.*
- 4 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Twelve sitting days after today (12 December 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 October 2002

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Public Service Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 214 and made under the *Public Service Act 1999*, be disallowed.

Thirteen 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 first day of the summer sittings 2003 (4 February 2003)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Australian Capital Territory Legislation Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2002).
- 2 **National Gallery Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2002).
- 3 **New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002**
New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Amendment Bill 2002—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2002).
- 4 **Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2002).
- 5 **Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 October 2002).

- 6 **Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 October 2002).
- 7 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2]**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 October 2002).
- 8 **Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2002).
- 9 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)

On 21 February 2003

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**
Report to be presented on the Australian telecommunications network.

By the fifth sitting day in February 2003

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**
Report to be presented on the refusal of the Government to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents relating to financial information concerning higher education institutions.

By March 2003

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**
Report to be presented on progress towards national reconciliation.

On 4 March 2003

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 the tenth sitting day of 2003 (20 March 2003)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2002.

By the last sitting day in March 2003 (27 March 2003)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on the role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on materiel acquisition and management in Defence.

By the last sitting day in June 2003 (26 June 2003)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on poverty in Australia.

2 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Report to be presented on labour market skills requirements.

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries.

By the last sitting day in August 2003 (21 August 2003)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on forestry plantations.

By the last sitting day in 2003 (4 December 2003)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on rural water resource usage.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee (*referred 21 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*).

Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*).

Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*).

Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date varied 12 November 2002; reporting date: 18 November 2002*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†**Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date varied 11 November 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002*).

New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date: 21 November 2002*).

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 25 September 2002; reporting date: 19 November 2002*).

Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 9, 25 September 2002; bill introduced 26 September 2002; reporting date: 14 November 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for Victorian Workers) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date varied 12 November 2002; reporting date: 15 November 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.

BILLS NEGATIVED

Government Bills**National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Budget Measures) Bill 2002**

Second reading negatived, 20 June 2002.

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002

Third reading negatived, 19 August 2002.

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

Third reading negatived, 25 September 2002.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 49 to 776 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2002

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.

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.

61 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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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 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 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.

264 Minister for the Arts and Sport

271 Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

Notice given 14 May 2002

- 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.

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.

Notice given 19 June 2002

- 388 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Can the Treasurer confirm whether minutes were kept by the Australian Taxation Office Part IVA Panel of the meeting in which a recommendation was made against the first cooperative investment project considered by the panel in late 1997; if so, can a copy of those minutes be provided.

- (2) How do the loans in the cooperative investment projects differ from those in Lau's case.

Notice given 26 June 2002

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

- (1) Since January 2000, how many reports have been lodged with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) relating to air contamination in BAE 146 aircraft operated by National Jet Systems.
- (2) In each case: (a) when was the report lodged; (b) who lodged the report; and (c) what action was taken by CASA in response to each report.

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

- (1) (a) How many applications for assistance under section 229 of the *Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1993* (the SIS Act) have been received by the Assistant Treasurer or her predecessor in relation to Commercial Nominees of Australia Limited (CNAL); and (b) when were these applications made.
- (2) When did the Assistant Treasurer make a formal request (or requests) for advice from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), under section 230A of the SIS Act, in relation to these applications.
- (3) How many funds did this request (or these requests) apply to.
- (4) In this request (or these requests), did the Minister specify, under section 230A(1), any particular matters that APRA was (or is) to provide advice about or a particular time by which APRA was (or is) to provide the advice.
- (5) When did APRA provide advice to the Assistant Treasurer pursuant to this request (or these requests).
- (6) What was APRA's advice under section 231(2) pursuant to this request (or these requests).
- (7) In relation to the 181 funds for which the Assistant Treasurer has made a section 231 determination, as announced on 14 June 2002: (a) what is the total eligible loss; (b) what is the average eligible loss; and (c) does this eligible loss include rectification and/or administration costs charged by Oak Breeze as replacement trustee.
- (8) In relation to the 181 funds for which the Assistant Treasurer has made a section 231 determination, as announced on 14 June 2002, what is the total assistance that will be paid under section 231.
- (9) In the period from 14 June 2002 to the provision of answers to these questions, will the Assistant Treasurer make any further determinations under section 231; if so: (a) to how many funds do these determinations relate; (b) what is the total eligible loss; (c) what is the average eligible loss; (d) does this eligible loss include rectification and/or administration costs charged by the replacement trustee Oak Breeze; and (e) what is the total assistance that will be paid under section 231.
- (10) (a) How many applications for assistance in relation to CNAL has the Assistant Treasurer received without making determinations under section 231; (b) when does the Minister expect to made determinations under section 231 in relation to these funds; and (c) what is the estimated total eligible loss for these funds.

- (11) Has the Assistant Treasurer determined not to provide assistance under section 231 to any funds for which CNAL was trustee.
- (12) Of the funds for which CNAL was trustee but the replacement trustee is yet to make an application, how many additional applications does the Assistant Treasurer expect to receive, and, of these, what does she expect the total eligible loss will be.
- (13) What is the total amount of assistance under Part 23 that the Assistant Treasurer expects will be paid.
- (14) (a) On how many occasions does the Assistant Treasurer expect to impose a levy under the *Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy Act 1993*; (b) what will be the total amount of each of these levies; (c) what will be the applicable rate or rates for this levy or levies under section 8 of this Act; and (d) will this rate be different for different classes of fund.
- (15) When does the Assistant Treasurer intend to impose this levy or levies.
- (16) What steps did APRA take to ensure that rectification costs and administration fees charged by Oak Breeze, the replacement trustee of the 475 small funds for which CNAL was trustee, were kept to a minimum; in particular, what commitments in relation to costs did APRA seek from Oak Breeze before it was appointed as the replacement trustee.
- (17) Does APRA believe Oak Breeze is satisfying its disclosure obligations under the SIS Act and/or the Corporations Act to members of the small funds; in particular: (a) what are (or were) the start and finish dates for Oak Breeze's most recent reporting period and has Oak Breeze provided (or does it intend to provide) statements and annual reports to fund members within 6 months of the conclusion of that period; (b) did Oak Breeze provide details of how fees would be charged to fund members upon its appointment as trustee; (c) has Oak Breeze established a complaints procedure; (d) has Oak Breeze provided relevant and timely information to fund members when they have requested it to do so; and (e) if APRA is not satisfied that Oak Breeze has met its obligations, what enforcement action has it taken in relation to any or all of these issues.
- (18) With reference to the answer to a question placed on notice during additional estimates, in which APRA said that it chose PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) (the parent of Oak Breeze) as the replacement trustee of the three larger CNAL funds after seeking expressions of interest from PWC as well as KPMG, Ferrier Hodgson and Sims Lockwood: (a) were expressions of interest sought from these same parties before APRA appointed Oak Breeze as replacement trustee of the small funds; and (b) did any of these parties, other than PWC, express an interest in the appointment; if so, were their costs, or likely costs, any different to those of Oak Breeze.
- (19) What opportunity, if any, was there for other parties to express an interest in being appointed as replacement trustee of the small funds.
- (20) Given that, in the answer referred to above, APRA said that it 'adhered to its policy for the appointment of replacement trustees' in appointing Oak Breeze: (a) in light of the significant fees charged by Oak Breeze and the difficulties it initially experienced in its administration functions, has APRA seen fit to revise its policy for the appointment of replacement trustees; and (b) has APRA, for example, considered the possibility of establishing a pool of appropriately resourced entities that would be ready to be appointed as replacement trustees, at minimal cost, in future cases.

- (21) In its report into CNAL the Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services, noted with concern that neither APRA nor the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) had regulatory control over the so-called Enhanced Cash Management Trust (ECMT), the vehicle responsible for the losses incurred by CNAL funds and neither APRA nor ASIC were able to quantify the number of investment vehicles, like ECMT, that fall outside the current regulatory framework. In response to a question on this matter that was placed on notice during additional estimates, APRA stated that it 'does regulate these trusts' and has 'no records as to either their number or prevalence': (a) does APRA believe it is a cause for concern that investment vehicles, like ECMT, that receive superannuation monies, are not regulated by either itself or by ASIC; (b) does APRA agree that it is important for a prudential regulator to understand the extent of problems or loopholes in the regulator regime in order that it might recommend legislative changes to address any such deficiencies; and (c) should APRA therefore be concerned that APRA does not know how many investment vehicles like ECMT fall outside its regulatory jurisdiction.
- (22) (a) In light of the example of the TED Engineering superannuation fund raised during budget estimates, what regulatory sanctions are at APRA's disposal for dealing with non-arms length transactions and other breaches of trust that occurred before the commencement of the SIS Act; (b) if another case were to emerge in which a fund had suffered a loss as a result of a non-arms' length transaction or other breach of trust that occurred before the commencement of the SIS Act, how would APRA respond; and (c) how would this response differ if the trustee had breached the relevant provisions of the SIS Act following its commencement in 1994.
- (23) If APRA were presented with similar circumstances, and found it was unable to take effective remedial action under commonwealth legislation, would it take action against the trustee in the appropriate common law jurisdiction.
- (24) (a) What proportion of regulated superannuation funds does APRA believe are in breach of the equal representation rules contained in the SIS Act; and (b) what strategies does APRA have in place to ensure that the equal representation rules are adhered to.
- (25) With reference to the draft report of 4 March 2002 of the Superannuation Working Group, which noted concerns about the grandfathering provisions that allow the in-house investment cap of 5 per cent (in section 82 and 83 of the SIS Act) to be exceeded: (a) can APRA provide an average proportion for in-house assets in superannuation funds; (b) can APRA provide any details of recent enforcement actions in respect of breaches of the in-house assets rule; (c) what is the maximum proportion of in-house assets that funds have held while still complying with the SIS Act; (d) does APRA believe that the grandfathering provisions in sections 71A to 71E need reform; and (e) does APRA believe that the 5 per cent cap in sections 82 and 83 is too high.
- (26) Given that the working group does not deal with investments in derivatives by superannuation funds in its draft report: (a) should this be interpreted as a sign that APRA is unconcerned about derivatives trading by super funds; (b) what proportion of superannuation funds are involved in derivatives trading; (c) what is the average 'derivative charge ratio', that funds are required to calculate and report to members if it exceeds 5 per cent, for

superannuation funds; and (d) can APRA provide details of any recent problems it has encountered, and any enforcement action it has undertaken, in respect of derivatives.

Notice given 27 June 2002

409 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What is the value of frequent flyer points owing for official travel, but lost as a result of the demise of Ansett, by: (a) members of parliament; (b) government employees; and (c) the Commonwealth judiciary.
- (2) If no precise figures are available (for privacy or other reasons) in each case, what are the government estimates of the losses.

Notice given 2 July 2002

411 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to all forms of end product report by the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD reports) which summarise raw intelligence product:

- (1) Which ministers received any of the DSD reports that were found by the Inspector-General to be in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.
- (2) On what precise dates did this occur.
- (3) Which minister's offices, that is personal staff members or departmental liaison officers, received the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.
- (4) On what precise dates did this occur.
- (5) Did any departments receive any of the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons; if so, which ones and on what dates.
- (6) For both (1) and (3), were all four DSD reports that the Inspector-General found breached the rules received by any minister or minister's office; if not, how many of the four reports were received by each of the ministers and/or minister's office.
- (7) Of those reports that were made in breach of the rules and were received by a minister and/or minister's office, did they include either of the two reports containing intelligence information on communications by an Australian lawyer with a foreign client.

(In this question, the phrase 'DSD reports' refers to all forms of end product by the DSD which summarise raw intelligence product. Such reports are variously referred to in the summary of the Inspector-General for Security and Intelligence's *MV Tampa* investigation as 'reports summarising the results of collection activity', 'end product reports' and 'situation updates'.)

Notice given 10 July 2002

421 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to question 26 from the 2000-01 additional estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*Additional Information Received—Additional Estimates 2000-01, Defence Portfolio*, Volume 1, May 2001, pp 55-57): Can an updated response be provided to this question, that is, a table showing the projects subject to delays or cost overruns to date.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 423-449)—

- (1) What programs and/or grants administered by the department provide assistance to people living in the federal electorate of Wide Bay.
- (2) What was the level of funding provided through these programs and/or grants for the 1999-2000, 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.

428 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

440 Minister for the Arts and Sport

Notice given 11 July 2002

450 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is it a fact that loans to investors in the Active Cattle project were found by the Federal Court never to have been made.
- (2) Is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) now a shareholder in Active Cattle on the basis that tax has nevertheless been levied on the loan amounts as income in the hands of the project manager, and could not be paid.
- (3) Is the ATO still the largest creditor of the Australian Tea Tree Oil Research Institute, even though the Federal Court found in the *Phai See* case that the Australian Research and Development Board had wrongly decided that the institute did not qualify as a research institute, and hence it was actually entitled to tax exempt status.

451 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that it was possible up until 30 June 2002 to invest in an existing infrastructure bond, relinquished by another investor, through the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) or Westpac.
- (2) Did that investment, by offering a large loan, potentially allow an upfront tax deduction such that the cash amount contributed was exceeded by the tax refund and hence would confer a tax benefit.
- (3) Was that loan non-recourse, and for a term of as little as one year.
- (4) Did the loan which could be taken out actually include an amount to be paid tax free to the investor as interest on the loan at the end of 12 months.
- (5) Is it the case that the Economics References Committee inquiry into mass-marketed tax effective schemes was told by First Assistant Commissioner, Mr Peter Smith, that some of these infrastructure borrowings could fall under Part IVA of the Income Tax Assessment Act.
- (6) Has any action been taken by the Australian Taxation Office to investigate whether Part IVA applies to the infrastructure bonds offered in 2002 to investors by the CBA and Westpac.

Notice given 18 July 2002

461 **Senator Knowles:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the government response to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee report on Air Safety and Cabin Air Quality in the BAe 146 Aircraft:

- (1) Why does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) consider that an Australian Airworthiness Directive (AD) which 'requires all operators to undertake inspections of oil contamination at intervals not to exceed

500 flights' is adequate, when that many flights could constitute around 125 days (at a rate of 4 flights per day) before any check is made.

- (2) (a) How are the 'inspections of oil contamination' undertaken and by whom; and (b) what empirical method is used for determining the presence of oil in the entire cabin air system.
- (3) Given that there is considerable evidence of poor cabin air quality in Australia, why is it considered that Australia will have 'a more timely and effective response into cabin air quality' if we wait for more international studies to determine the approach to be taken.
- (4) Why would it be 'premature to develop unique Australian cabin air quality standards at this stage'.
- (5) Given that Australia has been at the leading edge of many aviation discoveries such as the black box, microwave landing system, slide rafts, doppler navigation, distance measuring equipment and T-VASIS (visual landing slope guidance), why can Australia not set the pace and determine corrective action that needs to be taken to eliminate the problem.
- (6) The Government may have been 'satisfied that the aircraft met the design standards applicable *at the time* of the introduction of the aircraft into Australian service,' however, given how much evidence is available about toxic fumes entering the cabins of BAe 146s: (a) why is the Government relying on out-of-date information to certify the airworthiness of the planes; and (b) who in the Government is satisfied today.
- (7) Given that many crew and passengers are still getting sick: (a) how does the Government consider that 'the modifications subsequently introduced by the aircraft manufacturer and incorporated by the airlines,' are adequate to resolve the problem sufficiently to be able to ensure the complete safety of crew and passengers; (b) what percentage of these modifications, have been completed by National Jet Systems; and (c) how do these modifications completely fix the problem.
- (8) Why has Australia agreed to a further delay in remedying a fault that is causing illness among crew and passengers by establishing a 'Reference Group'.
- (9) (a) Why has the Government asked CASA to establish 'a "Reference Group" ... that could monitor the appropriateness of these reporting arrangements in light of overseas developments'; (b) why is another inquiry being established to provide the same information that has been provided by all other Australian and overseas inquiries; and (c) when is this reference group due to report and to whom.
- (10) (a) Who comprises the reference group; (b) will the group be quite independent; and (c) what are its terms of reference.
- (11) With reference to the statement that, 'air conditioning packs are subject to regular overhaul, the engine seals are replaced at frequent intervals and the air conditioning ducts are thoroughly cleaned or replaced at each servicing': (a) how many thousand hours is 'regular'; (b) how frequent is 'frequent'; (c) what is an example of 'each servicing'; and (d) can it be guaranteed that the thorough cleaning and/or replacement have been carried out.
- (12) (a) Why does 'the Authority ... not propose to introduce additional maintenance requirements for the BAe 146 aircraft'; and (b) why does the Government consider 'that maintenance procedures currently performed on the BAe 146 aircraft are appropriate,' when there is much medical evidence of sickness among crew and passengers.

- (13) With reference to the statement that, 'changes to the BAe 146 Aircraft Flight Manuals ... provide for improved procedures for the isolation of any source of fumes into the aircraft,' and that, 'This process allows faulty components, such as leaky engine seals, to be isolated and the problem corrected at an appropriate time and location': (a) how can contaminated air be 'isolated' when the air ducting has already been contaminated; and (b) what is considered an 'appropriate time and location' for the problem to be corrected.
- (14) Considering that crew members are too afraid of losing their jobs if they speak out about cabin air contamination, why is it that 'a specific reporting mechanism for cabin air complaints is not considered necessary at this time,' even though, 'there are already several types of incident reporting systems in place'.
- (15) If the current structures are adequate, why have the problems not been rectified.
- (16) Given that Australia appears to be at the international forefront of the BAe 146 air contamination problem with the Senate committee report and the report of Professor Chris Winder, why do we have to wait for third parties to catch up and report to us.
- (17) Given that the average flight for a BAe 146 amongst the world fleet is 55 minutes, and that Australian BAe 146 aircraft average flight times are over double this and, that apart from the crew, passengers receive twice the world average oil contamination exposure, why can we not be world leaders in fixing this problem.
- (18) Why has the Government asserted that there is 'no causal link between contamination and health effects [that] could be substantiated using available data,' when a number of aviation experts and doctors have provided much learned information on the subject.
- (19) How can such a statement be made when all traditional research on toxicity of the oil components on humans is based on conditions at ground level and not at an 8000 foot cabin altitude or after the oil has been burnt or modified through a jet engine.
- (20) Why is the Government relying on the reference group to 'consider whether a specific reporting mechanism needs to be introduced based on research currently under way,' instead of all the research that has repeatedly confirmed the problem.
- (21) As CASA maintains that 'Australian operators have already completed air circulation modifications that are designed to improve the cabin air environment of the BAe 146,' and 'that National Jet Systems has also completed modifications to its aircraft': (a) does this mean that all National Jet Systems' planes have had *all* the modifications; if so, when was each plane modified; (b) have any aircraft had *all* the modifications; and (c) has there been any reported cabin air contamination in any of those planes since modification.
- (22) With reference to the comments about testing conducted on aircraft VH-NJY: Is this the same aircraft that had both its wings so badly corroded that it had to be returned to the factory in England to be repaired; if so: (a) has this aircraft had any adverse reports made about it since its return to Australia; and (b) what were those reports.
- (23) With reference to Airworthiness Directive AD/BAe 146/86, issued by CASA, which requires that, whenever oil contamination of the cabin air

system is confirmed, a copy of the associated report be forwarded to CASA addressed to the Section Head, Systems: (a) how many such reports have been received since 3 April 2001 and on which aircraft; and (b) have there been multiple reports on the same aircraft.

- (24) Given that contaminated air, once in the cabin air ducting system, cannot be 'isolated', what useful purpose does the AD requirement of '[e]ither before further flight, **or** within 10 flying hours **provided** the source of the contamination is identified and isolated from the cabin air environment before further flight, using either flight operations procedures to maintenance procedures' serve.
- (25) (a) Is Mobil 291 still toxic; (b) what specifically is the difference in composition of the new and old oils; (c) how many of the ingredients are listed on the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) Designated List of Hazardous Substances; and (d) is Mobil in full compliance with the regulations.
- (26) Is the Government satisfied that Mobil 291 is safe when humans are exposed to it and its by-products.
- (27) Why does the Government believe 'it is not necessary to develop new codes covering fuel substances used by these aircraft,' when crew and passengers continue to get sick from cabin air contamination.
- (28) Why does the Government believe 'it is not necessary to develop new codes covering fuel substances used by these aircraft,' when the oil and its by-products have toxic properties.
- (29) How is the Government sure that operators of all BAe 146 aircraft in Australia use Mobil 291 oil.
- (30) (a) Does the Minister accept that the government's response to the toxicity of the oil is questionable; (b) does the Minister accept that the fact that 'several of the ingredients used in ... Mobil jet Oil II are already listed on the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) Designated List of Hazardous Substances' and that this 'is generally reflected in the regulatory framework of all Australian occupational health and safety jurisdictions' is an insufficient response; (c) is the Minister aware that there are two NOHSC standards used to classify hazardous substances, the list and the approved criteria; (d) does the Minister accept that even a simple application of both standards to the known ingredients in Mobil jet Oil II (as suggested by NOHSC in its own guidance material) show that this product is a hazardous substance; and (e) if this is all that needs to be done, is the Government prepared to do this.
- (31) Why did CASA not issue the manufacturer's Service Information Leaflet in full as an AD regarding the cabin environment as a matter of occupational health and safety regardless of whether it would or could 'establish a precedent where the Authority is involved with mandating various aspects of customer comfort, such as number of toilets, colour scheme, quality of food etc'.
- (32) Given that there is evidence to suggest that flight crews have been seriously affected by contaminated cabin air on the aircraft, particularly during take-off and landing: (a) why is the Government supporting CASA's view not to mandate introduction of the modifications for all BAe 146; and (b) does the Government agree that such sickness among flight crew does in fact create 'an unacceptable risk to safety'.

- (33) (a) Does the Minister accept that aviation safety is something that someone outside this important industry would understand to cover all aspects of safety, including the health and safety of its workers, however, this does not seem to be how industry insiders see it—to them aviation safety is about making sure airplanes keep flying; (b) is the Minister aware of claims that Mr Toller, CASA's Director of Safety, arguably the highest aviation safety professional in Australia, thinks occupational health and safety is not CASA's business; (c) why is this so; and (d) given that section 28BE of the Civil Aviation Act (duty to exercise care and diligence) states that the holder of an Air Operators Certificate (AOC) must at all times take all reasonable steps to ensure that every activity covered by the AOC and everything done in connection with such an activity is done with a reasonable degree of care and diligence: If CASA will not look after the health and safety of workers in the industry, who is assigned to do so.
- (34) Why does the Government consider committee recommendation 3 as unnecessary, given that the work allegedly carried out on all BAe 146 aircraft has allowed contaminated air to continue to flow into the cabins of some aircraft.
- (35) What has been the outcome of the advice of the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to his state and territory counterparts on the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council on the Senate committee's recommendation for future workers compensation and other insurance cases.
- (36) (a) Why does the Government agree with the assertion made by the National Health and Medical Research Council 'that the issue of aircraft cabin air does not meet the criteria against which urgent requests are assessed,' when part of the criteria is that 'there must be a medium/high risk of threat to public health ... [and] the population at risk'; and (b) why does an excess of 2 million passengers per year not constitute a potential public health risk.
- (37) (a) Why does the Government agree with the UK Committee that 'triorthocresyl phosphate and volatile organic compounds ... have been found in such low levels that concerns about significant health risk are not substantiated,' when Australian experts in their fields conclude otherwise; (b) were the aircraft on which these tests were completed suffering from oil contamination at the time; and (c) were the tests carried out by an independent party that was free to choose how and which aircraft were to be examined.
- (38) Given that changes to air-conditioning filters fitted 'by Ansett were designed to remove the presence of odours in the cabin air environment,' but 'National Jet Systems currently do not have filters fitted to their fleet': (a) as National Jet Systems operated more BAe 146 aircraft than Ansett, why did they not incorporate carbon filters; and (b) why is it that Ansett complied with all the manufacturer's recommendations but National Jet Systems did not.
- (39) Even though the new filters may remove odours, how do they remove toxic gases from air entering the cabin.
- (40) What useful purpose does 'improving the galley air extraction and increasing the airflow in the aisle and vestibule areas', as done by National Jet Systems, serve if the air entering the cabin is contaminated.

- (41) (a) How did the galley modification correct the air contamination problem; and (b) is that modification still installed on all the aircraft or has it been removed.

462 **Senator Knowles:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the *Air Transport Safety Bureau Report 200103696* which cites two instances of cabin air contamination of the same aircraft, VH-NJA, on consecutive days and in both instances, the crew donned oxygen masks after being affected by contaminated air, and the cabin crew and passengers were affected by contaminated air:

- (1) Why was the plane not immediately turned around when fumes were first detected.
- (2) How are crew members who are wearing oxygen masks capable of identifying the source of the contamination.
- (3) Is it not considered an emergency situation in which the aircraft should be landed as soon as possible; if not, what would happen if all crew members were seriously affected at the same time and unable to continue their duties.
- (4) (a) How many flights were there between the two reported incidents; (b) why are the two incidents on the same report form; and (c) are they not two separate incidents.
- (5) Given the documented illness of crew and passengers on the first flight: (a) why was there found to be no sign of oil contamination when initially inspected by the ground engineers; and (b) what was different between the engineering check after the first flight found ‘no signs of oil contamination or oil leaks,’ and the next inspection, which ‘revealed oil contamination in the number 3 engine’.
- (6) Given that, on 6 September 1999, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau issued recommendation R19990052 to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) that stated in part, ‘These deficiencies should be examined by the regulatory authority as part of its responsibilities for initial certification and continued airworthiness of the BAe 146 aircraft’: Why then has CASA responded (more than 6 months later) that ‘CASA is satisfied that the BAe 146 aircraft in service in Australia are safe for public transport’.

Notice given 22 July 2002

Senator Faulkner: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 464-481)—

- (1) How many mobile phones has the department, or any agency within the portfolio, provided to the following: (a) a minister (please include the name of the minister or ministers); (b) staff of a minister employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) (MoP(S) Act); (c) a departmental liaison officer in a minister’s office; (d) a parliamentary secretary (please include the name of the parliamentary secretary or secretaries); (e) the staff of a parliamentary secretary employed under the MoP(S) Act; and (f) a departmental liaison officer in the office of a parliamentary secretary.
- (2) What was the total cost of the provision of mobile phones to the above-named persons during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years.

464 Minister representing the Prime Minister

465 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

466 Minister representing the Treasurer

467 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

- 468 Minister for Defence
- 469 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 470 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 471 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 472 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 473 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 474 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 475 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 476 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 477 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 478 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 479 Minister for Health and Ageing
- 480 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 481 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Notice given 29 July 2002

- 495 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What was the total number of cattle that died during the July 2002 voyage of MV *Becrux*.
 - (2) When did the Minister or his office first become aware of livestock deaths aboard the MV *Becrux*.
 - (3) What was the number of cattle deaths advised to the Minister or his office in that advice.
 - (4) (a) Who provided that information to the Minister or his office; and (b) how was the information communicated.
 - (5) When did the Minister or his office become aware that the number of cattle that had perished on the July voyage of the MV *Becrux* was considerably higher than the initial reports of losses.
 - (6) What was the number of cattle deaths advised to the Minister or his office in that advice.
 - (7) (a) Who provided that information to the Minister or his office; and (b) how was the information communicated.
 - (8) When did the Minister first become aware that the number of cattle that had perished on the July voyage of the MV *Becrux* was in the order of 900.
 - (9) What was the exact number of cattle deaths advised to the Minister or his office in that advice.
 - (10) (a) Who provided that information to the Minister or his office; and (b) how was the information communicated.
 - (11) Has the Minister called for an investigation into these livestock deaths aboard the MV *Becrux*, to be conducted by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and Livecorp.
 - (12) When is the investigation due to report to the Minister.
 - (13) When will the report be made available to: (a) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and (b) the public.

Notice given 6 August 2002

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

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) 2001-02 to 2003-04 Corporate Plan commit the authority to implementing a performance management system and undertaking a CASA-wide survey; if so: (a) when did the CASA Board endorse the plan; (b) when was it provided to the Minister; and (c) when did the Minister endorse the plan.
- (2) (a) Has the design work for the development of the performance management system and the CASA-wide staff survey commenced; (b) was the work the subject of a tender process; (c) what was the cost of the development of the management system and the survey; and (d) who was the successful tenderer.
- (3) (a) When did that work commence, in line with the terms of the corporate plan and the board decision; and (b) if the work has not been completed, when will it be completed.
- (4) If the work on the management system and the survey has been completed: (a) when was that work completed; (b) when was it considered by CASA management; and (c) when was it considered by the board.
- (5) If the design and implementation of the management system and survey has not been carried out in accordance with the board-endorsed corporate plan: (a) why has the work not been carried out; (b) who made the decision not to proceed with the development of the management plan and survey; and (c) when was the board advised of the decision not to proceed with the work.
- (6) Did the board endorse the decision not to proceed with the management system and survey; if so: (a) when did the board take that decision; and (b) what was the basis for the board's decision not to proceed with the work.

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

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) 2000-01 to 2002-03 Corporate Plan commit CASA to undertaking a workplace culture survey by March 2001.
- (2) (a) When was the corporate plan endorsed by the CASA Board; (b) when was the plan provided to the Minister; and (c) when was the plan endorsed by the Minister.
- (3) (a) Who undertook the design work for the survey; (b) was the work the subject of a tender process; (c) what was the cost of the design of the survey; and (d) who was the successful tenderer.
- (4) (a) When did that work commence, in line with the terms of the corporate plan and the board decision; and (b) when was the design of the survey completed.
- (5) (a) When was the survey scheduled to commence and when did it actually commence; (b) was the actual survey the subject of a tender process; (c) what was the cost of the survey; and (d) who was the successful tenderer.
- (6) (a) When was the survey completed; (b) when was it considered by CASA management; and (c) when was it considered by the board.

- (7) If the design and implementation of the survey was not carried out in accordance with the board-endorsed corporate plan: (a) why was the work not carried out; (b) who made the decision not to proceed with the survey; and (c) when was the board advised of the decision not to proceed with the survey.
- (8) Did the board endorse the decision not to proceed with the survey; if so: (a) when did the board take that decision; and (b) what was the basis for the board's decision not to proceed with the work.

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

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) 1999 Corporate Plan commit CASA to the design and implementation of a staff attitude and work culture survey; if so: (a) when did the CASA Board endorse that commitment; (b) when was the corporate plan provided to the Minister; and (c) when did the Minister endorse the plan.
- (2) (a) Who undertook the design work for the survey; (b) was the work the subject of a tender process; (c) what was the cost of the design of the survey; and (d) who was the successful tenderer.
- (3) (a) When did that work commence, in line with the terms of the corporate plan and the board decision; and (b) when was the design of the survey completed.
- (4) (a) When was the survey scheduled to commence and when did it actually commence; (b) was the actual survey the subject of a tender process; (c) what was the cost of the survey; and (d) who was the successful tenderer.
- (5) (a) When was the survey completed; (b) when was it considered by CASA management; and (c) when was it considered by the board.
- (6) If the design and implementation of the above survey was not carried out in accordance with the board-endorsed corporate plan: (a) why was the work not carried out; (b) who made the decision not to proceed with the survey; and (c) when was the board advised of the decision not to proceed with the survey.
- (7) Did the board endorse the decision not to proceed with the survey; if so: (a) when did the board take that decision; and (b) what was the basis for the board's decision not to proceed with the work.

Notice given 15 August 2002

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 535-536)—What action, if any, has the Minister or the department taken to protect or increase Australian wheat sales to Iraq in the 2002-03 financial year.

536 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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

- (1) How many Australian primary producers currently hold deposits under the Farm Management Deposit (FMD) scheme.
- (2) What is the total value of FMD holdings.
- (3) Producers belonging to which industries are the biggest users of the FMD scheme.

- (4) (a) What percentage of total deposits are held by producers from the grain industry; and (b) what is the value of these deposits.
- (5) (a) What percentage of total deposits are held by producers from the horticultural industry; and (b) what is the value of these deposits.
- (6) (a) What percentage of total deposits are held by producers from the livestock industry; and (b) what is the value of these deposits.
- (7) What number of primary producers currently hold FMDs per state and territory.
- (8) What was the value of FMD holdings per state and territory for the quarters ending: (a) June 2001; (b) September 2001; (c) December 2001; (d) March 2002; and (e) June 2002.
- (9) What was the value of FMD withdrawals per state and territory for the quarters ending: (a) June 2001; (b) September 2001; (c) December 2001; (d) March 2002; and (e) June 2002.
- (10) Since the inception of the FMD scheme, what is the value of holdings withdrawn within 12 months of deposit.
- (11) What is the smallest FMD held by an individual producer.
- (12) What is the largest FMD held by an individual producer.

553 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the total cost of the drought investment allowance.
- (2) What was the cost, by state and territory, of the drought investment allowance in the following financial years: (a) 1995-96; (b) 1996-97; (c) 1997-98; (d) 1998-99; (e) 1999-2000; and (f) 2000-01.
- (3) How many primary producers and lessors of property to primary producers have gained a benefit under the drought investment allowance.
- (4) How many primary producers or lessors of property to primary producers, by state and territory, gained a benefit in the following financial years: (a) 1995-96; (b) 1996-97; (c) 1997-98; (d) 1998-99; (e) 1999-2000; and (f) 2000-01.
- (5) What are the details of any programs that provide taxation benefits for the purchase of drought mitigation property by primary producers and lessors of property to primary producers after 1 July 2000.

Notice given 19 August 2002

558 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Can copies of the following documents be provided:

- (a) Mission Beach Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC) minutes for the years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002;
- (b) the list of invitees to LMAC, and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) meetings and social functions for the years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002;
- (c) GBRMPA Board agenda and minutes from July 2001 to date;
- (d) recommendations and papers from the LMAC and the GBRMPA relating to the proposed Mission Beach trawl closure;
- (e) the formal consultation process undertaken in relation to the proposed Mission Beach trawl closure; and

- (f) all correspondence, faxes, e-mails and ministerial briefing papers between the LMAC, the GBRMPA and the Minister and his staff relating to the proposed Mission Beach trawl closure.

560 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Minister's announcement on 2 July 2002 relating to financial assistance to the Australian Independent Superannuation Fund (AISF):

- (1) When was the application for assistance under Part 229 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* lodged with the Assistant Treasurer or her predecessor, the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation.
- (2) When did the theft, as outlined in the Assistant Treasurer's media release, occur.
- (3) For the purpose of granting financial assistance under section 231 of the Act, what did the Assistant Treasurer determine the total 'eligible loss' suffered by the AISF to be.
- (4) (a) What was the name of the trustee director imprisoned for theft; and (b) when did this conviction occur.
- (5) Was the AISF a 'public offer superannuation fund' as defined by section 18 of the Act.
- (6) Did Broadway Fiduciary receive any payment as trustee of the AISF.
- (7) Was Broadway Fiduciary an 'approved trustee' under Part 2 of the Act; if so, did Broadway Fiduciary meet the capital requirement under section 26 of the Act; if Broadway Fiduciary did not meet this requirement, when did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) become aware that this was the case.
- (8) Did Broadway Fiduciary meet the equal representation requirements under Part 9 of the Act; if not, when did APRA first become aware of this.
- (9) (a) Under what circumstances did the 160 members of the AISF who suffered losses as a result of theft become members of the fund; (b) did members chose to make rollovers or personal contributions to the AISF; (c) did members chose the AISF as the destination for employer contributions or did their employers make contributions to the AISF under an award, industrial agreement or contract; and (d) who, if anyone, were the employer sponsors of AISF.
- (10) When did APRA first become aware that the AISF had suffered a loss as a result of theft.
- (11) (a) Did APRA remove Broadway Fiduciary as trustee of the AISF under section 133 of the Act; and (b) did APRA appoint Denara as 'acting trustee' under section 134 of the Act; if so: (i) what process did APRA use to select the replacement trustee, and (ii) what conditions, if any, did APRA impose on the acting trustee under section 135 of the Act; if not, under what circumstances was Broadway Fiduciary replaced as trustee.
- (12) Is Denara receiving any payment as acting trustee of the AISF; if so, was any of this payment included in the eligible loss for the purpose of financial assistance under Part 23 of the Act.

561 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to superannuation funds for which Commercial Nominees of Australia Pty Limited (CNAL) was trustee:

- (1) What are the current assets of the following superannuation funds: (a) the Australian Workforce Eligible Rollover Fund (AWERF); (b) the Network Superannuation Fund; and (c) the Midas Super Fund.
- (2) What are the losses estimated to have occurred in these funds prior to the replacement of CNAL as trustee in December 2000: (a) as a result of exposure to the Enhanced Cash Management Trust (ECMT); and (b) as a result of exposure to the Enhanced Equity Fund (EEF).
- (3) (a) How many members did each of these funds have; and (b) how many members of these funds are estimated to have been affected by these losses.
- (4) What was the: (a) minimum; (b) maximum; and (c) average, loss incurred by these members.
- (5) With reference to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's (APRA) submission 225 to the then Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services dated 13 July 2001, which indicates that losses incurred through the ECMT and EEF affected many but not all of the members of the AWERF: Why was this the case.
- (6) (a) What losses have occurred in each of the three funds since the replacement of CNAL as trustee; (b) how many members of these funds are estimated to have been affected by these losses; and (c) what is the: (i) minimum, (ii) maximum, and (iii) average, loss incurred by these members.
- (7) On what basis have Oak Breeze, as replacement trustee of the AWERF, and ACT Super Management, as replacement trustee of the Network Superannuation Fund and the Midas Super Fund, debited fees against member accounts; (b) what is the total value of the fees charged by the trustees of each fund; and (c) what is the: (i) minimum, (ii) maximum, and (iii) average, fee incurred by members of these funds thus far.
- (8) Have Oak Breeze and ACT Super Management fulfilled their reporting obligations, under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and Regulations, to members of the respective funds; if not, has any action been taken to ensure they comply with these requirements.
- (9) Have APRA, Oak Breeze, ACT Super Management or any other parties undertaken an investigation of whether 'fraudulent conduct or theft', within the meaning of Part 23 of the Act, has occurred in relation to any of these funds and their investments in the EEF and the ECMT.
- (10) Have Oak Breeze or ACT Super Management made, or indicated that they intend to make, an application for financial assistance under section 229 of the Act in relation to any of these three superannuation funds; if not, why not.

562 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Freedom of Choice Monthly Income Pool (MIP):

- (1) With reference to correspondence to Senator Sherry, dated 9 August 2002, in which the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) stated that MIP funds were not invested in the Commercial Nominees of Australia Pty Limited (CNAL) Enhanced Cash Management Trust but in the Enhanced Income Trust (EIT): (a) was CNAL at any stage the trustee of the EIT; if so, when did CNAL cease to be the trustee of the EIT; (b) was this a result of being replaced as trustee by APRA or the Australian Securities and Investments Commission; and (c) who is the replacement trustee of the EIT.

- (2) (a) What steps have APRA, Perpetual or Australian Unity Funds Management taken to ascertain whether 'fraudulent conduct or theft', within the meaning of Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, occurred in relation to investments by the MIP in the EIT; and (b) have APRA, for example, appointed an inspector to the MIP and/or the EIT.

564 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In relation to the activity of the fleet of Bay Class Vessels (BCVs), for each of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years: (a) how many seagoing days were achieved; (b) how many days maintenance were required to keep the fleet operational; and (c) what was the target for seagoing days for the fleet.
- (2) Can information be provided of the costs associated with the following aspects of the BCVs: (a) initial value (ie. purchase price paid for each BCV); (b) average annual maintenance costs since introduction (include any automatic payments made to contractor for ongoing maintenance, as well as additional costs for any irregular or extra repairs that have been needed); (c) daily running costs (on a seagoing day); and (d) daily crew costs (ie. a breakdown of salary, on-costs, training etc.)
- (3) Please describe what sea state the BCV fleet: (a) usually operates in; and (b) is capable of operating in, and what this description means in practical terms.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the BCVs are not capable of operating in all parts of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and describe in general terms where these parts are (eg. Torres Strait, Heard and Macdonald Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory etc.).
- (5) Other than the BCVs, does Customs loan any assets to Coastwatch, or have assets that are tasked by Coastwatch (eg. outboards or smaller vessels).
- (6) In relation to Coastwatch, can the following information be provided for each of the 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years: (a) the number of vessels intercepted; and (b) the number of vessels apprehended (including an indications of the illegal activity suspected).
- (7) In each of the 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years how many times was a suspected illegal vessel sighted by aerial surveillance in circumstances in which there were not the resources available to intercept the vessel.
- (8) (a) How many flying hours in total did Coastwatch undertake (ie. task) in each of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years; and (b) of these, in each financial year, how many were provided by Defence.
- (9) Do any of the civil aircraft used by Coastwatch have: (a) radar equipment; and (b) any specialist patrolling or surveillance capability; if the answer to (b) is yes, describe briefly what this capability is, if the answer to either (a) or (b) is yes, how does the capability differ from that of P3-C Orions.
- (10) Can a list be provided of: (a) the contractors, if any, that provided seagoing vessels to Coastwatch in each of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years; (b) how many hours each was contracted to supply; and (c) how much Customs paid under the contract.
- (11) In relation to Coastwatch's relationship with relevant state and territory agencies, what formal arrangements are in place to ensure the timely communication of information.

- (12) What is Surveillance Australia's annual average for staff turnover for each of the financial years since 1995-96, to the end of the 2001-02 financial year.
- (13) When was the last revised performance measurement system for contractors used by Coastwatch implemented.

Notice given 20 August 2002

569 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to Part X Bankruptcy Agreements lodged in each of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years:

- (1) How many barristers and lawyers applied for, and were successful in obtaining, Part X agreements in each Australian state and territory.
- (2) How much tax revenue to the Australian Taxation Office was forgone through part payments resulting from Part X agreements filed by barristers and lawyers in each Australian state and territory.
- (3) What was the total amount of tax revenue lost to the Australian Taxation Office through part payments resulting from Part X agreements in each Australian state and territory.
- (4) How many Part X creditors' meetings did officers of the department attend in each Australian state and territory.

Notice given 23 August 2002

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

- (1) What sum has the department spent on consultants in each of the following financial years: (a) 1999-2000; (b) 2000-01; (c) 2001-02; and (d) 2002-03.
- (2) For each consultancy: (a) what was the name of the consultant employed; (b) what was the cost; (c) what was the purpose; (d) what was the period during which the consultant was engaged; (e) what role did the Minister and/or his office have in the engagement of the consultant; and (f) was the consultancy subject to a tender process; if not, why not; if so, was it an open tender or a select tender.

Notice given 30 August 2002

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 603-619)—

- (1) For each department within the Minister's portfolio, how is superannuation calculated (ie. is the superannuation entitlement calculated on base salary and other income payments, such as overtime allowance or performance bonuses, or on base salary alone).
- (2) If the department calculates superannuation on a broader basis, by incorporating all income payments in the calculation of superannuation entitlements, but allows employees to opt out of this arrangement so as to reduce the base upon which superannuation is calculated, what proportion of employees do this.

605 Minister representing the Treasurer

Notice given 4 September 2002

620 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) How many sheep died en route to the Middle East on each of the following ships that departed Australia in July 2002: (a) the *Cormo Express*; (b) the *Corriedale Express*; (c) the *Al Shuwaikh*; and (d) the *Al Messilah*.
- (2) For each vessel: (a) what percentage of sheep died; and (b) from which geographic location or region were these sheep sourced.
- (3) (a) When did these vessels depart Australia; and (b) from which Australian port did they sail.
- (4) For each vessel, what was the final destination of the sheep onboard.
- (5) (a) When did these vessels arrive in the Middle East; and (b) at which ports did the surviving sheep disembark.
- (6) For each vessel, how many sheep survived the journey.
- (7) At what location, or locations, were the dead sheep thrown overboard.
- (8) How many crew were on board each vessel.
- (9) For each vessel, how many crew members were concerned with animal welfare and management issues during the journey.
- (10) (a) When was the department first advised of reportable sheep deaths onboard the vessels *Cormo Express*, *Corriedale Express*, *Al Shuwaikh* and *Al Messilah*; (b) who provided that advice; and (c) what form did that advice take.
- (11) (a) When was the Minister first advised of reportable sheep deaths onboard the vessels *Cormo Express*, *Corriedale Express*, *Al Shuwaikh* and *Al Messilah*; (b) who provided that advice; and (c) what form did that advice take.
- (12) Has the number of dead sheep been adjusted subsequent to the receipt of original advice in this matter by the Minister and the department; if so: (a) when was advice of the number of dead sheep adjusted; and (b) what was the source of the new information.
- (13) Did the vessels *Cormo Express*, *Corriedale Express*, *Al Shuwaikh* and *Al Messilah* sail under an Australian flag; if not, under the flag, or flags, of which country, or countries, did each sail.
- (14) Which companies own and/or operate each of these ships.
- (15) What percentage of equity in these companies is Australian-owned.
- (16) Which livestock export companies were contracted to transport these sheep.
- (17) What percentage of equity in these companies is Australian-owned.
- (18) Have these companies been involved in any incident in the past 10 financial years, where mortality rates of Australian-sourced animals during live export have exceeded the acceptable level established by applicable Commonwealth or state laws and/or industry codes of practice; if so: (a) when did these incidents occur; (b) what type and breed of animals perished; and (c) in what numbers.
- (19) From which geographic locations were the deceased animals sourced for each voyage by these companies in the past 10 financial years where the maximum acceptable mortality rate, as established by applicable Commonwealth or state laws and/or industry codes of practice, was exceeded.
- (20) (a) What investigations occurred in respect to these incidents; and (b) what adverse findings, if any, were made in respect to these companies.

- (21) Has the Minister agreed to undertake any investigation into the reportable sheep deaths on the vessels *Cormo Express*, *Corriedale Express*, *Al Shuwaikh* and *Al Messilah*, that departed Australia in July 2002; if so: (a) which agency or agencies will conduct the investigation; (b) when will the investigation be concluded; and (c) will the results of the investigation be released to the public.
- (22) Has the Minister undertaken any interim measures to protect the welfare of future live sheep exports on these vessels; if so: (a) what measures have been introduced; (b) when did these measures become effective; and (c) are these measures specific to these vessels or do they apply to all live sheep exports.
- (23) How many sheep have died in transit as part of Australia's live sheep export trade, in each year for the past 10 financial years.
- (24) What changes have been made to Commonwealth or state laws and/or industry codes of practice over the past 10 financial years to reduce mortality rates onboard live sheep carriers.
- (25) Has the department, or any other agency, undertaken an assessment of the effectiveness of these changes in reducing sheep mortality rates.
- (26) Does the sheep mortality rate on ships bound for the Middle East increase during the period May to October; if so, is this increased mortality rate related to climate.

Notice given 9 September 2002

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

- (1) To date, what is the price growth that has occurred in relation to this project as a result of the annual indexation of prices.
- (2) To date, what is the total increase in cost related to foreign exchange movements.
- (3) To date, what is the total value of price variation payments made under this contract (if possible indicate separately the value of foreign exchange related variations and price growth variations).
- (4) What currency was specified in the contract.
- (5) If the contract is in a currency other than the Australian dollar: (a) what was the original value of the contract in that currency when the contract was signed; and (b) what was the exchange rate for the relevant currency on the date the contract was signed.
- (6) If the contract is in Australian dollars: (a) what provisions does it include in relation to foreign currency movements; and (b) is the value of the contract tied to a particular foreign currency; if so, which currency.
- (7) In assessing the value of each of the four tenders (Eurocopter, Bell, Boeing and Augusta), were the same foreign currency and exchange rates used to determine their Australian dollar equivalent; if not, what currencies and exchange rates were used.
- (8) In terms of the Eurocopter bid, what was the effect of any exchange rate movements on the value of the contract between when the tenders were evaluated and the date the contract was signed.

- (9) Given the announcement on 21 December 2001 of a \$1.3 billion contract for the production of the helicopter, what is the current value of that contract.
- (10) Given that the 2002-03 Budget papers indicate the total value of the project is \$1 858 million, what are the other elements that make up the cost of the project (eg. in service support), including the value for each element.
- (11) In relation to the data link system to be used on the Aussie Tiger: will it use the Link 11 or Link 16 system; if not: (a) what system is being used and why; and (b) will the alternative be fully compatible with the Link 11 and Link 16 systems.

624 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Air 5077 Project:

- (1) To date, what is the price growth that has occurred in relation to this project as a result of the annual indexation of prices.
- (2) To date, what is the total increase in cost related to foreign exchange movements.
- (3) To date, what is the total value of price variation payments made under this contract (if possible indicate separately the value of foreign exchange related variations and price growth variations).
- (4) What currency was specified in the contract.
- (5) If the contract is in a currency other than the Australian dollar: (a) what was the original value of the contract in that currency when the contract was signed; and (b) what was the exchange rate for the relevant currency on the date the contract was signed.
- (6) If the contract is in Australian dollars: (a) what provisions does it include in relation to foreign currency movements; and (b) is the value of the contract tied to a particular foreign currency; if so, which currency.

626 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the definition of vehicles that qualify for subsidy under the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme.
- (2) Has the Commonwealth been a party to the development of the definition of 'vehicle' or 'accompanying vehicle' by the *Spirit of Tasmania*.
- (3) What is the standard off-peak subsidy per standard motor car that is transported across Bass Strait.
- (4) What is the standard off-peak subsidy per standard motor cycle that is transported across Bass Strait.
- (5) What is the standard off-peak subsidy for a push bike that is transported across Bass Strait whilst parked on the vehicle deck.
- (6) Are motor cycles required to be dismantled in any way, packed in a carton or carried on a baggage trolley, to qualify for the subsidy.
- (7) Is a push bike defined as a vehicle under Australian road laws.
- (8) How many push bikes can be transported across Bass Strait in the space taken up by one car on the vehicle deck.

Notice given 13 September 2002

628 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) How many applications for exceptional circumstances (EC) declarations have been lodged since 1996.
- (2) How many applications have resulted in EC declarations.
- (3) With respect to EC declarations, can the following information be provided: (a) the source of the applications (state government or peak body); (b) the geographic regions or industries concerned; (c) the dates on which the applications were lodged; and (d) the dates on which the declarations were made.
- (4) Were any EC declarations made concerning geographic regions contained wholly or partly within the electorates of Gwydir or Wide Bay.
- (5) With respect to unsuccessful applications, can the following information be provided: (a) the source of the applications (state government or peak body); (b) the geographic regions or industries concerned; (c) the dates on which the applications were lodged; and (d) the dates on which the decisions to refuse the declarations were made.
- (6) Of the unsuccessful applications, were any made concerning geographic regions contained wholly or partly within the electorates of Gwydir or Wide Bay.
- (7) With respect to all unsuccessful applications, has the Government provided other special assistance, including ex gratia income support, to the regions or industries identified in the applications.
- (8) Was any such special assistance given to geographic regions contained wholly or partly within the electorates of Gwydir or Wide Bay.
- (9) Have there been any occasions since 1996 in which the Government has not accepted the recommendation of the Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council (RASAC) or the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC) in respect to EC applications; if so, can details of these occasions and the applications concerned be provided.
- (10) Have there been any occasions since 1996 in which EC applications have not been subject to an independent assessment by the RASAC or NRAC; if so, can details of these occasions and the applications concerned be provided.
- (11) In the case of each EC declaration: (a) what was the income threshold used; (b) did all applications meet the income threshold criterion; if not, can details be provided where applications for an EC declaration were made despite the income threshold not being met; and (c) for each of these applications: (i) what was the income level identified in the application, and (ii) what was the applicable income threshold.

629 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 463:

- (1) What is the department's estimate, based on surveying its state offices, of the proportion of reimbursements made to veterans and widows because of the refusal of doctors to accept the Gold Card.
- (2) Has the department sought to reissue Medicare cards; if so, in how many cases.
- (3) (a) In how many cases has the department reimbursed veterans the Commonwealth Medical Benefits Schedule payment, plus any co-payment, regardless of the reason for the reimbursement; and (b) what were the reasons in each case.

- (4) (a) On how many occasions in 2002 has the Repatriation Commission formally considered the need to approve 'exceptional circumstances' as set out in paragraph 3.5.1 of the Treatment Principles; and (b) what specific 'exceptional circumstances' have been approved.
- (5) On a monthly basis, what is the value of reimbursements made since 1 July 2001.

630 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 459 (Senate *Hansard*, 29 August 2002, p. 3787):

- (1) What provision was made in the department's forward estimates for increases to the Commonwealth Medical Benefits Schedule.
- (2) What contingency plans have been put in place in the event that doctors cease to be bound by their agreement and refuse to accept the Gold Card.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that an inter-departmental committee chaired by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been established to progress the Government's consideration of the matter; if so: (a) what is the membership of that committee; and (b) when will it report.
- (4) Has consideration been given to an extension of the agreement with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) pending settlement of this issue.
- (5) Is the Minister aware of the results of a survey conducted by the AMA that, of 1 409 doctors surveyed, 41 per cent have responded that they will no longer accept the Gold Card if fees are not increased.
- (6) (a) How many veterans and widows have contacted the department, by telephone or in writing, in the past 3 months on this matter; and (b) of those, how many have been seeking assistance with finding another doctor.
- (7) In the event that alternative doctors are found, will travel costs be reimbursed.
- (8) How many: (a) local medical officers (LMOs); and (b) hospitals, do not accept the Gold Card for treatment outside normal surgery hours.
- (9) In the event that veterans are treated by after-hours clinics that do not accept the Gold Card, is reimbursement made of the full fee charged.
- (10) In the event that prescriptions are issued by LMOs or others, what provision exists for reimbursement where the script is for a non-approved drug.

631 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—During each of the past 5 years: (a) what grants have been made under each of the department's grants programs, by postcode; (b) what was the value of each grant; and (c) what was the purpose of each grant.

Notice given 17 September 2002

638 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Motomed, a therapeutic exerciser, subject to the goods and services tax (GST).
- (2) Has the Australian Taxation Office made a ruling that the Motomed is not GST-exempt.
- (3) Does the Treasurer acknowledge that the Motomed is a medically-prescribed movement therapy product specifically designed to treat profound physical disabilities and is entirely unsuited for use by able-bodied persons; if not, why not.

- (4) Will the Government take steps to amend taxation legislation to make this device GST-exempt; if so, will the Government make this amendment retrospective and provide GST refunds to the people who have already purchased this appliance.

639 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) With reference to projects in the mining, minerals and energy sectors (including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting) funded by AusAID during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, and relating to countries and/or projects in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (a) Can the following details be provided for each project: (i) the project name, (ii) the country, (iii) the date, (iv) the partner/beneficiary, (v) the project implementing agency, (vi) the funds allocated (in Australian Dollars), and (vii) the current status; and

- (b) can the following details be provided for the aggregate of all projects (in Australian Dollars): (i) total expenditure from all sources, (ii) total funding contributed by AusAID, and (iii) the percentage this funding represents of the total Australian aid budget expenditure for the period.

(Can these details be provided in Excel format, corresponding to data that was formerly published in the ‘Blue Book’, which contained project title, brief project description, region, country, DAC sub-sector code and amount spent).

- (2) What was the total Australian aid and aid-related expenditure relating to countries and/or projects in the Asia-Pacific region during the calendar years 1998 to 2002.

640 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to AusAID proportional funding for fossil fuels and renewable energy sector projects in countries in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by AusAID during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including ‘clean coal’, and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting, expressed as a percentage of the total Australian aid budget expenditure.

- (2) What was the expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by AusAID during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting, expressed as a percentage of the total Australian aid budget expenditure.

641 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to non-government funded fossil fuel sector projects in countries in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including ‘clean coal’, and co-generation and emission reduction projects,

gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

- (2) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Asian Development Bank during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by Australian businesses and industry during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

642 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to Australian Government funding for fossil fuel sector projects in countries in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by AusAID during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (4) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (5) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by any Australian Government agency other than AusAID, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources and Austrade, during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (6) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the fossil fuels sector (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

643 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

With reference to Australian Government funding for renewable energy sector projects, can the following information be provided in relation to countries or projects in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by AusAID during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy; and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal or wave energy, and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (4) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (5) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by any Australian Government agency other than AusAID, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, or Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (6) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

644 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to non-government funding for renewable energy sector projects, can the following information be provided in relation to countries or projects in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal

- energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by the Asian Development Bank during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
 - (3) What was the total expenditure, in Australian dollars, provided by Australian businesses and industry during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to projects in the renewable energy sector (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- 645 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to Australian fossil fuels sector exports, can the following information be provided in relation to exports to countries in the Asia-Pacific region:
- (1) What percentage of Australia's total exports during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, related to the fossil fuels sector (ie. exports relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
 - (2) What percentage of Australia's energy exports during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, related to the fossil fuels sector (ie. exports relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- 646 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to Australian renewable energy sector exports, can the following information be provided in relation to exports to countries in the Asia-Pacific region:
- (1) What percentage of Australia's total exports during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, related to the renewable energy sector (ie. exports relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
 - (2) What percentage of Australia's energy exports during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, related to the renewable energy sector (ie. exports relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- 647 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to Australian Government fossil fuel research and development funding, can the following information be provided in relation to exports to countries in the Asia-Pacific region:
- (1) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and

co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

- (2) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by any Australian government agency other than the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources or Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (5) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation, during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

648 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to non-government funding for fossil fuel research and development funding, can the following information be provided in relation to countries or projects in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Asian Development Bank during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by Australian businesses and industry during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of fossil fuel energy sources (ie. projects relating to coal, including 'clean coal', and co-generation and emission reduction projects, gas and oil), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

649 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the Australian Government renewable energy research and development fund, can the following information be provided in relation to exports to countries in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by any government agency other than the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources or Austrade during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting.
- (5) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to the research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as ‘multisector’ or crosscutting.

650 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) In relation to the 14 middle managers from Thai Government departments brought to Australia in June 2000 under a joint AusAID-Thai Government tour of coal-fired power stations in the Hunter Valley: Does the Government: (a) deny the purpose of this trip was to promote Australian coal and coal technology development, in particular Australian ‘clean coal’; and (b) have any plans for similar promotional activities for the renewable energy industry.
- (2) What promotional activities does the Government have for renewable energy trade promotion in Asia in the 2002-03 financial year.
- (3) Given that the Renewable Energy Action Agenda produced by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources states that, ‘there is a wide range of Commonwealth Government Programs that jointly will provide

around \$387 million in funding to the [renewables] industry': How much funding, in Australian dollars: (a) does the Commonwealth provide the coal industry annually; and (b) has the Government provided the coal industry with in total over the past 5 years (for the period 1998 to 2002).

- (4) Given that the agenda further states, 'the industry's most significant impediments are the relatively high cost of renewable energy products and energy market access barriers': How does the Government plan to combat these impediments.

651 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to non-government research and development funding of renewables, can the following information be provided in relation to exports to countries in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (1) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (2) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by the Asian Development Bank during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.
- (3) What was the total expenditure in Australian dollars provided by Australian businesses and industry during the calendar years 1998 to 2002, in relation to research and development of renewable energy sources (ie. projects relating to solar energy, wind energy, micro-hydroelectric energy schemes, geothermal energy, tidal/wave energy and biomass energy), including those projects defined as 'multisector' or crosscutting.

652 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the Australian Government policy on fossil fuels and renewable energy:

- (1) On what timeframe, in years, are the Government's energy policies based.
- (2) In order for Australia's renewable energy sector to capture a larger share of the international energy market, does the Government acknowledge that a more active approach needs to be taken in the phasing-out of fossil fuels.
- (3) What is the Government's position on the use of gas as a 'transition fuel' from fossil fuel energy production to a renewable energy alternative.
- (4) In the light of the need for transition to renewable energy, what is the Government doing to actively assist countries in the Asia-Pacific region to phase out the use of fossil fuels in energy production.
- (5) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 186 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 May 2002, p. 1495) in which the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources stated that, 'Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines are considered to be important emerging markets for coal. The government's strategy is to support improvements in the Australian industry's international competitiveness through economic and industry reforms in Australia, to address trade and other barriers that may restrict access to these markets, provide factual material, and to address technical

and environmental issues by facilitating bilateral and other exchanges with these countries': (a) where does the Government see the largest potential export market for Australian renewable energy emerging; and (b) what strategies are being adopted by the Australian Government to ensure the Australian renewable energy industry is able to capitalise on this emerging market.

- (6) Given that in the answer to question on notice no. 186 the Minister also stated, 'the department does not provide specific funding for coal trade promotion activities': in what way are documents such as 'the sixth edition of Australia's Export Coal Industry', produced by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, not a promotional activity.

Notice given 18 September 2002

654 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the two Australian citizens, Mr David Hicks and Mr Mamdouh Habib, who are currently detained and imprisoned by the United States of America in Camp Delta in Cuba:

- (1) What is the current legal status of Mr Hicks and Mr Habib.
- (2) What access do Mr Hicks and Mr Habib have to legal counsel of their choice.
- (3) What access to and communication with their family members have Mr Hicks and Mr Habib had.
- (4) Is there any indication that Mr Hicks and/or Mr Habib will be charged with any offence in any jurisdiction; if so, what are those charges.
- (5) (a) What access do Mr Hicks and Mr Habib have to Australian consular staff; and (b) can the details of that access be provided.
- (6) Is the Australian Government making any representations on behalf of Mr Hicks and/or Mr Habib to secure their release from custody.
- (7) What is the current health situation of Mr Hicks and Mr Habib.
- (8) Under what conditions are Mr Hicks and Mr Habib being imprisoned.
- (9) Does the Government believe that Mr Hicks and Mr Habib's imprisonment is legal and that Australia has met its legal responsibilities and complied with all international conventions, treaties and agreements.

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

- (1) Does the Minister agree with the *Macquarie Dictionary's* definition of the word 'ombudsman', meaning, 'An official appointment by parliament, or some other legislative body, as a city council, to investigate complaints by citizens against the government or its agencies'.
- (2) Do Telstra, Optus and other independent telecommunication carriers or suppliers nominate the Ombudsman to the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Limited (TIO Ltd), a company which independently hears telecommunication subscribers complaints.
- (3) (a) Is the TIO Ltd, a privately-owned company, fully funded by various independent carriers, including at least 60 per cent funding from Telstra; and (b) do the carriers' employees have the power to hire and fire the TIO Ltd Ombudsman or his staff.
- (4) If the answer to any part of (3) is yes, does the Minister consider that the credibility of the Ombudsman could be perceived as being tarnished.

- (5) Can the Minister, who is responsible under administrative law for the conduct of Telstra, guarantee that all of the TIO Ltd's determinations have been independent determinations; if so, can the Minister guarantee that they will remain just and fully independent determinations if privatisation of Telstra proceeds.
- (6) With reference to ministerial decisions and judgements on the TIO Ltd Ombudsman's determinations, is the Minister certain that justice has been done in all cases.
- (7) What action will the Minister take to have any unjust TIO Ltd determinations rescinded, if proof could be provided of injustice.
- (8) Is it a fact that in-house Telco witnesses or outsourced TIO Ltd experts or independent professional witnesses are not required to submit sworn evidence during TIO Ltd independent investigations; if so, could this not also affect the correctness or truthfulness of evidence and further cast doubts on the TIO Ltd Ombudsman's credibility and ability to make any independent and just determination, and prevent him from being able to make lawful or just findings of fact.
- (9) Is the Minister aware of any cases where Telco witnesses, by not having to give sworn evidence to the TIO Ltd, could tamper with, ignore, destroy or alter evidence without fear of recrimination to ensure a factually incorrect, unjust and improper TIO Ltd determination or, by concealing systemic faults, conceal potential liabilities from the shareholders.
- (10) Under administrative law, is the Minister's office ultimately responsible for the production and presentation of freedom of information (FOI) documents on request, which may or may not be detrimental or prejudicial to Telstra Corporation Limited.
- (11) If a TIO Ltd company employee was named or held out to subscribers as an independent 'ombudsman', could it not be perceived that he is not an ombudsman under the true meaning of the term.
- (12) Is it a fact that, on 1 July 1995, Telecom Protective Services instructed Registrar Brockie at Telecom's premises in Brisbane to destroy 46 boxes of investigation files (FOI Folio number A68767); if so, can the Minister advise whether these destroyed investigation files belonged to Ms Sandra Wolf, Mr Kenneth Ivory or his Solar-Mesh related identities, or to any other 'Casualties of Telstra' complainants based in Queensland, such as Mrs Ann Garmes of the Tivoli Theatre and Restaurant.
- (13) If these 46 boxes of Telecom/Telstra investigation files were destroyed on 1 July 1995 while TIO Ltd, Austel and or Senate Estimates Committee investigations were on foot, what is the Minister doing to have Telstra held accountable before any further privatisation of Telstra proceeds.

Notice given 23 September 2002

664 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2889 (House of Representatives *Hansard*, 22 June 1998, p. 5112):

- (1) What is the: (a) peacetime establishment; and (b) current staffing strength, of each unit in the Australian Army.
- (2) What is the: (a) peacetime establishment; and (b) current staffing strength, of each unit in the Royal Australian Air Force.

- (3) What is the: (a) peacetime establishment; and (b) current staffing strength, of each unit in the Royal Australian Navy.

666 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) For each month of the years ending 31 December 2000 and 31 December 2002 and of the period 1 January to 30 June 2002, and as a total for each year and for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002: how many vehicles with four wheels were issued import approvals under the Low Volume Scheme; and (b) can these details be broken down by vehicle category.
- (2) (a) For each month of the years ending 31 December 2000 and 31 December 2002 and of the period 1 January to 30 June 2002, and as a total for each year and for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002: how many compliance plates were issued import approvals under the Low Volume Scheme; and (b) can these details be broken down by vehicle category.
- (3) For the years ending 31 December 2000 and 31 December 2001 and for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002, what was the average age of Low Volume Scheme vehicles at the date of importation, and what was the percentage of each year of the total number.

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

- (1) How many White Card holders are: (a) Australian veterans; (b) Commonwealth and allied ex-servicemen; and (c) serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel.
- (2) What sums have been reimbursed by: (a) the Government of the United Kingdom; and (b) other governments, for White Card health services in each of the past 3 years.
- (3) For ADF personnel with White Cards, what arrangements are in place between the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Defence for the payment of medical costs resulting from overseas service covered by the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

670 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—How many Commonwealth and allied veterans, by country, in receipt of a service pension have returned to their countries of origin and continued to receive payment.

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

- (1) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 569, part (1) (House of Representatives *Hansard*, 20 August 2002, p. 5291): What are the same details for each electorate in all other states.
- (2) In all states, which government and non-government members and senators have been advised of such visits, and on how many occasions, in each of the past 3 years.

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

- (1) Did the Office of Australian War Graves, in its evidence to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 22 February 2002, claim that the tight time frame for the completion of the war memorial in

London was the reason for not openly tendering for the selection of a fountain designer.

- (2) Is the failure of that selected designer the reason for the delay in the construction of the project by 12 months.
- (3) Will tenders be called for a replacement designer; if so: (a) what are the tender specifications; (b) have tenders been called; (c) when do tenders close; and (d) when will the likely replacement be selected.
- (4) With reference to the Minister's press release of 20 August 2002, which states that tenders will be called for design and construction: Is this intended to be one contract.
- (5) In addition to the now cancelled contract with Mr Woodward: (a) what other contracts for design were entered into; (b) with whom; and (c) at what cost.
- (6) Have other contracts been terminated; if so: (a) under what conditions; and (b) at what cost to the budget.
- (7) Is there any legal action in train or pending; if so: (a) from which parties; and (b) on what grounds.
- (8) What provision will be made in the design to recognise other joint war efforts between Australian and British servicemen, including the Boer War and south-east Asia.
- (9) Will any recognition be made of the hundreds of thousands of Australian horses sent, never to return.

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

- (1) What was the actual amount: (a) estimated; and (b) saved, for each savings proposal in each of the past 5 budgets.
- (2) In instances where savings were not achieved as estimated: (a) what supplementary funding was provided to cover the shortfall; and (b) by what means.

677 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 463 (Senate *Hansard*, 16 September 2002, p. 4182):

- (1) Can updated figures on the number of reimbursements be provided.
- (2) Can the following information be provided for the past month: (a) the reasons for reimbursement; and (b) the number of reimbursements for each of those reasons.
- (3) For those reimbursements in the past month relating to Gold Cards being refused: (a) how many doctors; and (b) how many veterans, were involved in those reimbursements.
- (4) Can a summary be provided of the electorates in which those veterans receiving reimbursements live.

678 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) When will legislation be introduced that will allow for workers to be paid their entitlements ahead of banks and other creditors.
- (2) Will that legislation apply to any current liquidations.

- (3) In the case of Computerised Holdings Pty Ltd, did the liquidator identify the cause of liquidation as being insolvent trading; if so, why did the Australian Securities and Investment Commission not prosecute.
- (5) What are the criteria being used for making claims against the liquidator in the case of Computerised Holdings.
- (6) Is it intended that legal advice be sought on any distribution of assets ahead of the payment of workers' entitlements.

679 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What is the anticipated cost of the decision to allow a corporate group to transfer losses and be taxed as a single entity.
- (2) Is there any truth to the claim by some mining executives that this new arrangement will allow them to unlock \$11 billion in losses and enjoy a tax holiday for 20 years.
- (3) Is it true that, under these new arrangements, businesses will be able to revalue all assets to 'market value' without having to pay capital gains tax on the revaluations.
- (4) Is it true that for depreciation purposes the new 'market value' can be used as an expense over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Notice given 24 September 2002

680 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Bankruptcy Reform Consultative Forum:

- (1) When were the members of the forum appointed.
- (2) Who was in charge of the selection process.
- (3) What level of skill does each member of the forum bring to the decision-making process.
- (4) By what criteria were these members selected.
- (5) When does the forum meet.
- (6) Where does the forum meet.
- (7) (a) What amount has been allocated for expenses, travel and meeting fees for forum members; and (b) how is this broken down.
- (8) From which department does the funding originate.
- (9) Can minutes of the meetings be provided.
- (10) How are consumers adequately represented in this forum.
- (11) How does the forum process work.
- (12) (a) When does the forum report on any findings; and (b) how can the public access those findings.
- (13) Has the forum released any reports recently; if so: (a) when; and (b) can copies be provided.

682 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For each month of the past 2 full calendar years, what are the figures for staff absent on stress leave in the Department of the Treasury.

687 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) investigate instances of profiteering in relation to grains, fodder and other livestock animal feeds; if so, how many instances of profiteering in relation

to grains, fodder and other livestock animal feeds have been investigated in each of the past 10 financial years.

- (2) How many prosecutions have been obtained in each of the past 10 financial years for profiteering from grains, fodder or other foodstuffs used as livestock feed.
- (3) How many convictions have been obtained in each of the past 10 financial years for profiteering from grains, fodder or other foodstuffs used as livestock feed.
- (4) What are the current penalties for profiteering from grains, fodder or other foodstuffs used as livestock feed.
- (5) Have these penalties changed within the past 10 years; if so, can details of these changes be provided.

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

- (1) (a) How many scholarships will be administered by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08; and (b) for each of these financial years, how many will be scholarships for veterinary science students.
- (2) What criteria will be used to select students to receive these scholarships.
- (3) (a) What is the value of the scholarships available to students under the proposed scholarship program; and (b) what method of payment options will be available.
- (4) To which academic years, of the veterinary science course, will the scholarship apply.
- (5) (a) What meetings have been held with stakeholders to date in order to develop this particular scholarship program; (b) when were these meetings held; and (c) what was discussed at each meeting.
- (6) What records exist of these meetings.
- (7) Which stakeholders remain to be fully consulted.
- (8) (a) What meetings have been scheduled with stakeholders not already consulted in the development of this particular scholarship program; and (b) when are these meetings scheduled to occur.
- (9) What priority has been given to the development of this particular scholarship program within the department or agency.
- (10) How many departmental or agency staff (in FTE, ie. Full Time Equivalent, terms) are engaged in developing this scholarship program.
- (11) What is the seniority of each of the staff developing this program.

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

- (1) Does the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) currently issue certificates to Australian exporters in relation to the genetically modified (GM) content of their exports; if so, with which international trade standards does the current practice comply.
- (2) How many such certificates has AQIS issued in the past 5 financial years.
- (3) Can details be provided of the procedural framework currently used by AQIS to certify to overseas markets that produce is free of contamination from GM material.

- (4) Is AQIS currently developing a code of practice that will be able to meet international standards in relation to GM content in exports and provide a level of security that can be certified by AQIS for export purposes.
- (5) With which agencies is AQIS negotiating in developing this code of practice.
- (6) When will the code of practice be released for industry and/or public comment.
- (7) What period of time will be available for the industry and/or public to comment on the code of practice.
- (8) When is the code of practice scheduled for completion and final approval.
- (9) With which international trading standards or regulations will the code of practice comply.

Notice given 25 September 2002

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

- (1) With reference to the answer to a question asked at an estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 June 2002, concerning the monopoly of hospital services to veterans in the Perth metropolitan area: Did the President of the Repatriation Commission express the view that the contract with Ramsay Health Care did 'not provide a sole provider status to Ramsay health care'; if so, what consideration has the commission given to the extension of tier-one hospitals to additional providers in the Perth and Brisbane metropolitan areas.
- (2) Are Perth and Brisbane the only cities in which exclusive coverage of veterans by tier-one health care hospitals has been effectively given to former repatriation hospitals.
- (3) Have discussions with Ramsay Health Care included any suggestion that other tier-one hospitals be contracted; if so, what was its reaction.
- (4) What discussion has the commission or the department had with the ex-service community in Perth and Brisbane to ascertain their views on the extension of tier-one hospitals in those cities.

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

- (1) What is the cost and duration of the trial of the Smart Card being conducted on the New South Wales central coast.
- (2) What information will the card contain.
- (3) How is the project being funded.
- (4) When will an evaluation of the project be published.
- (5) (a) Who is the contractor engaged; and (b) what tender process was employed.
- (6) Is it planned that, if successful, such a facility will be included on the Gold Card.
- (7) Is permission being sought from veterans to participate in the trial.

Notice given 26 September 2002

700 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many children are currently on the national waiting list for the child care Special Needs Subsidy Scheme.
- (2) Where do these children live, by state and territory, and by local government area.
- (3) (a) How long are children going to wait on this waiting list; and (b) is the length of time on the waiting list different in each state and territory.
- (4) What is the range of special needs or disabilities these children have (can the information be broken down by category).
- (5) (a) What are the details of the application process; and (b) what information is provided to parents and services regarding the new waiting list scheme.

702 Senator Lees: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the percentage increase in Commonwealth spending on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for each month from January to July 2002.
- (2) What was the total percentage increase for the period January to July 2002.
- (3) What new drugs have been listed on the PBS in the 12 months from September 2001.
- (4) What is the estimated cost to the PBS of the new drugs listed in the 12 months from September 2001.
- (5) What is the estimated cost of each of these newly-listed drugs.
- (6) What drugs approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in the past 12 months have not been listed on the PBS.
- (7) Given that the diabetes drug *Avandia* has been approved by the TGA but has not been listed on the PBS, what impediments are preventing the listing of this particular drug.
- (8) Why have the rheumatoid arthritis drugs *Enbrel* and *Remicade*, which have been approved by the TGA, not been listed.
- (9) For each of the past five years (1997 to 2001 inclusive) can the following details be provided: (a) the average number of drugs listed on the PBS each year; and (b) the average number of submissions made to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.
- (10) What is the estimated annual cost to the PBS of the drugs approved by the TGA but still awaiting listing.

Notice given 27 September 2002

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

- (1) Since his appointment on 3 October 2001 to the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal, in how many review hearings has Mr Michael Baume participated.
- (2) Since 3 October 2001, in how many review hearings have each of the other members of the SCT participated.
- (3) Of the review hearings in which Mr Baume participated: (a) how many determinations were in favour of complainants; and (b) how many determinations upheld the trustees' decisions.
- (4) (a) What is the average proportion of review determinations in favour of complainants; and (b) what is the average proportion of determinations that uphold the trustees' decisions.

- (5) On what basis is the remuneration of members of the tribunal determined.
- (6) What is the total remuneration Mr Baume has received since his appointment to the tribunal.
- (7) What is the total remuneration received by other members of the tribunal in the same period.
- (8) What is the term of Mr Baume's appointment.
- (9) Is Mr Baume listed as a tribunal member on its website; if not, why not.
- (10) With reference to Mr Baume's qualifications for the tribunal, as outlined in part (9) of the answer to question on notice no. 1 (Senate *Hansard*, 17 June 2002, p. 1869): (a) how do these qualifications differ from those of other members of the tribunal; and (b) based on the review hearings in which Mr Baume has participated so far, what have his qualifications added to the tribunal.

Notice given 30 September 2002

705 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the resolution of the Senate relating to government responses to committee reports (*Standing Orders*, February 2002, p. 129) and undertakings by successive governments to present a response to committee reports within 3 months of tabling: When will the Government respond to each of the following reports tabled in the 39th Parliament, on the dates indicated, by the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services:

- (1) The opportunities and constraints for Australia to become a centre for the provision of Global Financial Services (22 March 2001).
- (2) A 'reasonable and secure' retirement? The benefit design of Commonwealth public sector and defence force unfunded superannuation funds and schemes (5 April 2001).
- (3) Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—First report (20 August 2001).
- (4) Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—Second report—Some case studies (30 August 2001).
- (5) Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—Third report—Auditing of superannuation funds (24 September 2001).
- (6) Early access to superannuation benefits (31 January 2002).

706 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, visited the Mt Muro mining lease area in Indonesia in May 2001, then held by Australian company, Aurora Gold:

- (1) Did Mr Smith meet with any local community representatives other than Indonesian Government officials; if so, who; if not, why not.
- (2) Was Mr Smith aware before his visit of the controversy throughout the 1990s amongst the local community over the impact of the Mt Muro mining operations on local villages, communal lands and water supply.
- (3) Was Mr Smith aware of allegations by local villagers of human rights abuses by Indonesian security forces dating back as far as the early 1990s; if not, why not; if so, did Mr Smith consider there was a reasonable

possibility that the result of urging Indonesian security forces to remove 'illegal' miners may result in deaths or injuries.

707 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the death of two people considered 'illegal miners' at the Mt Muro Mine in Kalimantan, Indonesia, in May 2001:

- (1) Was the written briefing on the incident provided by the President of Aurora Gold to the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, on 5 March 2002, the result of a request from the ambassador; if so, when was the briefing requested.
- (2) When was the ambassador first aware of the report on the two killings at the mine site in the *Jakarta Post* of 12 June 2001.
- (3) Does the ambassador accept in retrospect that urging the Indonesian security forces to deal with the small scale miners within the Aurora Gold lease area was inappropriate; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the ambassador consider that the failure of Aurora Gold to notify him of the incident soon after it occurred as unacceptable.
- (5) Has the Indonesian police force provided details to the ambassador of the incident subsequent to his request on 27 February 2002; if so, what was the explanation of Indonesian police for the deaths.
- (6) Has the ambassador met with Indonesian government officials urging investigations and prosecutions of those involved in the deaths and injuries; if not, why not.

708 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the shooting injury on 27 August 2001 to a teenage boy considered an 'illegal miner' at the Mt Muro Mine in Kalimantan, Indonesia, in May 2001:

- (1) When did the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, first become aware of media reports about this incident.
- (2) Why did the ambassador not make any requests of Aurora Gold between August 2001 and February 2002 for details of what had occurred.
- (3) Why did the ambassador not make any requests of Indonesian Government officials between August 2001 and February 2002 for details of what had occurred .
- (4) Will the Minister table a copy of the written briefing, dated 5 March 2002, provided by Aurora Gold to the ambassador.
- (5) Did representatives of Aurora Gold meet with the ambassador to discuss its written briefing of 5 March 2002; if so, what concerns, if any, did the ambassador convey to the Aurora Gold representatives.
- (6) What explanation did representatives of Aurora Gold provide for the failure to notify the ambassador of the deaths and injuries that occurred at the mine site subsequent to Indonesian security forces moving to remove small-scale miners from the Aurora Gold lease area.

709 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has Austrade or any section of the department provided assistance to Aurora Gold, directly or indirectly, with the Mt Muro mine in Indonesia; if so, what assistance, beyond the meetings detailed in answer to question on notice no. 123 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 May 2002, p. 1650), has been provided since 1 January 1998.

- 710 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Mt Muro Mine in Kalimantan, Indonesia :
- (1) When Aurora Gold representatives met with the then Ambassador to Indonesia in November 1999, what were the concerns they raised about ‘illegal’ mining.
 - (2) What assistance did they request from the ambassador or other embassy officials.
 - (3) What actions did the ambassador or other embassy officials agree to undertake to assist Aurora Gold with its concerns.
- 711 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the meeting between representatives of Aurora Gold and representatives of the Indonesian Government on 2 March 2002:
- (1) How many embassy officials attended the meeting.
 - (2) Why did they decide to attend.
 - (3) In the course of the meeting, did they make any representations; if so, what were the views they expressed.
- 712 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the shooting of ‘illegal’ miners at the Mt Muro Mine in Kalimantan, Indonesia, following representations made by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, to Indonesian government officials, including security forces:
- (1) Is it the view of the department that it would make similar representations in similar circumstances on behalf of Australian companies to government officials and security forces in the future.
 - (2) Is there anything departmental officers would do differently if requested by Australian companies to make similar representations in the future.
- 713 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the shooting of an ‘illegal’ miner at the Mt Muro Mine in Kalimantan, Indonesia, on 19 January 2002:
- (1) When did the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, first become aware of the shooting incident.
 - (2) What action did he take subsequent to being informed of the incident.
 - (3) Did the ambassador request a briefing from Aurora Gold representatives subsequent to this incident.
 - (4) What explanation did Aurora Gold representatives give for the failure to inform the ambassador promptly of the incident.
 - (5) At the meeting on 30 January 2002, did representatives of Aurora Gold request ongoing assistance from the ambassador in making representations to Indonesian government officials about small-scale miners within the Aurora Gold lease area; if so, what undertakings, if any, did the ambassador give.
 - (6) Did Aurora Gold provide the ambassador with a written briefing at the meeting of 30 January 2002; if so, can a copy be provided.
- 714 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the quarterly meetings between the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, and representatives of Australian-owned mining operations in Indonesia:

- (1) When did these meetings first commence.
- (2) What is the purpose of these meetings.
- (3) Are these meetings convened by the ambassador or by embassy officials.

715 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the quarterly meetings between the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, and representatives of Australian owned mining operations in Indonesia held in each of the following years: (a) 1999; (b) 2000; (c) 2001; and (d) 2002:

- (1) When were the meetings held.
- (2) What issues were raised with the ambassador at each of the meetings.
- (3) (a) Which companies attended each of these meetings; and (b) who represented the individual companies.
- (4) What actions did the ambassador agree to undertake, if any, from each of these meetings.

716 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the concerns of Australian-based and/or -owned mining companies with the ban on open-cut mining in protected forests in Indonesia: Have Australian mining companies made representations to the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, about their concerns on the restrictions on mining in protected areas; if so: (a) which companies made representations; (b) when were these representations made; (c) what did the companies request from the ambassador or embassy officials; and (d) what action was taken on these requests.

717 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the concerns of Australian-based and/or -owned mining companies with the ban on open-cut mining in protected forests in Indonesia: Has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, or have embassy officials, made representations to Indonesian government officials supporting changes to the law in order to allow mining to proceed in protected forests; if so: (a) when did these meetings occur; (b) who were the meetings with; (c) did the ambassador and/or embassy officials accompany mining industry representatives to these meetings; and (d) why are these representations not considered to infringe on the sovereign right of Indonesia to decide on the conditions under which mining can and cannot occur.

718 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to trips to Indonesia, sponsored by the department, for Australian journalists:

- (1) How many journalists were sponsored in 2002.
- (2) What was the total cost of the program in 2002.
- (3) What was the total cost of the program in 2001.
- (4) What was the purpose of the sponsorship.
- (5) Which journalists were sponsored.
- (6) What is the basis on which journalists are selected.

719 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Richard Smith, invited Australian journalists for meals, and paid for such meals, in 2002; if

so: (a) which journalists were invited and which accepted; (b) what has the total cost been in 2002, to date; and (c) what is the purpose of these meals.

- 720 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did Austrade officials or other departmental officials provide any direct or indirect assistance to Esmeralda Exploration, or its agents, when it was negotiating with Romanian authorities about buying into the Baia Mare mine; if so: (a) when did Esmeralda or its agents first contact Austrade officials or other departmental officials; (b) what assistance did Esmeralda or its agents request; (c) what assistance was provided; (d) what was the reason assistance was provided to Esmeralda or its agents; and (e) did Austrade officials or other departmental officials consider Esmeralda to be a reputable company.

Notice given 1 October 2002

- 721 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to any visits by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia and/or embassy officials, since 1 January 1999, to the following mine sites:

- (a) the PT Freeport Indonesia (Rio Tinto), mine site in Irian Jaya;
 - (b) the PT Indo Muro Kencana (Aurora Gold), mine site in Central Kalimantan (other than the visit on 25 May 2001);
 - (c) the PT Kendilo Coal Indonesia (BHP Billiton) mine site in East Kalimantan;
 - (d) the PT Arutmin Indonesia-Senakin (BHP Billiton) mine site in South Kalimantan; and
 - (e) the PT Kaltim Prima Coal (Rio Tinto), mine site in East Kalimantan:
- (1) When did the ambassador or embassy officials visit the mine site.
 - (2) What was the purpose of each visit.
 - (3) What issues were raised with the ambassador or embassy officials by mining company representatives.
 - (4) Did the ambassador or embassy officials meet with local non-government organisations concerning the impacts of the mines on landowners, downstream villagers and/or the operation of security forces; if so, who.
 - (5) Were security issues raised with the ambassador or embassy officials; if so, what were the specific concerns raised.
 - (6) Were concerns about provisions of Indonesian legislation raised with the ambassador or embassy officials; if so, what were the specific concerns raised.
 - (7) What was the cost of each trip.

Notice given 4 October 2002

- 723 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the statement, 'Moratorium on Live Sheep Exports from Portland', issued by the Minister on 1 October 2002:

- (1) When did the Minister first consider the imposition of a moratorium on live sheep exports from Portland.
- (2) Did the department, the Minister's office or the Minister receive any representations from industry requesting a moratorium on livestock exports; if so, who made these representations and when were they received.

- (3) Which members of the livestock export industry were consulted prior to the imposition of the moratorium.
- (4) (a) Which representatives of the livestock export industry were present at the meeting to discuss this matter on 1 October 2002; (b) where did this meeting occur; (c) what time did it begin; and (d) what was its duration.
- (5) When did the Minister decide to impose the moratorium.
- (6) Is the moratorium secured by a formal order, or is it an informal agreement; if it is an informal agreement, who are the parties to the agreement.
- (7) In relation to each of the five incidents of “unacceptable losses” to which the Minister refers, excluding the recent journey of the *Al Shuwaikh*: (a) when did these incidents occur; (b) what vessels were involved; (c) when and where did the journeys commence and end; (d) when was the health of the sheep checked; (e) at what point in the journey did the sheep die; (f) how many sheep died; and (g) what was the result of the investigation, if any, into the reportable deaths.
- (8) Has the Commonwealth received any communication from governments of livestock destination countries expressing concern about the high mortality rate aboard Australian export vessels or the health of the livestock that survive; if so, can details be provided of the nature of this communication, the source of the communication, the date or dates on which it was received, and the response of the Commonwealth, if any.
- (9) With respect to the recent journey of the *Al Shuwaikh* that triggered the Minister’s action: (a) how many sheep died; (b) at which point or points in the journey did the sheep die; (c) at which point or points in the journey were the carcasses disposed of; (d) what was the method of disposal; (e) when were these deaths reported to the department; (f) when was the Minister’s office advised of these deaths; (g) when was the Minister advised of these deaths; (h) when and where did this particular journey begin; (i) when, where and for what duration did the vessel dock at other ports during the journey; (j) what was the geographic origin of the sheep on board; (k) was their health assessed prior to departure, and what was the result of this assessment; (l) was their health assessed at any time after the vessel left Portland, and what was the result of this assessment; (m) what was the vessel’s destination; (n) what was the final destination of the sheep; and (o) what assessment was made of the condition of the surviving sheep when the vessel reached its final port.
- (10) (a) What ‘extra conditions’ were imposed on the voyage; and (b) can full details be provided, including the method of assessing the appropriate conditions to be imposed and the department or agencies involved in determining these conditions.
- (11) (a) Which departments or agencies will conduct an investigation into the deaths on this voyage; (b) how long will the investigation take; and (c) will the results of the investigation be released to the public.
- (12) (a) How many other incidents of reportable deaths of sheep or livestock have involved the vessel *Al Shuwaikh* and/or its owners and/or operators; and (b) can full details be provided, including the date, the type and number of animals involved and the results of any investigations into these deaths.

724 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the statement, ‘Moratorium on Live Sheep Exports from Portland’, issued by the Minister on 1 October 2002:

- (1) What information does the Minister possess that suggests reportable sheep deaths are related to the preparation of livestock for voyage rather than on-board management.
- (2) What is the source of this information.
- (3) Who provided this advice to: (a) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA); (b) the Minister's department; (c) the Minister's office; and (d) the Minister.
- (4) When was this advice received by (a) AMSA; (b) the Minister's department; (c) the Minister's office; and (d) the Minister.
- (5) Why does the live sheep export moratorium apply to Portland only.

725 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the statement, 'Moratorium on Live Sheep Exports from Portland', issued by the Minister on 1 October 2002:

- (1) What was the name of the livestock vessel that left Portland during 28-29 September 2002 carrying sheep.
- (2) How many sheep were carried by the vessel.
- (3) On what date, and at what time, did the vessel depart Portland.
- (4) Who owns and/or operates this vessel.
- (5) Has the vessel and/or its owner and/or its operator been involved in any prior incidents of reportable livestock export deaths; if so, what are the details of these deaths, including the date, type and number of animals involved, and the results of any investigations into these deaths.
- (6) (a) On what day, and at what time, did the inspection of the shipment by the Commonwealth Chief Veterinary Officer and the veterinary team occur; (b) where did the inspection take place; (c) what did the Chief Veterinary Officer and the veterinary team inspect; (d) what was the duration of the inspection; and (e) what was the cost of the inspection.
- (7) (a) Which department, agency or company incurred costs in relation to the inspection; and (b) if the costs were shared in any way, can a breakdown of the shared costs be provided.
- (8) (a) Who determined that an inspection by the Chief Veterinary Officer was necessary or desirable; (b) was the Minister consulted on the decision to engage the Chief Veterinary Officer in this task; and (c) when was the decision to engage the Chief Veterinary Officer made.
- (9) Was the Chief Veterinary Officer present in Portland prior to this decision being made; if not, when was the Chief Veterinary Officer called to Portland, and from where was he called.
- (10) Did a local Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) officer or agent inspect the shipment prior to the inspection led by the Chief Veterinary Officer; if so, when did this inspection occur.
- (11) Did a local AQIS officer or agent make a recommendation about the vessel's departure; if so: (a) what are the details of this recommendation; and (b) which department or agency received this advice.
- (12) Did the Chief Veterinary Officer approve the vessel's departure.
- (13) Who comprised the team of 'expert veterinary officers' that accompanied the Chief Veterinary Officer?
- (14) Did all members of this team approve the vessel's departure.
- (15) What 'additional conditions' applied to its departure.

- (16) What existing conditions did these additional conditions supplement.
- (17) Will any special conditions apply during its journey; if so, what are these conditions and how will they be monitored.
- (18) Will the vessel dock at any ports during this journey; if so, what are the expected docking locations and dates.
- (19) Will any sheep be loaded onto or unloaded from the vessel prior to its final destination; if so, can details be provided of the number of sheep expected to be loaded and/or unloaded, the ports concerned, and the expected dates of these events.
- (20) (a) At what port will the vessel end its journey; (b) when is the vessel expected to reach its destination; and (c) what is the final destination of the sheep on board this vessel.

726 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the statement, 'Moratorium on Live Sheep Exports from Portland', issued by the Minister on 1 October 2002:

- (1) When was the Independent Reference Group formed.
- (2) Why was it formed.
- (3) Who are its members.
- (4) What are its standing terms of reference.
- (5) Does it have particular terms of reference related to the current moratorium.
- (6) Who determines its membership.
- (7) Has its membership varied since its formation.
- (8) What is the method of appointment of its members.
- (9) On what dates has it previously met.
- (10) What recommendations has it previously made.
- (11) Have these recommendations been adopted; if not, why not.

730 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the Minister's answer to question on notice no. 489, and specifically parts (1) and (2):

- (1) What was the cost to the Australian government of the 2001 operation to apprehend the *South Tomi* using South African navy vessels.
- (2) (a) What assistance has South Africa provided in approaching other countries to address specific incidents of illegal fishing; and (b) can details be provided of these incidents and of the assistance provided by the South African government in each case.
- (3) (a) When have formal negotiations with South Africa occurred with respect to concluding a formal agreement on cooperation to combat illegal fishing; and (b) who is leading these negotiations on behalf of the Australian government.
- (4) (a) When have formal negotiations with France occurred with respect to concluding a formal agreement on cooperation to combat illegal fishing; (b) who is leading these negotiations on behalf of the Australian government; and (c) when is it expected that these negotiations will conclude.
- (5) Since 1996, has any direct minister-to-minister contact occurred with respect to cooperation with other countries on combating illegal fishing; if

so, can details of these occasions be provided, including the countries concerned and the ministers engaged in this contact.

731 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the Minister's answer to question on notice no. 490 (Senate *Hansard*, 17 September 2002, p. 4251), and specifically parts (2), (3) and (4):

- (1) Which country proposed the catch documentation scheme for Patagonian toothfish adopted at the eighteenth meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.
- (2) Has the commission or the Australian Government conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the scheme since it commenced operation on 7 May 2000; if so, what was the result of the assessment.
- (3) (a) Which countries have been identified as key flag states of illegal or suspected illegal vessels by the Australian government; and (b) which of these countries have not been subject to direct representations from the Australian Government.
- (4) Can a list be provided of the 'well over 100' countries that have been the subject of Australian negotiating efforts in respect to combating illegal fishing.
- (5) What measures will be included in the package Australia is taking to the next annual meeting of the commission to improve efforts to combat illegal fishing.

732 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What has been the cost to the department, by financial year since 1996, of protecting Australia's sovereign rights in the exclusive economic zone adjacent to Heard Island and McDonald Island.

733 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Minister's answer to question on notice no. 594 (Senate *Hansard*, 26 September 2002, p. 4787), and specifically parts (1), (3), (5), (7) and (8):

- (1) (a) When will the final cost of the exercise to the department be known; and (b) which other Commonwealth departments have borne costs in relation to the exercise.
- (2) Can the full details of the indicative budget be provided.
- (3) Which countries expressed interest in attending Exercise Minotaur.
- (4) How was each country informed of the decision to permit or deny observation status.
- (5) (a) Can details of the draft schedule for the 2002/2003 post-exercise schedule be provided; and (b) when will the schedule be finalised.

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

- (1) (a) What assessment was made by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to fund the construction of a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers; (b) when was that assessment completed; and (c) what were the findings of that assessment.
- (2) What assessments of the above application were made by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or any other federal or state agency; and in each case: (a) who did the assessment; (b) when did the assessment

commence; (c) when was the assessment completed; and (d) what were the results of the assessment.

- 736 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Was an application, or any assessment, or any other material relating to an application through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to fund the construction of a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers provided to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or his office by the Department of Transport and Regional Services; if so: (a) when was that material sent to the Minister, or his office; and (b) what was the purpose of providing details of this application or its assessment to the Minister or his office.
- 737 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has work commenced on a proposal funded through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to construct a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers.
 - (2) When did work commence on the construction of the plant.
 - (3) If the construction of the plant has been completed, what was the date of completion.
 - (4) If there was a variation in the estimated costs of the construction of the plant and the actual cost what was the level of the cost variation.
- 738 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many direct and indirect jobs were estimated to result from the provision of \$715 000 through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to help fund a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers, and what was the anticipated duration of these jobs.
 - (2) (a) What was the basis of the above job creation estimates; and (b) who made the estimates.
 - (3) Was there any review or analysis of these estimates as part of the application assessment; if so: (a) who did that assessment; and (b) what was the result of that assessment.
 - (4) (a) What assessment was undertaken of the capacity of the proposal to improve the skills base of the region; (b) who undertook that assessment; and (c) what was the result of that assessment.
 - (5) (a) What assessment was undertaken of the capacity of the proposal to tackle the disadvantage and encourage growth in the region; (b) who undertook that assessment; and (c) what was the result of that assessment.
- 739 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When was an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to fund a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers lodged with Australia's Holiday Coast Area Consultative Committee.
 - (2) Who lodged the application.
 - (3) What date was the application lodged.
 - (4) Can a copy of the original application for assistance, and all related documentation, for this project from the programme be provided.

- (5) (a) What was the funding sought through the application; and (b) what was the level of funding approved.
- (6) When was funding for the project approved.
- (7) What was the total cost of the proposal and what commitment was given by the applicant to meet at least 50 per cent of these costs.
- (8) Did this proposal contain an evaluation process to ensure that agreed project outcomes were met; if so, can a copy of the evaluation details be provided; if not: (a) were details of any proposed evaluation mechanism sought; and (b) was this material provided; if not, why not.
- (9) If such an evaluation process was not included in the application, why was the application approved.

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

- (1) What is the membership of Australia's Holiday Coast Area Consultative Committee (ACC).
- (2) (a) When was each member appointed to the ACC; (b) what is the occupation of each member; and (c) what are the qualifications of each member.
- (3) Has any member of the ACC held any public office since January 2000, including appointments by local government, the New South Wales Government and the Commonwealth Government; if so, please advise: (a) the title and nature of office held; (b) the term of office; and (c) the method of election or appointment.

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

- (1) Were the terms of an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme to fund the construction of a short floor manufacturing project for Australian Solar Timbers varied in any way after the initial application for funds was lodged; if so: (a) what was the basis for these variations; (b) when was each variation lodged; and (c) did the assessor of the application accept these variations.
- (2) Can a copy of the varied application for assistance for this project from the programme be provided.
- (3) (a) What level of funding was sought through the amended application; and (b) what was the level of funding approved.
- (4) What was the total cost of the amended proposal and what commitment was given by the applicant to meet at least 50 per cent of these costs.
- (5) Did this amended proposal contain an evaluation process to ensure that agreed project outcomes were met; if so, can a copy of the evaluation process be provided.
- (6) (a) If the amended application does not include an evaluation process, why not; and (b) was this material sought as part of the approval process; if not, why not.
- (7) If such an evaluation process was not included in the application, why was the application approved.

742 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the consideration of Mr Justice Mohr that service at HMS *Terror* by Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force personnel

be considered as qualifying service for the period 11 May 1960 to 5 June 1962, why did the Minister not accept that recommendation and, instead, substitute a period of only 51 days.

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

- (1) When will the health survey of Gulf War veterans be made publicly available.
- (2) (a) What is the current mortality figure for those veterans; and (b) what were the causes of death.
- (3) What vaccinations were given to Gulf War veterans before and after deployment, for: (a) those who served with the Royal Australian Navy; and (b) those who were seconded to other forces.
- (4) What other drugs were administered to personnel during the deployment.
- (5) How many of those who served have been discharged: (a) fit; or (b) medically unfit.
- (6) How many are in payment of a disability pension under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, by percentage groups and disability type, and how many are totally and permanently incapacitated.
- (7) How many have been paid a lump sum for disability under the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Scheme, and of those how many have also claimed a pension under the Act.

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

- (1) How many Australian Defence Force personnel have now served in East Timor.
- (2) How many are in payment of a disability pension from the department, by percentage and disability type, and of those how many are still serving.
- (3) How many are now totally and permanently incapacitated, by accepted disability type.
- (4) How many have received a lump sum payment for disability under the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Scheme (MCRS), and of those how many have been discharged.
- (5) How many are in receipt of benefits under both the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and the MCRS.

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

- (1) How many veterans' children have received assistance under the Veterans' Children's Assistance Scheme, by state, since its inception.
- (2) How many successful applicants have had their participation cancelled.
- (3) How many participants have failed to complete courses funded by the program.
- (4) In how many cases have participants been asked to refund payments, and what sum has been repaid in total to date.
- (5) (a) How many cases of fraud have been investigated; (b) how many prosecutions have been launched; and (c) how many convictions have been obtained.

- (6) (a) What debts from participants are currently outstanding; and (b) how many cases are involved.
- (7) What counselling is provided to those who fail to complete courses.

747 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Can the Minister confirm that tenders have been called for, to undertake a review of the methodologies employed in the construction of dosimetry data from the British Atomic Testing Program in Australia; if so: (a) what are the terms of reference; (b) what is the completion timetable; (c) what is the estimated cost; (d) what scientific concern prompted the need for the review; and (e) will the same task be undertaken for British Commonwealth Occupational Forces service in Japan.

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

- (1) Does the Minister recall that at Senate Estimates hearings in June 2002, the Department of Veterans' Affairs undertook to review the draft request for tender (RFT) in light of comment by industry and to consult with providers and the veteran community before progressing to an appropriate tender arrangement.
- (2) Has the Community Transport Organisation (CTO) been consulted in that process.
- (3) (a) Who was present at consultations with the CTO; and (b) on what dates were those consultations on the draft RFT undertaken.
- (4) What was the outcome of those consultations.
- (5) Has the original draft RFT been amended as a result of those consultations; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the original draft been amended as a result of concerns raised by the New South Wales CTO; if so, in what way has it been amended.
- (7) What is the current status of the draft tender process.
- (8) When will tenders be called for and when will they close.
- (9) Will the CTO be invited to tender; if not, why not.
- (10) Has the CTO sought an appointment with the Minister; if so, why has the Minister not agreed to meet with CTO representatives; if not, will the Minister undertake to meet with CTO representatives.
- (11) Has there been a decision that the Commission should continue providing community transport arrangements in New South Wales as separate arrangements, as foreshadowed in the Senate Estimates hearings in June 2002.

Notice given 8 October 2002

750 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) With reference to the statement, 'Three more Indonesian boats apprehended in Australian waters', issued by the Minister on 3 October 2002: What are the names of the 62 'illegal vessels' apprehended in Australian waters since the beginning of 2002.
- (2) In relation to each of these vessels: (a) on what date was it apprehended; (b) when was its illegal activity first detected or reported; (c) where was it captured; (d) which departments and/or agencies coordinated and conducted the operation; (e) where was the vessel registered and under

- which flag did it sail; (f) how many crew were on board; (g) what Australian port was the vessel brought to; (h) what criminal charges, if any, were laid against the crew, master, operator and/or owner of the vessel, and in what jurisdiction were these charges brought; (h) what was the outcome of these legal proceedings; (i) what civil action, if any, was taken against the crew, master, owner and/or operator of the vessel, and in what jurisdiction was this action taken; (j) what was the outcome of these legal proceedings; and (k) has the vessel, crew, master, operator and/or owner ever been the subject of a report, charge or conviction in relation to illegal fishing or other prohibited activity in Australian waters; if so, when did this report, charge or conviction occur and what action or outcome resulted.
- (3) What are the names of the 27 vessels from which 'catch and/or gear' has been confiscated since the beginning of 2002.
 - (4) In relation to each of these vessels: (a) on what date was the catch and/or gear confiscated; (b) was catch, gear, or catch and gear confiscated; (c) what was the type and value of the confiscated catch; (d) when was its illegal activity first detected or reported; (e) where was the catch and/or gear confiscated; (f) which departments and/or agencies coordinated and conducted the operation; (f) where was the vessel registered and under which flag did it sail; (g) how many crew were on board; (h) was the vessel brought to an Australian port; if so, which port; (i) what criminal charges, if any, were laid against the crew, master, operator and/or owner of the vessel, and in what jurisdiction were these charges brought; (j) what was the outcome of these legal proceedings; (k) what civil action, if any, was taken against the crew, master, owner and/or operator of the vessel, and in what jurisdiction was this action taken; and (l) what was the outcome of these legal proceedings.
 - (5) When was the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Forum formed.
 - (6) On how many occasions has the matter of illegal fishing in Australian waters been discussed by the forum.
 - (7) On how many occasions has the Minister directly discussed with his Indonesian counterpart the matter of illegal fishing in Australian waters by vessels registered in Indonesia, crewed by Indonesians or using Indonesian ports as a base for illegal fishing operations in Australian waters.

751 Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Which Commonwealth department or agency compiles data about illegal fishing in Australian waters.
- (2) Since the beginning of 2002: (a) how many reports concerning alleged illegal fishing have been received; and (b) how many of these reports have been investigated.
- (3) With respect to the Heard Island and McDonald Island (HIMI) Fishery, how many reports of alleged illegal fishing have been made since the beginning of 2002.
- (4) With respect to each of these HIMI reports: (a) when was the report made; (b) who made the report and how was it made; (c) which Commonwealth department or agency received the report; (d) what flags were the vessels subject to investigation flying; (e) how was the report investigated; (f) what was the outcome of the investigation.
- (5) If the investigation involved interception: (a) what was the name of the target vessel; (b) when and where did the interception occur; (c) which

Commonwealth departments or agencies were involved in the interception; (d) which Australian aircraft and/or vessels were involved; and (e) what was the outcome of the interception.

- (6) Did any vessel subject to interception fail to display a flag and/or vessel identification; if so, can details of these incidents be provided.
- (7) Did any vessel subject to investigation and/or interception evade investigation and/or interception by refusing to respond to radio calls, provide requested information, change vessel course, permit Commonwealth officers to board or otherwise refuse to comply with lawful requests; if so, can details of these incidents be provided.

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

- (1) When was the Commonwealth/state taskforce referred to in the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) guidelines, dated 13 July 2000, established.
- (2) (a) What is the membership of that taskforce; (b) who appointed the taskforce members; and (c) on how many occasions has the taskforce met since it was established.
- (3) (a) On how many occasions has the taskforce reported to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services; and (b) on how many occasions has the taskforce consulted with the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, either directly or indirectly.
- (4) (a) When did the taskforce commence its review of eligible regions at the end of the first year of the programme, referred to in the DRAP guidelines; (b) when was the review completed; and (c) when were the findings of the review provided to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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

- (1) Have all successful applications for assistance through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) been initially assessed by state offices of the department in accordance with the administration procedures for the programme referred to in the programme guidelines; if not, why not.
- (2) If some successful applications were not initially assessed by state officers of the department, in accordance with the published programme guidelines: (a) which applications were assessed in this manner; (b) when was each application assessed; (c) how was each application assessed; and (d) why were these applications not assessed in accordance with the programme guidelines.
- (3) Were any successful applications referred directly to the department's national office; if so: (a) which applications were referred directly to the national office; (b) when were they referred to the national office; and (c) why were they referred directly to the national office.
- (4) Were all of the above successful applications then referred to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; if not: (a) which applications were not referred; and (b) in each case, why were these applications not referred.

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

- (1) How many Area Consultative Councils (ACC) have applied directly for funding through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP).
- (2) In each case: (a) when the application was lodged; (b) what was the proposal for which the funding was sought; and (c) when was the funding approved.
- (3) If any applications for funding by ACCs were rejected, in each case: (a) when was the application rejected; and (b) what was the basis for the rejection.

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

- (1) In relation to the grant of some \$214 172 under the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP), announced on 11 April 2001 in round three of the programme, to fund the employment of DRAP coordinators to be located in the Australia's Holiday Coast, Hunter, Northern Rivers, Shoalhaven and South East New South Wales regions: in each case, when were the coordinators appointed.
- (2) (a) What level of funding was provided to each of the above regions; and (b) for what period has the funding been provided.
- (3) In relation to the above positions, in each case: (a) what evaluation process and performance indicators were included in each application; (b) what were the project outcomes identified by the applicant; and (c) what is the duration of each appointment.

756 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to questions on notice nos 503 and 504 (Senate *Hansard*, 25 September 2002, pp 4683-4):

- (1) Can a copy of the details of the evaluation process included in the application for funding by Moruya Decking and Cladding Pty Limited for a steel profiling plant at Moruya, New South Wales, be provided.
- (2) Has an independent evaluation of the project, against the project plan and the objectives and performance indicators contained within, now been conducted; if so: (a) who undertook the evaluation; (b) when did it commence; (c) when was it completed; and (d) who has assessed the findings of the evaluation.
- (3) Did the proponent of this project provide monthly progress reports in accordance with section 1.17 of the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) guidelines for project proposals; if so, how many progress reports were lodged and when were they lodged; if not, why not.
- (4) On how many occasions did officers from the state office of the department visit the above project in accordance with section 1.18 of the DRAP guidelines for project proposals.
- (5) (a) Has the proponent submitted a completed evaluation form, including audited financial statements; if not, why not; and (b) what action has been taken to ensure the proponent complies with the DRAP.
- (6) What evidence has the proponent of this project provided to the department that the project has been completed in the specified manner.

757 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice number 512 (Senate *Hansard*, 25 September 2002, p. 4688):

- (1) What was the methodology applied by the proponent of the project funded through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) in calculating the creation of 14 to 16 direct, full time equivalent jobs.
- (2) Why was there no estimate of indirect jobs to be created by this project as required by section 1.10 of the document, *Commonwealth Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (Dairy RAP) Information Guide to the Application for Funding*.

758 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit report no. 65 tabled on 28 June 2002, *Management of Commonwealth Superannuation Benefits to Members—Comsuper*:

- (1) Which Commonwealth agencies is the ANAO report referring to, in key finding 23 and paragraph 3.29, when it states that, ‘as at December 2001, some 30% of employers fail to provided employment details within 10 days of each payday’.
- (2) Which Commonwealth agencies, if any, is the ANAO report referring to, in key finding 23, when it states that ‘ComSuper has experienced delays from some employers not providing compliant data for over 12 months’.
- (3) In figure 3.10 the ANAO report lists four agencies (the Australian Customs Service and the Departments of Defence, Foreign Affairs and Trade and Veterans’ Affairs) that have experienced high rates of failure to report new members and/or changes in member contribution rates to ComSuper: (a) which other agencies, if any, have experienced comparable rates of reporting failure; and (b) what steps have been taken at an agency level to address these failures.
- (4) Which agency is the ANAO report referring to when, in paragraph 3.10, it states ‘that, for 12 weeks in 1999-2000, one agency failed to forward to ComSuper on time the payments for member contributions, productivity contributions, additional cover, and employer liability’ and that ‘ComSuper charged the agency \$75 736 [in] penalty interest’.
- (5) In paragraphs 4.15 and 4.17 the ANAO report notes that, in ‘June 2001, some 43% of benefit applications were pending, due to either benefit application problems or problems with the member’s record’: (a) what proportion of these pending applications was a result of problems with members’ records; (b) how many benefit applications are currently pending; (c) what proportion of total benefit applications does this represent; (d) what proportion of the current set of pending applications is a result of problems with the members’ records; and (e) what was the average time that benefit applications spent pending in 2001-02.

759 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit report no. 65 tabled on 28 June 2002, *Management of Commonwealth Superannuation Benefits to Members—Comsuper*:

- (1) In key finding 25 and in paragraphs 3.41 and 3.45 the ANAO report states that up to 45 per cent of new commencements in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade were not reported to ComSuper from 1 July 2001 to 1 October 2001: (a) What steps has the department taken to ensure that new commencements are reported to ComSuper in a more timely manner; and (b) in each of the quarters after 1 October 2001, what proportions of new commencements in the department were not reported to ComSuper.

- (2) In figure 3.10 the ANAO report states that, in the period from June 1999 to August 2001, the department failed to report 65 per cent of changes in member contribution rates to ComSuper: (a) what steps has the department taken to ensure that changes in member contribution rates are reported to ComSuper in a more timely manner; (b) in the period since August 2001, what proportion of changes in member contribution rates were not reported to ComSuper and (c) in each of the years starting 1 July 2000 and 1 July 2001, what proportion of changes in member contribution rates was not reported in ComSuper.

760 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit report no. 65 tabled on 28 June 2002, *Management of Commonwealth Superannuation Benefits to Members—Comsuper:*

- (1) In figure 3.10 the ANAO report states that 35 per cent of new members in the Department of Defence were not reported to ComSuper in the period from 1 July 2001 to 1 October 2001: Does this figure include members of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Military Superannuation and Benefit Scheme.
- (2) What steps has Defence taken to ensure that new members are reported to ComSuper in a more timely manner.
- (3) In each of the quarters after 1 October 2001, what proportions of new members in Defence were not reported to ComSuper.
- (4) In key finding 25 and in paragraphs 3.42 and 3.45 the ANAO report states that ‘the Department of Defence (Defence) did not report up to 81% of changes in member contribution rates to ComSuper in 2000-01’: Does this figure include members of both the civilian and the military superannuation schemes.
- (5) What steps has Defence taken to ensure that changes in member contribution rates are reported to ComSuper in a more timely manner.
- (6) In the year starting 1 July 2001, what proportion of changes in member contribution rates was not reported to ComSuper.

761 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit report no. 65 tabled on 28 June 2002, *Management of Commonwealth Superannuation Benefits to Members—Comsuper:*

- (1) In figure 3.10 the ANAO report states that, in the period from January 2001 August 2001, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs did not report 38 per cent of changes in member contribution rates to ComSuper: What steps has the department taken to ensure that changes in member contribution rates are reported to ComSuper in a more timely manner?
- (2) In the period since August 2001, what proportion of changes in member contribution rates was not reported to ComSuper.
- (3) In each of the years starting 1 July 2000 and 1 July 2001, what proportion of changes in member contribution rates was not reported to ComSuper.

763 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the Government’s announcement on 26 September 2002 that it has reallocated 1 600 outside school hour child care places: By local government area and by federal electorate: (a) where did these places come from; and (b) where have these places been re-allocated to.

- 766 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In relation to contingency funds assigned to capital equipment projects (reflecting the perceived risks associated with each project):
- (1) For each of the top 20 major capital projects identified in the 2002-03 Budget Statement, what was the original size of any such contingency fund associated with the acquisition project and what is the amount now remaining.
 - (2) Where a project has been completed and some of the contingency fund remains unspent what happens to those remaining funds.
 - (3) What was the total amount of such unspent funds remaining from projects completed in each of the following financial years: (a) 1999-2000; (b) 2000-01; and (c) 2001-02.
- 767 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many capital equipment projects are currently being funded.
 - (2) In terms of their approved total budget, how many fall within each of the following bands: (a) \$0 to \$10 million; (b) \$11 to 20 million; (c) \$21 to 50 million; (d) \$51 to 100 million; (e) \$101 to 200 million; (f) \$201 to 500 million; (g) \$501 to \$1 000 million and (h) more than \$1 000 million.
- 768 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In relation to cost increases (separate to prices growth and foreign exchange movements) approved for all capital equipment projects worth more than \$50 million:
- (1) What were the cost increases approved in each of the following financial years: (a) 1998-99; (b) 1999-2000; (c) 2000-01 and (d) 2001-02.
 - (2) For each cost increase approved, what was: (a) the name of the project; (b) the original budget approved for the project; (c) the amount of the approved cost increase; (d) the date the increase was approved; and (e) the reason for the cost increase.
- 769 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the employment of professional service providers (PSPs) in the Defence Materiel Organisation:
- (1) How many PSPs were employed in each of the following periods: (a) July to December 2000; (b) January to June 2001; (c) July to December 2001; and (d) January to June 2002.
 - (2) What was the total cost of PSPs employed in each of the following periods: (a) July to December 2000; (b) January to June 2001; (c) July to December 2001; and (d) January to June 2002.
 - (3) For the PSPs currently employed, what proportion were previously employees of Defence.
 - (4) For the PSPs currently employed: (a) what categories are employed, for example, accountants, project managers, computer specialists, engineers; and (b) approximately what proportion do they represent of the total numbers employed.
 - (5) For the PSPs currently employed: how many have been employed (not necessarily continuously) by Defence for a total of: (a) 0 to 50 days; (b) 51 to 150 days; (c) 151 to 300 days; and (d) more than 300 days.
 - (6) Among the PSPs employed today, what is the largest number of days a PSP has been employed by Defence.

- (7) Among the PSPs employed today, what is the largest amount paid to a PSP by Defence.

Notice given 10 October 2002

770 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In each federal electoral division, for each of the following financial years: (a) 1996-97; and (b) 2001-02:

- (1) How many general practitioners provided a bulk billing service.
- (2) How many general practitioners bulk billed less than 5 per cent of medical services.
- (3) How many general practitioners bulk billed more than 5 per cent but less than 25 per cent of medical services.
- (4) How many general practitioners bulk billed more than 25 per cent but less than 50 per cent of medical services.
- (5) How many general practitioners bulk billed more than 50 per cent but less than 75 per cent of medical services.
- (6) How many general practitioners bulk billed more than 75 per cent but less than 95 per cent of medical services.
- (7) How many general practitioners bulk billed more than 95 per cent of medical services.
- (8) Assigning each general practitioner to his or her principal practice postcode in the last quarter of the financial year having regard to service volumes, how many general practitioners practiced.

771 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is currently the postulated cause of Gulf War syndrome.
- (2) What is microplasm.
- (3) Have any Australians been subject to Gulf War syndrome.
- (4) Is Gulf War syndrome a real condition or has the Government established that it does not exist.

772 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the environmental damage caused by the laying of fibre-optic cable across Mr Metherall's property in Springhurst, Victoria.
- (2) What damage mitigation principles were adhered to in the process of laying the cable on Mr Metherall's property.
- (3) After being forewarned of the potential damage that would be caused to Mr Metherall's water spring, why did the work continue without consideration of suitable alternative routes.
- (4) What access does Mr Metherall have to federal government funding to repair the water spring damage with an estimated cost of \$70 000.

Notice given 14 October 2002

773 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, at Sandford, Tasmania, 30 minutes out of the central business district of Hobart, Telstra has informed residents that they

will not be given access to high-speed Internet services for an indefinite period of time.

- (2) Is the Minister aware that this is hindering the efforts of residents to establish home-based small business operations.
- (3) What does the Minister intend to do to remedy this situation.

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the case of Mr Lazar Kalaba and his claim for compensation from the Hungarian Government following the loss of his family's property during the Second World War.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that, through the course of Australian Government involvement in Mr Kalaba's application for property compensation, on official Australian documents, the name of the concentration camp Mr Kalaba was interred in was changed from 'Sarvar' to 'Sirvir' and his year of incarceration was changed from 1942 to 1943, hence rendering his application to the Hungarian Government invalid.
- (3) What will the Minister do to amend this inaccuracy so that Mr Kalaba can continue to pursue his compensation claim.

776 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Deputy Prime Minister written to the Prime Minister concerning the future of the Australian Greenhouse Office; if so, what was the date of that letter.
- (2) Did the Deputy Prime Minister's letter propose that the functions of the Australian Greenhouse Office be split.
- (3) (a) What functions of the Australian Greenhouse Office did the Deputy Prime Minister propose to be transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; (b) what functions did the Deputy Prime Minister propose to be transferred to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources; and (c) what functions did the Deputy Prime Minister propose be left within the jurisdiction of Environment Australia.
- (4) If the Deputy Prime Minister did not propose that the Australian Greenhouse Office be split, what did he propose concerning its future.

Notice given 15 October 2002

777 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—What plans, if any, does the Government have to celebrate the International Year of Fresh Water in 2003, particularly given the importance of fresh water to Australia.

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

- (1) (a) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the proponents of a steel profiling plant at Moruya, New South Wales, listed in the Dairy Regional Assistance Program project summary of round 6 for the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) was the Minister or his office contacted by any person on behalf of the proponents of the above project.
- (2) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Federal Member for Eden Monaro (Mr Nairn) in relation to the above project.

- (3) Was the Minister or his office contacted by any member of the South East New South Wales Area Consultative Committee in relation to the above project.
- (4) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, or his staff, or officers of the Department of Transport and Regional Services in relation to the above project.
- (5) With reference to any contact by the persons listed above with the Minister or his office: (a) when did each communication take place; (b) who was involved in each communication; (c) what was the nature of each communication; (d) what was the form of each communication; and (e) which officers from the department were involved in any way in these contacts.

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

- (1) (a) Was the Minister or his office contacted by Australian Solar Timbers about an application for funding through the Dairy Regional Assistance Program for the development of a short floor manufacturing project in Kempsey; and (b) was the Minister or his office contacted by any person on behalf of the proponents of the above project.
- (2) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Federal Member for Lyne (Mr Vaile) in relation to the above project.
- (3) Was the Minister or his office contacted by any member of Australia's Holiday Coast Area Consultative Committee in relation to the above project.
- (4) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, or his staff, or officers of the Department of Transport and Regional Services in relation to the above project.
- (5) With reference to any contact by the persons listed above with the Minister or his office: (a) when did each communication take place; (b) who was involved in each communication; (c) what was the nature of each communication; (d) what was the form of each communication; and (e) which officers from the department were involved in any way in these contacts.

780 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 353 (Senate *Hansard*, 19 August 2002, p. 3166):

- (1) If there are no provisions or processes to review or investigate possible breaches of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Code of Conduct, what are the guidelines or rules against which breaches of the code are reviewed or investigated.
- (2) On how many occasions since January 2000 have breaches of the code been referred to an authorised officer or manager.
- (3) In each case: (a) when was the matter referred to the authorised officer or manager; (b) who was the authorised officer or manager; (c) what action did the authorised officer or manager take; (d) was external legal advice sought; and (e) when was the matter concluded.

781 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 355 (Senate *Hansard*, 19 August 2002, p. 3166): Have any legal costs been incurred by

the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in relation to any investigation or review of any actions allegedly in breach of the Code of Conduct since January 2000; if so, on each occasion: (a) what was the cost of the legal advice; (b) when was the legal advice provided; (c) what was the nature of the legal advice; and (d) who provided the legal advice.

782 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answers to questions on notice nos 354 and 357 (Senate *Hansard*, 19 August 2002, pp. 3166-7): Is the Minister advising that there is no record of legal advice of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct that can be made available to the Parliament.

783 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What is the number of students who enrolled in the computer science first degree course at the Central Queensland University, Rockhampton, for the years: (a) 2000; (b) 2001; and (c) 2002.
- (2) What percentage of students at the university attained a qualification in this degree in each of the above years.
- (3) Does the Minister have any evidence of falsification of results that conceals inadequate tutoring in technical computer subjects at the university.

784 **Senator Cherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) How many projects have applied for approval under the Regional Solutions Program; (b) how many have been approved; and (c) how many have been rejected.
- (2) For each federal electorate:
 - (a) what was the total number of projects applied for and the total value of grants applied for;
 - (b) what was the total number of projects approved and the value of those grants; and
 - (c) what was the total number of projects rejected and the value of those grants.
- (3) What projects has the Minister approved which were not recommended for approval by the advisory committee.
- (4) What projects has the Minister rejected which had been recommended for approval by the advisory committee.
- (5) What projects were approved by the Minister without reference to the advisory committee.

785 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the rejection of the Blacktown City Council's application of August 2000 for funding under the National Reserve System Program to purchase the Remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland at Lot 101, DP 863828, Norman Street, Prospect:

- (1) Could the Minister outline the reasons for the rejection of this funding application.
- (2) When making his determination, was the Minister aware that the Norman Street bushland had been given a Category A rating in stage one of the Western Sydney Native Vegetation Mapping project as carried out by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; if so, what weight did this carry; if

not, would the Minister be willing to reconsider the grant application again in the light of this information.

- (3) When making his determination, was the Minister aware that the Norman Street bushland adjoins a 3 hectare parcel of land that provides for a habitat corridor, which, if fragmented, would become ecologically unsustainable; if so, what weight did this carry; if not, would the Minister be willing to reconsider the grant application again in the light of this information.
- (4) When making his determination, was the Minister aware that the Blacktown Council, in conjunction with the Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust, has conducted various studies that clearly identify the Norman Street Bushland as containing one of the most significant areas of remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland in this area; if so, what weight did this carry; if not, would the Minister be willing to reconsider the grant application again in the light of this information.
- (5) When making his determination, was the Minister aware of the thousands of work hours invested into the bushland by the local community; if so, what weight did this carry; if not, would the Minister be willing to reconsider the grant application again in the light of this information.
- (6) When making his determination, was the Minister aware that only 3 per cent of Cumberland Plain remains in the Upper Parramatta catchment; if so, what weight did this carry; if not, would the Minister be willing to reconsider the grant application again in the light of this information.
- (7) Can details of the community consultation that took place during the decision-making process be provided.

786 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the rejection of the Blacktown City Council's application of August 2000 for funding under the National Reserve System Program to purchase the Remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland at Lot 101, DP 863828, Norman Street, Prospect:

- (1) How many applications for National Heritage Trust funding have been received from each of the following federal electorates: (a) Prospect; (b) Macquarie; (c) Parramatta; (d) Macarthur; (e) Lindsay; and (f) Mitchell.
- (2) For each of the above electorates: (a) how many of these applications have been successful; and (b) if any of these applications have been successful, how much funding has been granted.

787 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the rejection of the Blacktown City Council's application of August 2000 for funding under the National Reserve System Program to purchase the Remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland at Lot 101, DP 863828, Norman Street, Prospect:

Given that, in a letter listing some of the reasons for the rejection of the application, Dr David Kay (Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia South) mentioned that the Land and Environment Court rejected a 55-lot development application by the owner of the land:

- (1) Is the Minister now aware that the court is now considering a 26-lot application by the owner.
- (2) Given this new information, will the Minister reconsider the funding application.

- (3) Will the Minister reconsider the funding application if the 26-lot application is successful.

788 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Who is the correct person to contact and what is the procedure for residents who have been badly affected by aircraft activities or ordnance training in the vicinity of the Lancelin Defence Training Area in Western Australia.
- (2) Is there a procedure to follow for residents to recover the cost of repair of any damage caused to houses as a result of training exercises.

789 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the growing concern about the conservation status of the population of Dusky Whaler Sharks, *Carcharhinus obscurus*, off the Western Australian coast:

- (1) How many Dusky Whaler Sharks are taken off the Western Australian coast by Commonwealth fisheries.
- (2) Has this information been provided to the Western Australian Department of Fisheries; if not, why not.
- (3) What steps is the Australian Fisheries Management Authority taking to manage the by-catch of Dusky Whaler Sharks in the Commonwealth fisheries operating off Western Australia, and in accordance with the National Plan of Action for Sharks.

790 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What forms of economic protection has the European Union (EU) provided to EU sugar cane producers since 1985.
- (2) What meetings has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 with officials of the EU in order to lobby for the reduction of EU economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (3) When was each meeting held.
- (4) Where was each meeting held.
- (5) Who attended each meeting.
- (6) What records were kept of each meeting.
- (7) What meetings has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 with officials of the World Trade Organization in order to lobby for the reduction of EU economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (8) When was each meeting held.
- (9) Where was each meeting held.
- (10) Who attended each meeting.
- (11) What records were kept of each meeting.

791 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What approaches has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 from the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, his predecessors, or officials of his department, requesting that the Australian Minister for Trade lobby the European Union (EU) for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (2) When was each meeting held.
- (3) Where was each meeting held.

- (4) Who attended each meeting.
- (5) What records were kept of each meeting.
- (6) What approaches has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, his predecessors, or officials of his department, requesting that officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade lobby the EU for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (7) When was each meeting held.
- (8) Where was each meeting held.
- (9) Who attended each meeting.
- (10) What records were kept of each meeting.

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

- (1) What approaches have been made since March 1996 by the Minister, or any of his predecessors, to the Minister for Trade, or his predecessors, requesting that the Australian Minister for Trade lobby the European Union (EU) for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (2) When was each meeting held.
- (3) Where was each meeting held.
- (4) Who attended each meeting.
- (5) What records were kept of each meeting.
- (6) What approaches have been made since March 1996 by the Minister, or any of his predecessors, requesting that the officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade lobby the EU for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
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- (9) Who attended each meeting.
- (10) What records were kept of each meeting.

793 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What approaches has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, his predecessors, or officials of his department, requesting that the Minister for Foreign Affairs lobby the European Union (EU) for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (2) When was each meeting held.
- (3) Where was each meeting held.
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- (5) What records were kept of each meeting.
- (6) What approaches has the Minister, or any of his predecessors, had since March 1996 from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, his predecessors, or officials of his department, requesting that officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade lobby the EU for a reduction in economic protection of EU sugar cane growers.
- (7) When was each meeting held.

- (8) Where was each meeting held.
- (9) Who attended each meeting.
- (10) What records were kept of each meeting.

794 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Since 1999, what programs have been conducted by, or sponsored by, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia in order to provide incentives to Australian industry to value-add (by way of processing) to lower quality saw logs.
- (2) Who conducted each program.
- (3) When did each program start.
- (4) When did each program finish.
- (5) Of those programs not yet finished, when are they expected to be completed.
- (6) How much has the Commonwealth expended on each program?
- (7) What new types of commodity manufacturing have occurred as a directly attributable result of these programs.
- (8) How many full-time jobs have been created as a result of the manufacturing of new commodities directly attributable to these programs.
- (9) For each financial year since 1999, what has been the export value of manufactured commodities as a direct result of these programs.
- (10) For each of the next 5 financial years, what is the annual projected export value of each of these new types of commodity manufacturing that have developed as a directly attributable result of these programs.

795 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Since 1999, how many meetings have been held between Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia, or its relevant predecessor, and the relevant state government departments to coordinate Commonwealth and state environmental legislation in relation to plantation forestry.
- (2) Who attended each meeting.
- (3) What was discussed at each meeting.
- (4) What records were kept of each meeting.

797 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what meetings he, or his predecessor, has conducted since 1999 with international counterparts in order to increase market access for Australian manufactured wood and forestry products.
- (2) Who attended each meeting.
- (3) What was the outcome of each meeting.
- (4) What records were kept of each meeting.
- (5) Would the Minister advise what meetings he, or his predecessor, has conducted since 1999 with international counterparts in order to increase market access for Australian non-manufactured wood and forestry products.
- (6) Who attended each meeting.
- (7) What was the outcome of each meeting.
- (8) What records were kept of each meeting.

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

- (1) How many Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) staff directly involved in the procedures of X-raying and otherwise examining passenger luggage were posted at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2002; (b) July 2002; (c) August 2002; and (d) September 2002.
- (2) How many AQIS staff directly involved in the procedures of X-raying and otherwise examining passenger luggage were posted at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2001; (b) July 2001; (c) August 2001; and (d) September 2001.
- (3) How many passengers had their luggage X-rayed or otherwise examined by officers of AQIS at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2002; (b) July 2002; (c) August 2002; and (d) September 2002.
- (4) How many passengers had their luggage X-rayed or otherwise examined by officers of AQIS at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2001; (b) July 2001; (c) August 2001; and (d) September 2001.
- (5) What percentage of passengers had their luggage X-rayed or otherwise examined of by officers of AQIS at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2002; (b) July 2002; (c) August 2002; and (d) September 2002.
- (6) What percentage of passengers had their luggage X-rayed or otherwise examined of by officers of AQIS at Kingsford Smith Airport during each week of the following months: (a) June 2001; (b) July 2001; (c) August 2001; and (d) September 2001.

Notice given 16 October 2002

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

- (1) Is the Minister engaged in discussions with the Queensland Government relating to the Commonwealth-state legislative frameworks and arrangements which govern World Heritage areas in that state.
- (2) Are there any proposals or negotiations to draft new legislation for the management of World Heritage areas in Queensland; if so: (a) what are these proposals; and (b) how far advanced are they.

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

- (1) How many house insurance policies has Defence Service Homes (DSH) held, by state, in each of the past 5 years.
- (2) For each state: (a) how many claims have been: (i) received, and (ii) paid, in each of the past 5 years; and (b) what was their range and average value.
- (3) Of the claims rejected, what were the reasons for rejection in each case.
- (4) In how many cases has the advice of the claims assessor been rejected.
- (5) In how many cases have alternative and additional assessments been made of individual claims.
- (6) What appeal or review mechanism exists for rejected claimants.

- (7) For each state: (a) how many cases of fraud have been investigated in each of the past 5 years; and (b) how many prosecutions have been pursued.
- (8) (a) How are claims assessors engaged; and (b) what qualifications are required.
- (9) For each state, how many claims assessors are currently used.
- (10) For each state, how many assessments have been conducted by departmental staff in each of the past 5 years.
- (11) If departmental claims assessments have been made, what qualifications are required of the assessors.
- (12) What percentage return does the DSH profit represent on total insured value in each of the past 5 years.
- (13) What benchmarking is undertaken with private sector insurance with respect to costs and margins.
- (14) Has consideration ever been given to the outsourcing of the DSH insurance function; if so: (a) when; and (b) why was it not pursued.
- (15) (a) How many: (i) staff, and (ii) contractors, are currently engaged by DSH on house insurance; and (b) what are the current estimated overheads for that function for the 2001-02 financial years.
- (16) Has there been any fraud investigation into the activity and conduct of DSH staff members in the Brisbane office of the department; if so: (a) what were the findings; and (b) what action has been taken.

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

- (1) For each state, how many insurance policies for household contents for veteran clients are current under the contract with QBE Mercantile Mutual.
- (2) What fee has been paid to QBE for each year of its contract.
- (3) What other operating costs are incurred by the department over and above the fee to QBE.
- (4) For each state: (a) how many claims have been made and paid out; and (b) what was the average value in each of the past 3 years.
- (5) For each of the past 3 years, how many claims of fraud have been: (a) claimed; and (b) prosecuted.

803 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—With reference to the Partnerships Against Domestic Violence (PADV) Program:

- (1) Is Dr Tricia Szirom involved with the two companies known as Success Works and Strategic Partners, as an owner, director or employee.
- (2) What is Dr Tricia Szirom's relationship to these companies.
- (3) What is the connection between these two companies.
- (4) Is Success Works a subsidiary of Strategic Partners.
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that, during Senate estimates hearings in June 2002, Ms Bentley advised the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee that the Success Works company was the appointed evaluator of the meta-evaluation of the PADV; and (b) can the Minister confirm whether this is the case or whether Strategic Partners is contracted to do the meta-evaluation rather than Success Works.

- (6) What amount has been budgeted for and paid to Dr Tricia Szirom as a consultant.
- (7) What amount has been budgeted for and paid to Strategic Partners from the PADV.
- (8) What amount has been budgeted for and paid to Success Works from the PADV.
- (9) Was Dr Tricia Szirom paid as a facilitator or for a consultancy for the PADV conference in Perth in December 2001.
- (10) What was the total amount paid to Dr Szirom for her work at the conference in Perth in December 2001.
- (11) Was Dr Szirom paid \$2 500 per day plus expenses during this conference.
- (12) Has Dr Szirom been contracted by the Office of the Status of Women (OSW) to undertake capacity building workshops nationally.
- (13) What amount has been budgeted for and paid to Dr Szirom for the capacity building workshops.
- (14) What amount has been budgeted for and paid to Dr Szirom through Strategic Partners for the meta-evaluation.
- (15) (a) Has Success Works gained the tender to be the 'Project Manager' of the 'PADV Children's Projects'; and (b) what is the total amount of this tender.
- (16) How is Strategic Partners (the meta-evaluator of the PADV) going to evaluate the work of Success Works (the project manager of the PADV Children's Projects) when both companies have close links with each other.
- (17) Who are the directors and stakeholders of Success Works and Strategic Partners, respectively.
- (18) Has Dr Szirom been contracted in the 2002-03 financial year for PADV 2 rather than PADV 1.
- (19) Regarding the PADV children's projects, have organisations or businesses that lodged a tender been informed either by phone or in writing that they were unsuccessful; if so, on what date was this done.
- (20) Who has been awarded the tender for the children's projects.
- (21) Who has been awarded the tender for the perpetrators' projects.
- (22) Who has been awarded the tender for the project management of the women's services projects.
- (23) Given that under PADV 1 a major project was the Community Awareness Project, can the Minister provide a summary of the implementation of this project.
- (24) (a) Following the development of the National Domestic Violence Competency Standards, who won the tender to develop the curriculum development for these standards; and (b) given that these competencies need to be delivered in an appropriate way, why are they available on the Australian National Training Authority's web site for any registered training organisation to take and deliver.
- (25) How many PADV publications have been produced by OSW since the project was first funded.
- (26) What is the total cost of these publications.

804 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many people are receiving intensive assistance via Job Network in the federal electorate of Solomon.
- (2) How many unemployed people in Solomon have received intensive assistance since the introduction of Job Network on 1 May 1998.
- (3) (a) What is the total sum of funding support received by Job Network members in Solomon for intensive assistance; and (b) can a breakdown of this figure for each of the Job Network members be provided.
- (4) What have the employment outcomes been for people on intensive assistance in Solomon since 1998.
- (5) How many of these employment outcomes have resulted in: (a) full-time work; (b) part-time work; (c) casual work; (d) seasonal work; and (e) contract work.
- (6) How many people receiving intensive assistance in Solomon have entered into traineeships or apprenticeships.
- (7) What processes are in place to ensure that Job Network members are accountable for the Commonwealth funds they receive.
- (8) Have Job Network members refused to reveal any details of the funds they receive from the Commonwealth for placing job seekers into employment; if so, how can job seekers be assured that Job Network members are providing the full range of services that they are entitled to receive.

805 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many medical services provided a bulk-billing service in the federal electorate of Solomon in each of the following years: (a) 1996; (b) 2001; and (c) 2002.
- (2) How many medical services were there in the federal electorate of Solomon in each of the following years: (a) 1996; (b) 2001; and (c) 2002.

806 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many 'Work for the Dole' activities have occurred in the federal electorate of Solomon.
- (2) How many people have participated in these activities.
- (3) How many people have been successful in gaining full-time employment at the completion of: (a) 3 months; (b) 6 months; and (c) 12 months, of Work for the Dole placements.

Notice given 17 October 2002

807 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Can the following information be provided for each of the following financial years: (a) 1998-99; (b) 1999-2000; (c) 2000-01; and (d) 2001-02; and (e) as an estimate for 2002-03: The cost to the department of:

- (1) The lease of the Edmond Barton Building.
- (2) Human resources services.
- (3) Information technology services.
- (4) The provision of financial services.
- (5) Audit services.
- (6) Security services.
- (7) The department's executive and chief executive officers.

(8) The provision of ministerial support services.

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

- (1) Did the department engage Mr David Bannam to undertake a review of the National Residue Survey Program.
- (2) (a) When was Mr Bannam engaged; (b) what was the term of his engagement; (c) what was the cost of his engagement; and (d) when did Mr Bannam complete his work.
- (3) Did Mr Bannam's report contain a set of recommendations and principles to be applied to the program; if so: (a) what were Mr Bannam's recommendations; and (b) what were the principles proposed by Mr Bannam for the program.
- (4) Has the Minister accepted both Mr Bannam's principles and the recommendations for the program; if so, when will the department implement the recommendations made by Mr Bannam.

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

- (1) (a) What increases in costs have been imposed on each industry participating in the National Residue Survey Program for each of the following financial years: (i) 1998-99, (ii) 1999-2000, (iii) 2000-01, (iv) 2001-02, and (v) 2002-03; and (b) what increases are proposed for the 2003-04 financial year.
- (2) (a) What was the nature of these increases, by industry and by year; (b) what was the basis of each increase, by industry and by year; and (c) what consultative process was followed with industry prior to each increase in charges being put in place.

810 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the costs to industry of its participation in the National Residue Survey Program:

- (1) By industry group: (a) what was the actual cost of sampling and analytical testing; and (b) what were the associated administrative costs of the program, in each of the following financial years: (i) 1998-99, (ii) 1999-2000, (iii) 2000-01, and (iv) 2001-02.
- (2) What are the forecast costs for (1)(a) and (1)(b) for the 2002-03 financial year.

811 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2001-2002, what was the number of: (i) full-time staff, (ii) part-time staff, (iii) casual staff, and (iv) contractors, at each of the following Australian Customs Service locations:

- (1) In New South Wales: (a) Pitt Street, Sydney; (b) Sydney Airport (all locations); (c) Clyde Postal Operations; (d) Eastlake Detector Dog Unit; (e) Neutral Bay Marine Centre; (f) Newcastle Regional Office; (g) Wollongong Regional Office; (h) Richmond RAAF Base; (i) Eden Regional Office; and (j) Coffs Harbour Regional Office.
- (2) In the Australian Capital Territory: (a) Customs House and any associated locations; (b) Fyshwick Detector Dog Unit; and (c) Fyshwick Technical Annex.

- (3) In Queensland: (a) Terrica Place City Office; (b) Parcels Post Office; (c) Pinkenbah Detector Dog Unit; (d) Brisbane Airport (all locations); (e) Bundaberg Regional Office; (f) Gladstone Regional Office; (g) Mackay Regional Office; (h) Townsville Regional Office; (i) Cairns Regional Office; (j) Thursday Island Regional Office; and (k) Weipa Regional Office.
- (4) In South Australia: (a) Port Adelaide Customs House; (b) Parcel Post Office; (c) Adelaide Airport (all locations); (d) Port Pirie; and (e) Port Lincoln.
- (5) In Tasmania: (a) Hobart Customs House; (b) Launceston Regional Office; and (c) Burnie Regional Office.
- (6) In Victoria: (a) Melbourne Customs House; (b) Tullamarine Airport (all locations); (c) Sperry Drive Postal Operations; (d) East Swanston Dock; and (e) Portland.
- (7) In Western Australia: (a) Customs House Fremantle; (b) Welshpool Postal Operations; (c) Perth Airport (all locations); (d) Detector Dog Unit; (e) Albany Regional Office; (f) Bunbury Regional office; (g) Carnavon Regional Office; (h) Dampier Regional Office; (i) Esperance Regional Office; (j) Geraldton Regional Office; (k) Port Headland Regional Office; and (l) Broome Regional Office.
- (8) In the Northern Territory: (a) Darwin Customs House; (b) Darwin Airport; and (c) Gove.
- (9) Lord Howe Island.

813 **Senator Nettie:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Minister accept that under the International Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Genocide, destruction of culture is a form of genocide.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the ongoing destruction of Indigenous culture at Sandon Point, New South Wales, is seen as an act of cultural genocide by senior Indigenous community figures.
- (3) What measures will the Minister be taking to ensure that Indigenous culture at Sandon Point is protected in accordance with the Convention.
- (4) Will the Minister contact local Indigenous authorities at Sandon Point to investigate their claims of cultural genocide under the terms of the Convention.
- (5) Will the Minister take action to apply the provisions of the convention to those responsible for the destruction of Indigenous culture at Sandon Point.
- (6) Will the Minister be guided by the principles of Article 13 of the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, which accords them the right of ‘... access in private to their religious and cultural sites’.
- (7) Is the Minister aware that the rights of access and privacy accorded to Indigenous people under this declaration are being transgressed by a housing development at Sandon Point.
- (8) What action will the Minister be taking to investigate the claims that rights accorded to Indigenous people under Article 13 have been denied at Sandon Point.
- (9) What actions will the Minister be taking to see that the Burra convention is appropriately applied to Aboriginal sites at Sandon Point.

- (10) Will this include contacting local Indigenous authorities at the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy.
- (11) Is the Minister satisfied that articles 10, 23, 25, 26, and 27 of the Burra Convention have been observed in relation to Aboriginal sites at Sandon Point.
- (12) If the Minister is not satisfied that these articles have been observed, what measures do they propose to take to see that they are.

814 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Attorney-General accept that under the International Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Genocide, destruction of culture is a form of genocide.
- (2) Is the Attorney-General aware that the ongoing destruction of Indigenous culture at Sandon Point, New South Wales, is seen as an act of cultural genocide by senior Indigenous community figures.
- (3) What measures will the Attorney-General be taking to ensure that Indigenous culture at Sandon Point is protected in accordance with the Convention.
- (4) Will the Attorney-General contact local Indigenous authorities at Sandon Point to investigate their claims of cultural genocide under the terms of the Convention.
- (5) Will the Attorney-General take action to apply the provisions of the convention to those responsible for the destruction of Indigenous culture at Sandon Point.
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- (11) Is the Attorney-General satisfied that articles 10, 23, 25, 26, and 27 of the Burra Convention have been observed in relation to Aboriginal sites at Sandon Point.
- (12) If the Attorney-General is not satisfied that these articles have been observed, what measures do they propose to take to see that they are.

Notice given 18 October 2002

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

- (1) (a) What is the status of the proposed agreement between Australia and South Korea on migratory birds; and (b) when will it be made available for public comment.

- (2) What actions has the Government taken since responding to Senator Brown's question on notice no. 385 (Senate *Hansard*, 21 August 2002, p. 3472) to try to prevent the destruction of the internationally significant Saemangeum wetlands.
- 816 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—Are the new Australian Forestry Standards the same as international standards; if not: (a) what are the international standards; and (b) in what ways are the Australian standards more stringent, or more lax, than the international standards.
- 817 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For how long is the Research and Development (R&D) Start Program suspended.
 - (2) Of the R&D start projects currently funded: (a) can a list be provided of those based on the use of fossil fuels and those based on renewable energy; (b) what is the duration of each project; and (c) how much government funding has been committed.
 - (3) (a) Is it a fact that the Commonwealth has provided \$46.9 million for Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) based on fossil fuels and \$10.4 million for CRCs based on renewable energy; and (b) will the funding for the sole renewable energy CRC run out in June 2003.
 - (4) What additional funding will be provided for renewable energy in the next round of CRCs.
 - (5) Other than CRCs and R&D start projects, what government programs specifically fund basic research into renewable energy (as distinct from commercialisation).
 - (6) Other than CRCs and R&D start projects, what government programs specifically fund basic research into fossil fuels (as distinct from commercialisation).
 - (7) Has the Government effectively abandoned renewable energy as a field of research.
 - (8) Why is the Government favouring research into fossil fuels at the expense of renewable energy.
- 818 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the answers to questions on notice nos 596, 597 and 598 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 October 2002, pp. 5180-81), and given the distinction being drawn by the Minister in those answers between the terms 'development' and 'operation':
- (1) What advice has the Australian Heritage Commission issued on any aspect of the Dismal Swamp in Tasmania regarding any matters including development and/or operation of tourist or any other facilities or uses or planned facilities or uses, since 1992.
 - (2) In each case: (a) who sought the advice; (b) why was the advice sought; (c) what was the advice; (d) to whom and by whom was it given; and (e) was the Minister or any of his predecessors advised; if not, why not; if so, what action followed.
 - (3) What was the reason for the 1999 matter being referred for advice.
 - (4) (a) In what way does the present proposal differ, or what other matters intervened, to excuse the current development from reference to the commission; and (b) who made this decision.

- (5) Are there matters of national environmental significance at Dismal Swamp; if so: (a) what are they; and (b) why will they not be affected by the present development.

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

- (1) In total, and for each region, how many assessments were conducted for access to the Veterans' Home Care (VHC) scheme for each month during the following financial years: (a) 2001-02; and (b) 2002-03 to date.
- (2) In total, and for each region, how many applications have been rejected each month.
- (3) In total, and for each region, how many accepted veterans and widows have had services: (a) cancelled; and (b) reduced, in each month.
- (4) What was the: (a) projected expenditure; and (b) actual expenditure, for the program for each quarter since its inception.
- (5) How many clients currently receive: (a) one service; and (b) more than one service under the VHC scheme.
- (6) (a) How many clients have transferred from the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program to the VHC scheme; and (b) how many veterans who may be eligible for VHC remain in the HACC program.
- (7) (a) How many service providers have had their contracts: (i) suspended, and (ii) terminated; and (b) how many service providers have withdrawn.
- (8) What guidelines exist for agencies determining whether house maintenance can be made available under the VHC scheme or whether it ought to be provided only under the Home Maintenance Helpline service.
- (9) (a) What are the current funding levels for each region; and (b) what were the funding levels in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (10) If there were reductions in funding for the 2002-03 financial year, what were the reasons.
- (11) In how many regions have home maintenance and gardening hourly allowances been: (a) reduced; and (b) eliminated in whole or in part.
- (12) For the 2002-03 financial year to date, by region, how many applicants have been denied access to VHC and referred to HACC.
- (13) For each region: (a) what proportion of: (i) 6-monthly, and (ii) annual, reassessments have been conducted on time; and (b) how many have not been done at all.
- (14) For each region, how many clients have had services reduced without a reassessment during the 2002-03 financial year to date.
- (15) Have criteria for assessment been altered since the program's inception; if so, how.
- (16) How many clients are currently on waiting lists in each region.
- (17) (a) How many VHC clients have transferred to HACC; and (b) what financial adjustments between programs have been made.
- (18) (a) How many clients in total have transferred from HACC; and (b) what adjustments have been made as a result of VHC funding.
- (19) For each quarter since the program's inception, what proportion of services have been for: (a) domestic assistance; (b) personal care; (c) home and garden maintenance; (d) in-home respite; (e) residential respite; and (f) emergency respite.

- (20) How many veteran clients of the department received: (a) in-house respite; (b) residential respite; and (c) emergency respite, under the general Commonwealth respite programs for each quarter in the 2001-02 financial year and the 2002-03 financial year to date, as opposed to receiving those services funded under the VHC scheme.
- (21) Has an interim report on the evaluation of VHC been received; if so: (a) what are its findings and recommendations; and (b) can a copy be provided.
- (22) For each region, in how many instances have agencies declined to: (a) make assessments; and (b) provide services, for whatever reason, including remoteness.
- (23) How many veteran clients of the department received personal care services from programs other than VHC in each quarter of the following financial years: (a) 2001-02; and (b) 2002-03 to date.
- (24) How many veteran clients of the department availed themselves of services under the Home Maintenance Helpline service for each quarter of the following financial years: (a) 2001-02; and (b) 2002-03 to date.
- (25) Given the original estimate of savings in the health program as a result of this program, what is the estimated reduction of those savings flowing from reductions of services below those assessed.
- (26) (a) What were the average hours approved for each service in the VHC scheme as at: (i) 31 December 2001, (ii) 30 June 2002, and (iii) 30 September 2002; and (b) how many clients were in receipt of each service at those times.
- (27) (a) What is the current fee paid to each agency for each assessment made; and (b) what other funding is provided to agencies for administrative overheads.
- (28) (a) What is the current scale of charges for each of the services provided under the VHC scheme by providers managed by agencies; and (b) what is the equivalent scale for other programs such as respite and HACC.
- (29) As at 30 September 2002, how many agencies have overspent pro rata on their allocated budget.
- (30) How many agencies have reduced staff as a result of the reduced allocations.

Notice given 21 October 2002

820 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the announcement of Westside Community Lawyers as the successful tender to provide community legal services:

- (1) How much funding has Westside Community Lawyers received from the Federal Government from 1 July 2002 to the date of its successful tender application.
- (2) Of the Community Legal Centres which service South Australia, which centres receive funding from the federal Government, and how much is allocated to each centre.
- (3) Will funding be allocated to advise consumers in smaller towns, including Whyalla and Crystal Brook, of the services provided by Westside Community Lawyers; if so, how much; if not, how will residents of rural communities learn of the service.

- (4) When the outreach service visits smaller towns such as Whyalla and Crystal Brook, for how many hours will it be open.
- (5) Does the service provided by Westside Community Lawyers also include a regional law hotline service; if so, is there additional funding for this service; if not, is there another group that offers a regional law hotline service in the area.

Notice given 22 October 2002

821 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—Does the Government have any plans or strategies in place to strategically relocate any agencies, departments or buildings to provide jobs for regions in need of them; if so: (a) would the Minister class the Central Coast region of New South Wales as one that is in need of the sort of jobs boost that could be achieved by relocating a Federal Government agency, department or building; and (b) can details be provided of any plans or strategies that may be in place to relocate any agencies, departments or buildings to the Central Coast to provide much needed jobs and a boost to the region's economy.

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that veterans and war widows requiring transport to medical appointments are now required to order their own taxis, pay for them, and then seek reimbursement from the department; if so: (a) when was this new policy announced; (b) does it operate in all states; (c) is it part of the tender exercise conducted for new transport providers; (d) what savings are estimated from the new procedure; (e) for each state, what is the current average reimbursement time for such claims; (f) what evidence that the travel was legitimate is required prior to reimbursement; (g) what administrative costs have been incurred by the department; (h) for each state, how many complaints from veterans and widows have been received since the introduction of the new scheme; and (i) does the policy apply to hospital visits.
- (2) Did the Minister issue a media release advising veterans of the matter; if not, why not.
- (3) Did the Minister write to all veterans advising them of the new arrangements; if not, why not.
- (4) (a) For each state, in how many cases have veterans or war widows required transport to travel further to a new treating doctor where their original doctor no longer accepts the Gold Card; and (b) at what cost.
- (5) (a) On how many occasions in the past 6 months have veterans been required to visit a different treating specialist than usual; (b) what additional travel was required; and (c) at what cost.
- (6) Is the policy a result of the recent tender process; if so, who were the winning tenderers, by state, and by federal electorate.

Notice given 23 October 2002

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

- (1) How many offences under the *Copyright Act 1968* relating to piracy have resulted in: (a) a conviction; (b) a maximum penalty fine of \$65 000 being imposed; and (c) imprisonment.

- (2) Can information be provided on individual cases where prosecution of these crimes have led to conviction, financial penalties and/or imprisonment.
- (3) In cases where piracy was found to have occurred, what happened to the copying devices used to pirate movies and/or sound recordings
- (4) In each conviction for piracy of movies and/or sound recordings, did the Director of Public Prosecutions make a submission on behalf of the Government during the trial, or sentencing phase, which requested that the court take into consideration the quantity and value of the items seized; if so, what was the court's comment or finding in each case in relation to this submission.

824 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many nursing homes are currently in operation in the Blue Mountains region in New South Wales.
- (2) What is the present capacity of these homes.
- (3) Are there any vacancies in these homes.
- (4) Are there any plans for more homes to operate in this region.
- (5) What locations might be suitable, and supported by the community, for any future nursing homes in the region.
- (6) What number of nursing home bed licences are granted by the department in the region.

825 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the proposed development of the Defence-owned site within the North Penrith Urban Area:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of recent public comments from the Member for Lindsay (Mrs Jackie Kelly) that the current master plan, on public exhibition, for the development of the site does not achieve its full potential and that, consequently, the site should be developed for some form of 'Business Park' to replace the current plan.
- (2) In light of these comments, can the Minister confirm whether or not the land uses for the site contained in the master plan are acceptable to the Commonwealth.

Notice given 24 October 2002

826 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many detainees previously held in immigration detention centres are currently held in state prisons.
- (2) Who are these detainees.
- (3) Where are they being held.
- (4) How long will they be held in prison.
- (5) Why have they been transferred.
- (6) What is the legal basis for this imprisonment.

827 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Papua New Guinea Forest Industries Association Forest Investment Seminar held in Port Moresby, March 2002:

- (1) When did Austrade commence discussions with the association regarding its involvement in indirectly supporting the trade fair.
- (2) What was the opportunity cost to Austrade of the 184 hours of staff time spent on the Papua New Guinea forestry exhibition.
- (3) Does Austrade consider the association to be the peak body promoting eco-forestry in Papua New Guinea; if so, why.
- (4) Do the association's members include eco-forestry companies; if so, who.
- (5) Is Austrade aware that the largest member of the association is the Malaysian logging company, Rimbunan Haijau.
- (6) Does Austrade consider Rimbunan Haijau an eco-forestry company; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (7) Which Australian companies exhibited at the trade fair.
- (8) What 'eco-forestry' products and services were showcased at the trade fair.
- (9) What does Austrade define as constituting 'eco-forestry'.
- (10) Were there any speakers at the association conference from the Papua New Guinea eco-forestry forum; if not, why not.
- (11) What benefits resulted from Austrade's involvement in the trade fair.

Notice given 28 October 2002

828 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Is it true that a computer programming or other administrative error caused the issuing of incorrect superannuation statements by the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS); if so, from what date were these statements wrong.
- (2) How many people are affected by the error.
- (3) Will this error result in all those affected having to do revised tax returns and having their tax re-assessed; if so, what is the range of additional tax that would be payable by these retirees.
- (4) Is the Government considering waiving the additional tax payable; if not, who will pay any costs incurred by these retirees as a direct result of the error by the PSS.

Notice given 30 October 2002

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that electricity is classified as a good or service for the purposes of the goods and services tax.
- (2) Can the Minister also confirm that, for the purposes of determining liability for damage to a consumer's electrical goods due to load shedding by an electricity supplier's power, there is a dispute over whether the supply of electricity is a good or service (see *Electricity Supply Association of Australia Ltd v ACCC* [2001] FCA 1296, 12 September 2001) and that this dispute has hitherto allowed suppliers to avoid liability for damage.
- (3) Can the Minister explain how these two positions are consistent; if not, what steps is the Government taking to address this apparent inconsistency.

830 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that: (a) now that the Riverina and North Victoria are in the grip of one of the worst droughts in memory, the inflow to the Hume and Dartmouth dams is extremely low; (b) irrigation water allocations are unavailable to struggling farmers; (c) this desperate situation has led to a reported slaughter of more than 60 000 prime dairy cows from the Goulburn Valley, known as the food bowl of Australia; and (d) there will be a 90 per cent drop in rice sowing this year and very little fodder will be conserved.
- (2) Given that there remains a huge amount of water in the Snowy Mountains storage system, at a time of such crisis why cannot the Government intervene to find a way of releasing some of this water to farmers at an affordable price.
- (3) Given that the release of this water would have a flow-on effect throughout the region and could prevent many business and farm bankruptcies, what action will the minister be taking.

Notice given 1 November 2002

- 831 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—How many medical practitioners rendering unreferral attendances were there in each Australian postcode zone for the 12 months ending: (a) 30 June 2000; (b) 30 June 2001; and (c) 30 June 2002 (period of processing).
- 832 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many: (a) full protective suits; and (b) components of protective suits, does the Australian Defence Force (ADF) currently have for personnel operating in combat environments where there is a possibility of chemical or biological agents being used.
 - (2) For (1)(a), what type of protective suits; and for (1)(b), what components and how many (eg 20 masks).
 - (3) Have any additional: (a) protective suits; and (b) components of protective suits, been ordered; if so: (i) what type and how many of each type have been ordered; and (ii) when are they expected to arrive.
 - (4) What units have been trained to operate in combat environments wearing: (a) protective suits; and (b) components of protective suits.
 - (5) How many personnel in each of the units detailed in (4) have been so trained, including as a percentage of the total personnel that form each of these units (eg 25 out of a total of 150 in one unit of the SAS are trained to operate in a full protective suit, 25 out of 100 in the Chemical, Biological and Radiological Squadron in the Incident Response Regiment, etc).
 - (6) How long does it take to train personnel to operate wearing: (a) protective suits; and (b) components of protective suits.
 - (7) How many personnel can be decontaminated, per hour, in the event of involvement in a combat environment where chemical and/or biological agents might be used.
 - (8) What unit or units have the capability to decontaminate personnel.
 - (9) Can the Incident Response Regiment (IRR) decontaminate trucks, tanks, or any vehicle; if so: (a) what vehicles; and (b) how many per hour is possible.
 - (10) Can the IRR be called out within Australia by a decision of the federal Government acting alone, or can it be called out only after a request for assistance from the relevant state or territory.

- (11) Can the following be provided: any unclassified documents that describe the current legal requirements and administrative arrangements/guidelines that exist to coordinate the resources of the federal Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Defence, in respect of responding to any domestic terrorist threat.
- (12) Are these arrangements, guidelines or protocols currently being revised; if so: (a) when is the decision on any changes expected to be made; and (b) will it be made public.
- (13) Does the department have any agreements with health agencies or state emergency agencies in the states or territories with respect to emergency responses; if so: (a) which agencies in which states and territories; and (b) can copies of these agreements be provided.
- (14) Does the IRR have capability to defuse bombs; if not, do any other units in the ADF have this capability; if so, which ones.
- (15) (a) What equipment does the ADF have for detecting, identifying and monitoring biological and chemical hazards; and (b) can information be provided on the capability the ADF has for predicting bio/chemical hazard duration and movement.
- (16) (a) Does the ADF have any of the following: (i) the Man-portable Chemical Agent Detector, (ii) the Fuchs Nuclear and Chemical Reconnaissance and Survey Vehicle (and how many), (iii) the Prototype Biological Detection System, and (iv) the Multi Purpose Decontamination System; and (b) in relation to any of these technologies which the ADF does not have, can details be provided of any alternative capabilities, and how the latter differ from the technologies listed at (i) to (iv).

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

- (1) What action has the Australian Air Force taken to address the significant shortfall of air traffic controllers that existed on 1 July 2001.
- (2) How many air traffic controllers have been newly recruited to the Australian Air Force since 1 July 2001.
- (3) (a) How many air traffic controllers have separated from the Australian Air Force since 1 July 2001 (can the information on separations be broken down to show the length of service of those personnel that separated from the Air Force).
- (4) Does the Australian Air Force conduct exit surveys as a means of determining why personnel with specialist skills are separating from the Air Force. if so, what do the findings of these surveys show; if not, why not.
- (5) What is the current strength of air traffic controllers on air force bases.
- (6) What is the required strength of air traffic controllers on air force bases.
- (7) What action is the Australian Air Force taking to overcome the ongoing shortage of air traffic controllers.

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

- (1) What action has the Australian Army taken to address the significant shortfall of personnel with specialist skills that existed as at 1 July 2001.
- (2) How many medical assistants, infantry combat clerks, linguists, bearer systems operators, radar operators, special vehicle engineers, supply operators and terminal operators have been newly recruited to the Australian Army since 1 July 2001.

- (3) How many medical assistants, infantry combat clerks, linguists, bearer systems operators, radar operators, special vehicle engineers, supply operators and terminal operators have separated from the Australian Army since 1 July 2001 (can the information on separations be broken down to show the length of service of those personnel that separated from the Army).
- (4) Does the Australian Army conduct exit surveys as a means of determining why personnel with specialist skills are separating from the Army; if so, what do the findings of these surveys show; if not, why not.
- (5) What is the current strength of medical assistants, infantry combat clerks, linguists, bearer systems operators, radar operators, special vehicle engineers, supply operators and terminal operators at army bases.
- (6) What is the required strength of medical assistants, infantry combat clerks, linguists, bearer systems operators, radar operators, special vehicle engineers, supply operators and terminal operators at army bases.
- (7) What action is the Australian Army taking to overcome the ongoing shortage of personnel with specialist skills.

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

- (1) (a) What are the most recent figures on how many permanent members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) there are; (b) can these figures be provided for each of the services; and (c) can this information be broken down by gender.
- (2) For each of the services, are the current figures above or below expectations.
- (3) For each of the services, why are the current figures above or below expectations.
- (4) (a) What were the targets for the total numbers for each of the services over the past 5 financial years; and (b) what were the actual numbers for each of the services over the past 5 financial years.
- (6) What are the targets for the total numbers for each of the services over the next 5 financial years.
- (7) With reference to (e) of question W36 from February 2002 (Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, Additional Estimates 2001-02), can an update to the tables for each of the services be provided.
- (8) With reference to part (f) of question W36, can an update to the tables for each of the Services be provided, showing the same information as at 31 December 2001 and 30 June 2002.
- (9) With reference to part (f) of question W36, are there any other specialist areas in the ADF experiencing shortages of personnel (that is, areas of specialist skill that were not identified in the previous answer to this question).

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

- (1) What action has the Royal Australian Navy taken to address the significant shortfall of pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians that existed as at 1 July 2001.
- (2) How many pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians have been newly recruited to the Royal Australian Navy since 1 July 2001.

- (3) How many pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians have separated from the Royal Australian Navy since 1 July 2001 (can the information on separations be broken down to show the length of service of those personnel that separated from the Royal Australian Navy).
- (4) Does the Royal Australian Navy conduct exit surveys as a means of determining why personnel with specialist skills are separating from the Royal Australian Navy; if so, what do the findings of these surveys show; if not, why not.
- (5) What is the current strength of pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians at navy bases.
- (6) What is the required strength of pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians at navy bases.
- (7) What action is the Royal Australian Navy taking to overcome the ongoing shortage of pilots, seaman officers, weapons electrical aircraft engineers, electronic technicians and marine technicians.

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

- (1) (a) What were the enlistment targets for each of the services over the past 5 financial years; (b) what are the enlistment targets for each of the services for the 2002-03 financial year; and (c) what are the enlistment targets for each of the services for the next 4 financial years.
- (2) With reference to the answers to parts (1) and (2) of question on notice no. 205 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 May 2002, p.1668) on enquires about joining the services: Can the table be updated to provide final figures for the 2001-02 financial year and year-to-date figures for the 2002-03 financial year.
- (3) With reference to the answer to part (3) of question on notice no. 205 on applications to join each of the services: Can the table be updated to provide final figures for the 2001-02 financial year and year-to-date figures for the 2002-03 financial year.
- (4) With reference to the answer to part (4) of question on notice no. 205 on enlistments to each of the services: Can the table be updated to provide final figures for the 2001-02 financial year and year-to-date figures for the 2002-03 financial year.
- (5) With reference to the answer to part (5) of question on notice no. 205 on separations from each of the services: Can the table be updated to provide final figures for the 2001-02 financial year and year-to-date figures for the 2002-03 financial year.

838 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee's Estimates hearings of June 2002, at which Defence indicated that the Incident Response Regiment (IRR) would number 309 personnel when fully staffed, and that 117 new recruits would be required to fully staff the IRR, with the remaining personnel to be 'regathered' from those soldiers that were part of an earlier incident response initiative during the Sydney Olympics:

- (1) Is 309 personnel still considered adequate for the IRR; if not, what is the revised number of personnel that is required to fully staff the IRR.

- (2) Is the IRR now fully staffed; if not: (a) how many more personnel are required before the IRR is fully staffed; (b) when is it expected that the IRR personnel target will be achieved; and (c) what action is being taken to recruit more personnel.
- (3) (a) How many separations from the IRR have there been since it was established; and (b) can a breakdown be provided to indicate whether the separations were by personnel who had been regathered, or whether they were by new recruits.
- (4) How many new personnel have been recruited to the IRR since its establishment (that is, not counting the personnel that were regathered from elsewhere in the ADF).
- (5) (a) How many of the new personnel were new recruits to the Australian Army; (b) how many were recruited from other parts of the Australian Defence Force (not counting the personnel that were being regathered); and (c) from where were the other personnel recruited.
- (6) (a) Who is providing the training program; (b) has the training program commenced; (c) can a list of activities that are undertaken as part of the training program be provided.
- (7) Is the IRR able to be deployed now; if not, when will the IRR be ready to be deployed.
- (8) Can a breakdown be provided of exactly what the \$18.5 million in the 2002-03 financial year will be spent on.
- (9) (a) How much of the \$18.5 million allocated for the 2002-03 financial year has been spent already; and (b) is additional funding likely to be required.

Notice given 4 November 2002

839 **Senator Greig:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the status of the permissive occupancy arrangement between the State of Western Australia and the federal Department of Defence for the Lancelin Army Training Area.
- (2) Is the permissive occupancy arrangement ongoing or subject to renewal; if it is subject to renewal, when is this arrangement due to expire.
- (3) (a) What process is involved in the making of, or renewal of, the permissive occupancy arrangement; and (b) is public consultation part of the process.
- (4) What role do the affected local governments (the Dandaragan and Gingin Shires) play in the process of making or renewing the permissive occupancy arrangement.
- (5) In view of the significant and soundly-based public opposition to the recent proposal to extend the Lancelin Army Training Area, and the Federal Government's decision not to proceed with the extension: Will the Government consider terminating the permissive occupancy arrangement and relocating army training activities elsewhere.

Notice given 6 November 2002

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

- (1) (a) How many Reservists are there currently in Victoria; and (b) how many of these are: (i) Active Reservists, (ii) Inactive Reservists, and (iii) High Readiness Reservists.

- (2) What were the equivalent figures as at: (a) 30 June 2002; (b) 30 June 2001; and (c) 30 June 2000.
- (3) (a) How many Victorian Reservists are health specialists, for example, nurses, general practitioners, medical specialists, paramedics etc.: (i) currently, (ii) as at 30 June 2002, (iii) as at 30 June 2001, and (iv) as at 30 June 2000; and (b) what definition of health specialist was used in answering this question.
- (4) How many Victorian Reservists that are health specialists are: (a) Active Reservists; (b) Inactive Reservists; and (c) High Readiness Reservists.
- (5) (a) How many Reservists were deployed to Bali as part of the emergency response effort after the 12 October 2002 bombing; and (b) what were the numbers from each state and territory.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that Reservists cannot be posted or redeployed by Defence to another unit in Australia, that is, other than by applying for transfer.
- (7) (a) How many Victorian Reservists applied for discharge in each of the following financial years: (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 2000-01, and (iii) 2001-02; and (b) of these, how many were health specialists (using the same definition outlined in the answer to question (3)).
- (8) (a) How many Victorian Reservists have applied for discharge since 30 June 2002; and (b) of these, how many are health specialists (using the same definition outlined in answer to question (3)).
- (9) How many Reservists are or were attached to RAAF6 Hospital: (a) currently; (b) as at 30 June 2002; (c) as at 30 June 2001; and (d) as at 30 June 2000.

841 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 205 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 May 2002, p. 1668) which provided information on enlistments, to and separations from, each of the services: Given that recent Defence annual reports also provide information on enlistments to (see for example table 5.11 of the *Defence Annual Report 2001-02*), and separations from (see for example table 5.15 of the report) each of the services:

- (1) Should the enlistment and separation information provided in response to question on notice no. 205 be identical to the enlistment and separation information included in Defence annual reports.
- (2) If the information is not the same, what is the explanation for the difference.
- (3) (a) If the information should be the same, why do the annual figures provided in response to question on notice 205 on enlistments into each of the services consistently differ from the information contained in Defence annual reports; and (b) is there any explanation for the consistent discrepancy in enlistment figures across each of the services.
- (4) (a) If the information should be the same, why do the annual figures provided in response to question on notice no. 205 on separations from each of the services consistently differ from the information contained in Defence annual reports; and (b) is there any explanation for the consistent discrepancy in separation figures across each of the services.

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

- (1) What is the total cost of the contract that has been, or will be, awarded to Mayne Health Services for provision of Australian Defence Force (ADF) health services in Victoria.
- (2) (a) What is the duration of the contract; and (b) when does it commence.
- (3) Can details be provided of the options for extension of the contract.
- (4) What are the key performance indicators for the contract.
- (5) In relation to the Minister's statement to the Senate on 21 October 2002 that in some areas current health services to ADF in Victoria will improve: what are those areas.
- (6) Does the Government require Mayne to employ some, or all, of the on-base medical staff for the ADF in Victoria on the contractual basis that the staff are subject to posting: (a) within Australia; and (b) overseas; if so, how many staff have such a contractual condition, in relation to both (a) and (b).
- (7) Does the contract with Mayne include any provision on the use of Reservists; if so, can details be provided on Mayne's obligation in relation to Reservists.
- (8) Can copies of the tender documents for the provision of health services in the Australian Capital Territory and southern New South Wales region be provided.
- (9) When will a decision be made on the outsourcing of health services in the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales; if the timeframe is not known, can an estimate be provided.
- (10) What is the original baseline cost for the provision of on-base health services in Victoria from which the projected cost saving is calculated.
- (11) What has it cost the department to conduct the various reviews into the cost of health services in Victoria since 1997.
- (12) Are all Defence health services being market tested; if not, in which areas is no market testing occurring, and why.
- (13) Is any planning underway to outsource health services in areas other than Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and southern New South Wales.
- (14) Can the Minister confirm that non-ADF hospitals, that is, public or private hospitals, within Australia treat ADF personnel as privately insured patients, and that the Government pays the gap.

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

- (1) (a) Can the Minister confirm: (i) that a decision has been taken to shut RAAF6 Hospital, and (ii) that this decision was made by the Government; (b) if the decision was not made by the Government, did Mayne Health Services make this decision; and (c) when was this decision made.
- (2) Other than RAAF6 Hospital, how many Australian Defence Force (ADF) hospitals treat personnel from all three services.
- (3) What types of surgery have been conducted at RAAF6 Hospital since it opened in the early 1990s.
- (4) What are the target numbers and actual strength for the various categories of ADF permanent uniformed health personnel in each of the following financial years: (a) 1999-2000; (b) 2000-01; and (c) 2001-02. (Please use the same categories as were used in answer to Question W9 arising out of Additional estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 20 to 21 February 2002.)

- (5) How many permanent ADF personnel employed in health roles in Victoria have sought discharge: (a) for the following financial years: (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 2000-01, and (iii) 2001-02; and (b) since 1 July 2002,

844 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the actual or projected Commonwealth outlay for each financial year since 1996-97, and for forward projections to 2005-06, for each of the following categories: (a) roads (including specific general purpose grants to the states with the intention that the grant will be spent on roads); (b) rail; and (c) urban public transport (can the information be provided in a table format).
- (2) What is the actual or projected Commonwealth outlay for each financial year since 1996-97, and for forward projections to 2005-06, for: (a) aggregate expenditure on the National Highway System; and (b) payments to states for forward planning and/or land acquisition and/or environmental impact assessment for planned improvements to the National Highway System.
- (3) What are the Commonwealth receipts from rail (including interest and loan repayments separately identified) for each financial year since 1996-97, and for forward projections to 2005-06, for each of the following: (a) the Australian National Railways Commission; (b) advances under the *National Railway Network (Financial Assistance) Act 1979*; (c) gauge standardisation agreements for Albury to Melbourne to each of New South Wales and Victoria; and (d) any other gauge standardisation agreements.
- (4) How much money was spent on the East Coast very high speed train study in each of the following financial years: (a) 2000-01; and (b) 2001-02.
- (5) (a) Why was a decision taken to effectively restrict phase 1 of the study to high-speed trains with a maximum speed of 250 kilometres per hour or more; and (b) when was this decision taken.
- (6) How many tenders were received in response to invitations issued by the department to tender by 19 December 2001 for phase 2 between: (a) Sydney and Melbourne; and (b) Sydney and Brisbane.
- (7) Is the Government prepared to give consideration to high-speed trains with a maximum speed in the range of 200 kilometres per hour to 250 kilometres per hour or more.

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

- (1) Has the Minister received any complaints regarding the operation of the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit; if so: (a) when was each complaint received; (b) what action did the Minister take following each complaint; and (c) when did the Minister take that action.
- (2) If the Minister referred the above complaints to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA): (a) when was each complaint referred to CASA; (b) how was each complaint referred to CASA; and (c) to whom in CASA was each complaint referred.
- (3) Did CASA undertake an investigation following the referral of each of the above complaints from the Minister; if so: (a) when did each investigation commence; (b) who undertook each investigation; (c) when was each investigation completed; and (d) who was provided with a copy of the report of the findings of the above investigations.

- (4) Did any of the above reports recommend any changes to the operation of the unit; if so, in each case: (a) what were the changes recommended; (b) when were those recommendations communicated to the unit; (c) did the unit implement all of the recommendations; and (d) when were these changes implemented by the unit.
- (5) If the unit did not implement all of the above recommendations, why not, and, in each case, what follow-up action was taken by CASA in response to this failure to implement the recommendations.
- (6) If the Minister, or his office, was provided with a copy of the report of the above investigations: (a) when was each report provided to the Minister or his office; and (b) what action was taken following the receipt of the above reports.

846 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) instrument number 53.99/00, the Approval under Civil Aviation Order section 82.0, issued on 12 January 2000:

- (1) What qualifications were required by Pilot Special Constable Pek Ha [ARN 537160] to perform the functions delegated to him.
- (2) Specifically, what qualifications and experience are required to carry out pilot emergency training and testing under Civil Aviation Order 20.11 Appendix IV.
- (3) (a) What processes were followed by CASA officers to satisfy themselves that Constable Pek Ha was appropriately qualified; (b) who undertook those checks; (c) when were the checks undertaken; and (d) what were the results of those checks.
- (4) What were the other company standards for operations conducted under the company's Air Operators Certificate (AOC) referred to in the above instrument.
- (5) What qualifications and experience are required to satisfactorily perform these other company standards for operations conducted under that AOC.

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

- (1) Prior to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) suspending the medical certificate of Mr John Brown of Bibra Lake, Western Australia, what action did CASA take to establish Mr Brown's medical condition and its impact on his ability to meet the conditions of his licence.
- (2) (a) How many medical practitioners were consulted by CASA in relation to Mr Brown's condition; (b) what were the names of those medical practitioners; (c) what were their qualifications; and (d) in each case, where were they practising medicine.

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

- (1) When did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) suspend the medical certificate of Mr John Brown of Bibra Lake, Western Australia.
- (2) (a) What was the basis for the suspension; and (b) what procedures did CASA officers follow prior to the suspension of the medical certificate.
- (3) Was a notice to show cause issued to Mr Brown prior to the suspension of his medical certificate; if so: (a) when was that notice to show cause issued; and (b) what actions were then undertaken by CASA following the issue of

that notice to show cause; if no notice to show cause was issued, what was the process followed by CASA that led to the suspension of Mr Brown's medical certificate.

- (4) Did Mr Brown advise CASA that he was on sick leave prior to the suspension of his medical certificate; if so: (a) on what date was that advice provided to CASA; (b) which CASA officer was provided with that information; (c) where was that officer located; and (d) what was his or her position within the authority.
- (5) (a) What action was taken by the CASA officer in receipt of the advice from Mr Brown; (b) when was the action taken; and (c) when was the decision to suspend Mr Brown's medical certificate taken.
- (6) If the matter was referred to other CASA officers before the decision to suspend Mr Brown's medical certificate was taken, which other officers were involved in the assessment of Mr Brown's circumstances and the decision to suspend his certificate.

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

- (1) What medical and other checks are required before the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) can suspend a chief pilot's medical certificate.
- (2) Where a decision is made to take the above action and suspend a chief pilot, is that pilot first issued with a notice to show cause why he or she should not have his or her medical certificate suspended.
- (3) If the issuing of a notice to show cause is not the only process followed by CASA to suspend a chief pilot's medical certificate, what other courses of action are available.
- (4) In relation to actions other than issuing a notice to show cause available to CASA to suspend a chief pilot on the grounds of ill health, in each case: (a) what is the basis for the course of action; and (b) what rights of appeal are available to the chief pilot.

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

- (1) Is a chief pilot required to hold all appropriate licences, endorsements or ratings to cover operations authorised by an Air Operators Certificate (AOC) for which he or she is responsible; if not, in what circumstances is a chief pilot not required to hold such qualifications.
- (2) If a chief pilot does not hold all necessary qualifications to cover the terms of an AOC, how does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority satisfy itself that the organisation has the necessary qualifications and experience to ensure it is able to comply with the terms of its AOC.

851 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In relation to the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit, was the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) advised of the appointment of a new Officer in Charge in January 1999; if so, how did CASA satisfy itself that the officer appointed to the position had the appropriate qualifications and experience to ensure he could meet his responsibilities under the terms of the unit's Air Operators Certificate; if not, why not.

852 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit operations manual and its Air Operators Certificate: (a) On how many

occasions since January 1998 has the District Flying Operations Manager (DFOM) raised concerns with the Officer in Charge about the safe operation of the unit; and (b) in each case: (i) what was the nature of the concern, (ii) when was the concern raised, (iii) how was the concern raised, and (iv) what action followed the concern raised by the DFOM.

853 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit operations manual and its Air Operators Certificate:

- (1) On how many occasions since January 1998 has the unit been the subject of an audit, scheduled or unscheduled, by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- (2) On how many occasions during those audits were the qualifications of officers checked against those required by the Air Support Unit Operations manual to ensure the safe operation of the Air Support Unit.
- (3) In each of those audits, on how many occasions were the qualifications of officers not in compliance with the requirements of the operations manual.
- (4) In each case: (a) what action did CASA take; (b) when was that action taken; (c) who took that action; and (d) what was the result of that action.

854 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In relation to the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit request to amend its Air Support Unit operations manual and for its Air Operators Certificate to be reissued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in early 1998:

- (1) (a) What were the aviation qualifications required at each level of the structure provided for by the operations manual prior to its amendment; and (b) what were the aviation qualifications required at each level of the structure provided for by the operations manual under the proposed amendments.
- (2) (a) How many properly qualified pilots were included in the structure provided for in the operations manual; and (b) how many pilots were provided for in the amended version of the operations manual.
- (3) (a) How many chief pilots were provided for in the unamended operations manual; and (b) how many chief pilots were provided for in the amended version of the manual.

855 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In relation to the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit's request to amend its Air Support Unit operations manual and for its Air Operators Certificate to be reissued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in early 1998:

- (1) If there were concerns held by CASA officers about the proposed amended arrangements, what was the nature of those concerns.
- (2) Did the CASA officers who raised concerns about the amendments to the operations manual refer those concerns to their superiors within the authority; if so: (a) who were those concerns referred to; (b) when were those concerns referred; and (c) how were those concerns referred.
- (3) If those proposed amendments to the operations manual were eventually approved: (a) who finally approved the amendments; (b) how was that information communicated to the unit; and (c) what was the name of the police officer to whom the communication was addressed.

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

- (1) Did the Western Australian Police Air Support Unit lodge an amended Air Support Unit operations manual and a request for a re-issue of the Police Support Wing Air Operators Certificate with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) for approval in early 1998; if so: (a) what was the exact date of the lodgement of the amended manual; and (b) which CASA office received the application.
- (2) Were the proposed amendments approved; if so: (a) who approved the amendments; and (b) on what date were the amendments approved.
- (3) If the amendments were not immediately approved: (a) what were the concerns with the proposed amendments; (b) who raised those concerns; (c) when were those concerns raised with the unit; and (d) how were the concerns raised.

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

- (1) What assessment was made by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) to fund the South East Packaging Operation in Moruya, New South Wales.
- (2) (a) When was that assessment completed; and (b) what were the findings of that assessment.
- (3) (a) What assessments of the application were made by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or any other federal or state agency; and (b) in each case: (i) who did the assessment; (ii) when did the assessment commence; (iii) when was the assessment completed; and (iv) what were the results of the assessment.

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

- (1) Were the terms of an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) to fund the South East Packaging Operation in Moruya, New South Wales, varied in any way after the initial application for funds was lodged; if so: (a) what was the basis for these variations; (b) when was each variation lodged; and (c) did the assessor of the application accept these variations.
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the varied application for assistance for this project from the DRAP programme.
- (3) (a) What level of funding was sought through the amended application; and (b) what was the level of funding approved.
- (4) (a) What was the total cost of the amended proposal; and (b) what commitment was given by the applicant to meet at least 50 per cent of these costs.
- (5) Did this amended proposal contain an evaluation process to ensure that agreed project outcomes were met; if so, can a copy be provided of that evaluation process; if the amended application does not include an evaluation process, why not.
- (6) Was this material sought as part of the approval process; if not, why not.
- (7) If such an evaluation process was not included in the application, why was the application approved.

- 859 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Was an application or any assessment or any other material relating to an application through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) to fund the South East Packaging Operation in Moruya, New South Wales, provided to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or his office by the Department of Transport and Regional Services; if so: (a) when was that material sent to the Minister, or his office; and (b) what was the purpose of providing details of this application or its assessment to the Minister or his office.
- 860 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When did work commence on the expansion of the South East Packing Operation funded through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP).
 - (2) (a) What was the nature of that work; and (b) when was it completed.
 - (3) If there was a variation in the estimated cost of the work and the actual cost, what was the level of the cost variation.
- 861 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) How many direct and indirect jobs were estimated to result from the provision of \$32,617 through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) to help fund the South East Packing Operation announced in round 1 of 2001/2002 the Dairy Regional Assistance Program; and (b) what was the anticipated duration of these jobs.
 - (2) (a) What was the basis for these job creation estimates; and (b) who made the estimates.
 - (3) Was there any review or analysis of these estimates as part of the application assessment; if so: (a) who did that assessment; and (b) what was the result of that assessment.
 - (4) (a) What assessment was undertaken of the capacity of the proposal to improve the skills base of the region; (b) who undertook that assessment; and (c) what was the result of that assessment.
 - (5) (a) What assessment was undertaken of the capacity of the proposal to tackle disadvantage and encourage growth in the region; (b) who undertook that assessment; and (c) what was the result of that assessment.
- 862 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the nature of the business undertaken by the South East Packaging Operation located in Moruya, New South Wales, prior to its successful application for funding through the Dairy Regional Assistance (DRAP) Program.
 - (2) (a) How many people were employed on a full-time basis; and (b) how many people were employed on a part-time basis by the packaging company prior to its receipt of funding through the DRAP program.
 - (3) (a) Where was the above packing facility located; and (b) how long had it been in operation prior to the above grant being approved.
 - (4) Has the packaging facility been relocated following its successful application for funds through the DRAP program.

- (5) If the plant has been relocated: (a) what is that new location; (b) when was the plant shifted; and (c) when did the packaging plant commence operations at this new location.

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

- (1) When was an application made through the Dairy Regional Assistance Programme (DRAP) to fund the South East Packing Operation lodged with the South East NSW Area Consultative Committee (ACC).
- (2) Who lodged the application.
- (3) On what date was it lodged.
- (4) Can a copy of the original application for assistance for this project from the DRAP programme be provided together with any related documentation.
- (5) What was the funding sought through the application.
- (6) When was funding for the project approved.
- (7) (a) What was the total cost of the proposal; and (b) what commitment was given by the applicant to meet at least 50 per cent of these costs.
- (8) Did this proposal contain an evaluation process to ensure that agreed project outcomes were met; if so, can a copy be provided of the evaluation details; if not: (a) were details of any proposed evaluation mechanism sought; and (b) was this material provided; if not, why not.
- (9) If such an evaluation process was not included in the application, why was the application approved.

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864 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Minister's answer to question on notice no. 734:

- (1) (a) When will the details of the full-time position at the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) be finalised; and (b) when will this position commence.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm the commitment to fund this position was made without consideration of its budgetary impact; if consideration has been given to its budgetary impact, can details be provided.
- (3) Will the Minister's stated expectation that this position will facilitate communication with non-NFF member organisations be realised in the contract arrangements that create the position.

865 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the statement by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, 'Commonwealth committed to drought funding', issued on 6 November 2002:

- (1) What method has the Minister used to calculate the 'estimated \$500 million' cost to the Commonwealth consequential to the administration of the Farm Management Deposits Scheme (please provide the relevant data and calculations used to support the Minister's estimate).
- (2) In what year, or years, will the Commonwealth incur these estimated costs.
- (3) How many farmers are accessing Farm Help welfare support as at 6 November 2002.

- (4) Can information on farmers receiving Farm Help be provided, by local government area; if not, why not.

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

- (1) When was the Commonwealth Task Force on Property Rights in Natural Resources formed.
- (2) What is the purpose of the task force.
- (3) What outcomes can be attributed to the task force's work.
- (4) When and where has the task force met.
- (5) Which task force meetings have ministers and parliamentary secretaries, or their representatives, attended.
- (6) Which Commonwealth departments and agencies are represented on the task force.
- (7) What resources has the department provided to the task force.

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

- (1) What assessment has been made of Australia's actual environmental and economic loss from the incursion of marine pests.
- (2) What assessment has been made of the potential environmental and economic loss from the incursion of marine pests.
- (3) What contribution has the department made to the development of a national management system for managing marine pests.
- (4) Which stakeholders have participated in the development of a national management system.
- (6) When will a national management system be implemented.

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

- (1) Has the department participated in negotiations with Indonesia in respect to the Memorandum of Understanding Box area off north-west Australia in any of the following financial years: (a) 1999-2000; (b) 2000-01; (c) 2001-02; and (d) 2002-03; if so, can details be provided of these negotiations, including dates, locations and participants.
- (2) What changes to management arrangements, including access for Indonesian fishers, have resulted from these negotiations.

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

- (1) What role did the department have in the development of: (a) the National Dairy Sustainability Strategy; and (b) the Regional Action Plan.
- (2) Which stakeholders were involved in the development of: (a) the National Dairy Sustainability Strategy; and (b) the Regional Action Plan.
- (3) When were the following finalised: (a) the National Dairy Sustainability Strategy; and (b) the Regional Action Plan.
- (4) Can copies of the National Dairy Sustainability Strategy and Regional Action Plan be provided; if not, why not.

- (5) Has the implementation of measures commenced under: (a) the National Dairy Sustainability Strategy; and (b) Regional Action Plan; if so, can details be provided.

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

- (1) When did the Minister determine to outsource the administration of the National Food Industry Strategy to National Food Industry Limited.
- (2) When was the company established.
- (3) What is the structure of the company.
- (4) What is the role of the company.
- (5) What premises does the company occupy.
- (6) What public funding will the company receive.
- (7) What mechanisms are in place to ensure accountability for public expenditure.
- (8) What role does the department have in the implementation of the National Food Industry Strategy.

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

- (1) Has the department participated in negotiations with Indonesia in respect to Southern Bluefin Tuna in any of the following financial years: (a) 1999-2000; (b) 2000-01; (c) 2001-02; and (d) 2002-03; if so, can details be provided of these negotiations, including dates, locations and participants.
- (2) What changes to management arrangements have resulted from these negotiations.
- (3) What action has the Minister taken to encourage and facilitate Indonesia's engagement in the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

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

- (1) How many additional Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service staff were recruited in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (2) What was the cost of this recruitment.
- (3) (a) How many of these staff completed training; and (b) what was the cost of that training.
- (4) (a) In what geographic locations were these staff deployed; and (b) what activities did they undertake upon deployment.
- (5) How many of these staff, if any, have: (a) resigned their employment; (b) had their employment terminated; and (c) transferred employment within the Australian Public Service.

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

- (1) On what occasions has the Australian Indonesian Ministerial Forum Fisheries Working Group met and can details be provided of these meetings, including dates, locations and participants.
- (2) What is the role of the Working Group.

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874 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Sea Swap arrangement which has been put in place with the United States (US) Navy:

- (1) Will there be any community liaison by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) or the US Navy prior to the Sea Swap taking place.
- (2) What community involvement will there be in assessing the impacts of the Sea Swap on the local community.
- (3) What is the length of time the ships will be in Fremantle.
- (4) How many ships and aircraft will be involved.
- (5) How many US naval personnel will be transferred.
- (6) What support will be provided by the ADF to assist with the transfer.
- (7) What ADF facilities will be used by the US Navy during the transfer.

875 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With regard to the reference on page 160 of the Department of Defence annual report for 2001-02, to \$31 029 000 in 'bad and doubtful debts' written off in the 2001-02 financial year:

- (1) Can the department provide a breakdown of these debts, showing the debtor and the amount owed; if there are large numbers of debtors can the top ten in value be provided.
- (2) Why was this figure so high in the 2001-02 financial year, compared to previous years.

876 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the graph of defence funding on page 32 of the Department of Defence annual report for 2001-02:

- (1) Can the data table for this graph be provided, showing the actual amounts in each of the categories in each of the years.
- (2) In relation to the exchange rate update funding: (a) when was a decision made to provide this additional funding; (b) why was this funding provided; and (c) on what basis were the amounts paid each year determined.

877 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—The list of contracts signed in 2001-02 indicates the following:

OPTIMA COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	4500132944	31/05/02	\$16 162 740.00	16200 X PC'S
COMPAQ COMPUTER AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	4500132958	31/05/02	\$15 782 250.00	15000 X PC'S
OPTIMA COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	4500132949	31/05/02	\$8 979 300.00	9000 X PC'S
COMPUWARE ASIA PACIF	4500052034	13/07/01	\$5 500 000.00	COMPUTERS
COMPAQ COMPUTER AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	4500132938	31/05/02	\$3 926 670.00	3260 X PC'S

DELL COMPUTER PTY LT	4500042188	28/05/01	\$2 420 000.00	2000 DESKTOPS
ASI SOLUTIONS	4500042191	28/05/01	\$2 169 200.00	2000 X PC'S
IBM AUSTRALIA LTD	4500042213	29/05/01	\$2 299 000.00	2000 X DESKTOPS

- (1) Can the department confirm how many computers were purchased across Defence in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (2) How many computers were lost or stolen in Defence in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (3) How many surplus computers were disposed of by Defence in the 2001-02 financial year.

878 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—The list of contracts signed in 2001-02 includes the following entry:

RESOLVE FM PTY LTD	4500084810	3/12/01	\$2 516 250.00	ASBESTOS REMEDIAION NTH QLD REGION
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- (1) What work did this contract cover.
- (2) On what site or sites was asbestos present (indicate the nature of the site, for example, housing, warehouse, office building).
- (3) What was the nature of the asbestos at these sites.
- (4) When was the asbestos detected at these sites.
- (5) What prompted the remediation of these sites.

879 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the following information in the 2001-02 Annual Report of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), tabled on 23 October (and where APRA cannot disclose names and other sensitive information relating to particular cases can as much other detail as possible be provided):

- (a) the statement on page 8 that in December 2001 APRA accepted an enforceable undertaking from a superannuation fund for the first time: can APRA provide details of: (i) that enforceable undertaking and all subsequent enforceable undertakings, including any breaches of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, (ii) any other problems involved, and (iii) the specific commitments made by the trustee(s) in these undertakings;
- (b) the statements on page 9 that in June 2002 APRA commenced prosecutions against trustees of regulated superannuation entities who failed to lodge an annual return for 2000-01 and on page 27 that 13 trustees had been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions and two successfully charged: (i) have any further charges been made, and (ii) have any trustees been convicted for offences named in these charges, if so, what penalties have been imposed;
- (c) the statement on page 21 that APRA is currently reviewing the operations of a number of multi-employer corporate superannuation funds: can APRA provide details of: (i) the problems it has encountered in such funds, and (ii) any enforcement actions to date, particularly in relation to the equal

representation requirements in the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*;

- (d) the list on page 24 of enforcement activities undertaken during the year: can APRA provide details of the specific breaches of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, or other APRA-enforced conditions, that gave rise to each of these enforcement activities;
- (e) the statement on page 40 that a number of joint visits to financial institutions were conducted with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in 2001 as part of an APRA review of unit pricing in the superannuation industry: can APRA provide details of this review including: (i) any problems encountered, (ii) actions taken by trustees to address these problems, and (iii) enforcement actions taken by APRA or ASIC; and
- (f) the noting on page 41 of the establishment of the International Network of Pensions Regulators and Supervisors (INPRS): can APRA provide further details of: (i) the INPRS activities, and (ii) APRA's contribution to date.

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

- (1) Can a list be provided of all overseas property owned by the department, indicating for each property: (a) its location (country/city); (b) the nature of the property (for example, vacant land, office building house); (c) its current value; and (d) the use of the property (for example, accommodation).
- (2) Can a list be provided of all overseas property leased by the department, indicating for each property: (a) its location (country/city); (b) the nature of the property (for example, vacant land, office building house); (c) its current value; and (d) the use of the property (for example, accommodation).

881 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 294 of the *Defence Annual Report 2001-02*, which notes that the development of a Defence Workforce Plan has been 'partially achieved' and that the report of the Strategic Workforce Planning Review was due to be presented to the Secretary and the Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) by the end of October 2002:

- (1) Was the report of the planning review actually presented to the Secretary and the CDF by the end of October 2002, as foreshadowed in the annual report; if it has been presented since that time, on what date did this occur.
- (2) If the report has not been presented to the Secretary and the CDF, why not, and when is it expected that this will occur.
- (3) Will the report be publicly available once it is presented to the Secretary and the CDF; if not, why not.
- (4) If the report itself will not be made public, will any material arising out of the review be made public; if so: (a) what information, if any, will be released; and (b) when is it expected that this will occur.
- (5) (a) What is the relationship between the report of the planning review and the proposed Defence Workforce Plan; (b) what process is envisaged for determining the plan; and (c) how long is this process expected to take.
- (6) (a) When is it expected that the Defence Workforce Plan will be finalised; and (b) will the plan be publicly released.

- 882 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) How many bores tap into Great Artesian Basin ground water.
 - (2) (a) How many bores have been controlled under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative; and (b) how many bores remain uncontrolled.
 - (3) How much artesian water is wasted each year through these uncontrolled bores.
 - (4) Has the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative resulted in any pressure recovery in the Great Artesian Basin.
 - (5) How many bore drains have been covered under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative.
 - (6) How much artesian water is wasted each year through uncovered bore drains.
 - (7) What assessment has been made of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative.
- 883 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) (a) What water-use efficiency projects has Land and Water Australia undertaken in each of the following financial years: (i) 2000-01, and (ii) 2001-02; and (b) can details be provided of individual project funding, purpose and participation.
 - (2) (a) What water-use efficiency projects will Land and Water Australia undertake in the 2002-03 financial year; and (b) can details be provided of planned project funding, purpose and participation.
 - (3) What evaluation has been undertaken of completed water-use efficiency projects.
- 884 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Has the department participated in an inter-departmental committee that drafted a scoping paper on the patentability of genetic material and genetic technologies; if so, can a copy of the scoping paper be provided; if not, why not.
 - (2) Which departments were represented on the inter-departmental committee.
- 885 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What funding has been provided to the Volunteer Farm Retirement Helper Program.
 - (2) What is the purpose of this pilot program.
 - (3) When did the program commence.
 - (4) Who is running the program.
 - (5) Who is participating in the program.
 - (6) Has any interim evaluation of the program been conducted; if so, can this evaluation report be provided; if the report cannot be provided, why not.
 - (7) Will there be a final evaluation at the conclusion of the pilot in December 2002; if so, will the evaluation be made publicly available; if not, why not.

- 886 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What recommendations were contained in the Rural Economic Services review of the AAA-Farm Management Deposit scheme, completed in June 2002.
 - (2) Have these recommendations been adopted by the Government; if so, when were the recommended changes adopted; if not, why have the recommendations been rejected.
 - (3) What did the review cost.
 - (4) Can a copy of the review be provided; if not, why not.
- 887 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What recommendations has the inter-departmental Indigenous Strategy Steering Committee made in respect of the department.
 - (2) Can a copy of these recommendations be provided; if not, why not.
 - (3) Have these recommendations been implemented; if so, what has been the impact of the implementation; if not, why have the recommendations been rejected.
- 888 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What response has the Minister made to the review of the AAA-Farm Innovation Program completed in November 2001.
 - (2) What programs have been developed in recognition of the review's finding that there is a need for continuing innovation support for industries targeted by the AAA-Farm Innovation Program.
- 889 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What discussions has the department had with the states and territories since May 2001 on the development of guidelines for the Agricultural Development Partnership program (ADPP).
 - (2) How many ADPP projects have commenced.
 - (3) How much of the Commonwealth's promised funding of \$26.4 million has been expended.
 - (4) How much of the promised \$26.4 million was carried over to 2002-03.
- 890 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) How much funding has been expended under the Porkbiz program.
 - (2) Can details be provided of all training programs over the life of Porkbiz, including cost, location, duration, number of participants and evaluation results.
- 891 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What Forest Industries Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP) grants were made in 2001-02.
 - (2) For each grant, can the following information be provided: (a) grant date; (b) grant recipient; (c) registered address of grant recipient; and (d) full

project description, including: (i) location, (ii) project commencement and conclusion dates, (iii) total funding, and (iv) evaluation results; and can any grants that were made despite the applications not meeting program application criteria be identified.

- (3) What FISAP grants were approved in 2001-02 to projects that did not commence in that year.
- (4) For each grant, can the following information be provided: (a) the date the grant was approved; (b) approved grant recipient; (c) registered address of approved grant recipient; and (d) full project description, including: (i) location, (ii) original and revised project commencement dates, (iii) reason for delay, and (iv) total approved funding; and can any grants that were approved despite the applications not meeting program application criteria be identified.

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

- (1) What evaluation has been made of the effectiveness of the Eden Region Adjustment Program.
- (2) What 2001-02 funding has been carried over in 2002-03.
- (3) Why has this funding been carried over.
- (4) Which funded projects expected to be completed in 2001-02 were not completed.
- (5) For each delayed project, can the following information be provided: (a) approved grant recipient; (b) original and revised project completion dates; and (c) reason for delay.

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

- (1) What projects have been funded under the Fisheries Action Program.
- (2) For each project, can the following information be provided: (a) grant date; (b) grant recipient; (c) registered address of grant recipient; and (d) full project description, including: (i) location, project commencement and conclusion dates, (ii) total funding, and (iii) evaluation results; and can any grants that were made despite the applications not meeting program application criteria be identified.
- (3) What evaluation has been made of the effectiveness of the program.

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

- (1) Has the department met all internal and external deadlines for assessment of Rural Financial Counselling Service funding applications in calendar year 2002.
- (2) Can details be provided of adjusted internal and external deadlines in calendar year 2002, including extensions to application dates.
- (3) When did the assessment of funding applications for the period July 2002 to October 2002 occur.
- (4) When were applicants notified of this assessment.
- (5) When did the assessment of funding applications for the period November 2002 to June 2004 occur.
- (6) When were applicants notified of this assessment.

895 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and the Public Service Superannuation Scheme:

- (1) What was the average increase in superannuation salaries reported to Comsuper for each of the past 5 years for: (a) employees on Australian workplace agreements (AWAs); and (b) non-AWA employees.
- (2) (a) What were the ten highest increases in superannuation salary employees over each of the past 5 years; and (b) for each of those increases, did it relate to a promotion or the signing an AWA.
- (3) What is the average superannuation salary for: (a) those on AWAs and those not on AWAs.
- (4) (a) Is it possible to use an AWA to increase an employee's salary for superannuation purposes, even though the actual salary may be less than that amount; and (b) if so, how many employees are in this position.

896 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can a copy of the current legislation relating to the debt management policy and procedures of the Child Support Agency be provided.
- (2) When does the agency implement departmental policies regarding debt management.
- (3) Does the agency accept a respondent's claim of income when the respondent owns and operates a business.
- (4) Does the agency liaise with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on cases where income claims are in dispute.
- (5) Does the agency have a responsibility to relay knowledge of a respondent's income to the ATO when it is clear the respondent has incorrectly stated his or her income.
- (6) Does the agency have the capacity to request the ATO to audit a respondent's account when it believes there is an irregularity in the claim.
- (7) How many claims of income irregularities were reported to the agency in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (8) Of these claims: (a) how many respondents were found to be fraudulent in their income tax returns; and (b) were any of these claims investigated by the agency; if so, what are the procedures for investigating these claims.
- (9) How many people are assigned to work in the complaints section of the agency.
- (10) Where are these offices located.
- (11) Can the agency take legal action against a respondent who fails to make a child support payment.
- (12) How long can a respondent fail to make a payment to the agency before action is taken.
- (13) What form of action is taken by the agency to retrieve monies.
- (14) If a person is the owner or operator of a business, can the agency attach a lien against the business for monies owed.
- (15) Has the agency ever taken legal action or seized an asset of a non-paying respondent; if so, in each case, how much was the debt for and what were the circumstances; if not, why not.

- *897 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Was the 18-month Agriculture – Advancing Australia (AAA) Communication Program intended to encourage greater participation in AAA programs; if so, did the program effectively fulfil this purpose; if not, what was its purpose.
 - (2) (a) What are the results of the evaluation conducted at the conclusion of the communication program; (b) who conducted the evaluation; and (c) what was the total cost of the communication program.
- *898 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Was Centrelink's performance in respect to the delivery of the Flood Assistance Package assessed as part of a post-implementation review program; if so: (a) what deficiencies were identified in Centrelink's performance; and (b) what recommendations were made to improve the delivery of future rural assistance packages.
 - (2) Have these recommendations been adopted; if so, has adoption of these recommendations improved Centrelink's capacity to deliver current rural assistance programs; if not, why not.
- *899 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) (a) What are the details of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the department and Centrelink concerning the delivery of exceptional circumstances relief payments and other departmental programs; and (b) can a copy of the memorandum be provided; if not, why not.
 - (2) What payment did the department provide to Centrelink for the administrative cost of delivering departmental programs in the 2001-02 financial year.
 - (3) Is the department satisfied with Centrelink's achievement of 67 per cent of key performance indicators in respect to the delivery of departmental programs in the 2001-02 financial year.
- *900 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Who represented Australia at the International Sugar Organisation Council and associated meetings in: (a) London, in November 2001; and (b) Durban, in May 2002.
 - (2) What was the agenda of each meeting.
 - (3) What was the cost of the attendance of the Australian delegation at each meeting.
 - (4) When and where is the next meeting of the International Sugar Organisation Council at which Australia will be represented.
- *901 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What projects have been funded under the Pigmeat Processing Grants Program.
 - (2) For each project, can the following information be provided: (a) grant date; (b) grant recipient; (c) registered address of grant recipient; (d) full project description, including: (i) location, (ii) project commencement and

conclusion dates, (iii) total funding, and (iv) evaluation results; and can any grants that were made despite the applications not meeting program application criteria be identified.

(3) What evaluation has been made of the effectiveness of the program.

*902 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—(a) What was the total expenditure on the Tasmanian Wheat Freight Shipping Scheme in the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) what percentage of eligible shipping costs was met by the scheme.

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

- (1) Has an evaluation of the AAA-Farm Help Program been completed; if so, when was it presented to the Minister.
- (2) What stakeholders were consulted during the evaluation.
- (3) Does the evaluation contain recommendations on changes to the program; if so, what changes does the evaluation report recommend.
- (4) Can a copy of the evaluation report be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Minister developed a response to the evaluation report.

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

- (1) Was a review of interest rate subsidies as a form of farm business assistance scheduled to commence in January 2002.
- (2) Did the Minister delay the commencement of the review; if so, why was the review delayed.
- (3) Has the review commenced; if so: (a) when did it commence; (b) who is conducting the review; (c) what are its terms of reference; and (d) when will it be completed; if not: (a) when will it commence; (b) who will conduct the review; (c) what will be its terms of reference; and (d) when is it expected to be completed.

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

- (1) Has a final impact assessment of the AAA-FarmBis program been completed; if so, when was it presented to the Minister.
- (2) What stakeholders were consulted during the assessment.
- (3) Does the assessment contain recommendations on changes to the program; if so, what changes does the assessment report recommend.
- (4) Can a copy of the assessment report be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Minister developed a response to the assessment.

*906 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Was the review of Commonwealth Fisheries Policy, announced in June 2000, due to be completed in August 2001.
- (2) Why has the completion of the review been delayed by more than 15 months.
- (3) What stakeholders have been consulted and/or made submissions to the review.
- (4) When will the review be completed.

*907 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With respect to the 2002-03 Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program, in particular the \$70 000 allocated to, but not taken up by, the Financial Counselling Service (QLD):

- (1) When will a decision be made on the reallocation of the funding.
- (2) Can the money be made available to the Caxton Legal Centre Inc. to avoid the imminent closure of its innovative program for the provision of legal outreach services to older people; if not, why not.

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

- (1) When was the decision made to have a Life of Type Extension (LOTE) to the Landing Craft Heavy (LCH) fleet.
- (2) Were any options apart from the LOTE considered, for example, was the option of replacement rather than refurbishment considered.
- (3) Were any proposals to replace the LCHs received from Australian small- to medium-sized enterprises; if so, which organisations submitted proposals.
- (4) (a) Why were these proposals rejected; and (b) was the decision made on the basis of cost; if not, what factors led to the decision to refit rather than replace the current fleet.
- (5) Of the proposals submitted: (a) how many had existing units that could be directly evaluated by the Navy; and (b) what were the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed units.
- (6) What was the original budget for the refit of the LCH fleet.
- (7) What were the costs of any other options.
- (8) (a) What has been the cost of the refit to the LCH fleet to date; and (b) what is the complete refit expected to cost.
- (9) When will the refit be delivered.

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 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Tuesday, 12 November 2002, and Thursday, 14 November 2002, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

3 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Monday, 11 November 2002, from 7.15 pm, and on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 7.15 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the conduct of the 2001 federal election.

(Agreed to 23 October 2002.)

***4 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 9.30 am to 4.25 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

5 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.)

***6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

***7 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 9.30 am to 4.25 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into materiel acquisition and management in Defence.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

***8 Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Legal and Constitutional References Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 on the following days:

Tuesday, 12 November, from 5 pm
Wednesday, 13 November, from 3.30 pm
Thursday, 14 November, from 5 pm

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

9 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.)

Legislation

10 Senate consideration—Variation

- (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.

(Agreed to 20 June 2002.)

11 Senate consideration—Variation

To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2002
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002
Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002
Excise Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Initiatives and Other Measures) Bill 2002
Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

(Agreed to 23 October 2002.)

Meeting of Senate

12 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.)

13 Days and hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

- (1) On Monday, 11 November 2002:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 9.30 am to 2 pm and 7.30 pm to 11 pm shall be consideration of the Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002 and the Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (2) On Tuesday, 12 November 2002:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 12.30 pm to 2 pm and 7.30 pm to 11 pm shall be consideration of the Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002 and the Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (3) On Wednesday, 13 November 2002:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm and 7.30 pm to 11 pm shall be consideration of the Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002 and the Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (4) On Thursday, 14 November 2002:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment; and
 - (b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 8 pm and standing order 54(5) shall apply as if it were Tuesday.

- (5) The Senate shall sit on Friday, 15 November 2002 and that:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 4.25 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business shall be government business only;
 - (c) the sitting of the Senate shall be suspended for 45 minutes from approximately 12.30 pm; and
 - (d) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 3.45 pm.

(Agreed to 23 October 2002.)

***14 Meeting of Senate**

To move—That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2003 shall be as follows:

Summer sittings:

Tuesday, 4 February to Thursday, 6 February

Autumn sittings:

Monday, 3 March to Thursday, 6 March

Tuesday, 18 March to Thursday, 20 March

Monday, 24 March to Thursday, 27 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June

Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June

Spring sittings:

Monday, 11 August to Thursday, 14 August

Monday, 18 August to Thursday, 21 August

Monday, 8 September to Thursday, 11 September

Monday, 15 September to Thursday, 18 September

Tuesday, 7 October to Thursday, 9 October

Monday, 13 October to Thursday, 16 October

Monday, 27 October to Thursday, 30 October

Monday, 3 November and Tuesday, 4 November

Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November

Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

15 Amendment of standing orders 54, 55 and 57

54 Adjournment without motion

- (5) Except on Tuesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes on any day. On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

55 Times of meetings

- (1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
- Monday 12.30 pm – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Tuesday 2 pm – adjournment

Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm

Thursday 9.30 am – 8.40 pm.

57 Routine of business

(1) The routine of business shall be:

(a) On Monday

- (i) Government business only
- (ii) At 2 pm, questions
- (iii) Motions to take note of answers
- (iv) Petitions
- (v) Notices of motion
- (vi) Postponement and rearrangement of business
- (vii) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
- (viii) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
- (ix) Government business
- (x) At 9.50 pm, adjournment proposed
- (xi) At 10.30 pm, adjournment.

(b) On Tuesday:

- (i) Questions
- (ii) Motions to take note of answers
- (iii) Petitions
- (iv) Notices of motion
- (v) Postponement and rearrangement of business
- (vi) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
- (vii) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
- (viii) Government business
- (ix) At 6.50 pm, consideration of government documents for up to 30 minutes under standing order 61
- (x) At 7.20 pm, adjournment proposed
- (xi) Adjournment.

(Agreed to 28 August 2002 upon adoption of certain recommendations in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2002.)

Orders for production of documents

16 Mining—Christmas Island—Order for production of documents

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.

(Agreed to 19 June 2002.)

17 Superannuation system—Order for production of document

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.

(Agreed to 24 June 2002.)

18 Finance—Retirement and Income Modelling—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, on the last sitting day of the 2002 winter sittings, the modelling, including information on projected spending for payments to individuals, education, health and aged care spending, prepared for the draft Intergenerational Report in early 2002 before budget changes were factored in, prepared by the Retirement and Income Modelling Unit, Treasury and identified in Treasury's evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 6 June 2002.

(Agreed to 25 June 2002.)

19 Environment—Lucas Heights reactor—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, no later than the end of question time on Wednesday, 26 June 2002, the study commissioned by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, on behalf of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, of the preliminary evaluation of the construction site for the replacement research reactor at Lucas Heights, carried out by the New Zealand company, the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, which included geological mapping of the excavation of the construction site and has revealed a geological anomaly or 'fault' at the site.

(Agreed to 25 June 2002.)

20 Health—Tobacco—Order for production of document

That the Senate—

- (a) notes the report tabled in the Senate on 6 May 2002 from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) with regard to tobacco and related matters, as required by the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001;
- (b) notes that the Senate may require the ACCC to provide it with information in accordance with section 29 of the Act;
- (c) requires the ACCC to report, as soon as possible, on the following issues:
 - (i) whether Australian tobacco companies have engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct in their use of the terms ‘mild’ and ‘light’, and
 - (ii) whether there has been any misleading, deceptive or unconscionable conduct in breach of the Act by British American Tobacco and/or Clayton Utz with regard to document destruction for the purpose of withholding information relevant to possible litigation;
- (d) requests the ACCC to engage in consultation with interested parties and stakeholders over the perceived inadequacies in its response to the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001 and requires the ACCC to report on those consultations as soon as possible;
- (e) notes that once the Senate has had the opportunity to consider the ACCC’s further reports on the use of the terms ‘mild’ and ‘light’, whether there has been misleading, deceptive or unconscionable conduct in relation to document destruction, and the ACCC’s consultations, it will consider whether a further report should be sought from the ACCC in response to the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001;
- (f) calls on the Commonwealth Government to pursue the possibility of a Commonwealth/state public liability action against tobacco companies to recover healthcare costs to the Commonwealth and the states caused by the use of tobacco; and
- (g) calls on the Commonwealth to address the issue of who should have access to the more than \$200 million collected in respect of tobacco tax and licence fees by tobacco wholesalers but not passed on to Government (see *Roxborough v. Rothmans*) by introducing legislation to retrospectively recover that amount for the Commonwealth and/or to establish a fund on behalf of Australian consumers and taxpayers, and in either case for the moneys to be used for the purpose of anti-smoking and other public health issues.

(Agreed to 27 June 2002.)

***21 Health—Tobacco—Order for production of document**

That the Senate requires advice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on its progress in responding to the Senate order of 27 June 2002 and its expected date of reporting to the Senate.

(Agreed to 12 November 2002.)

22 Animal Welfare—Cattle—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 21 August 2002, the following documents:

- (a) the Livestock Officer’s report on the voyage of the *Maysora*, a Jordanian flagged vessel, travelling from Australia on 28 February 2001 carrying live cattle; and
- (b) the Master’s reports from the same voyage.

(Agreed to 20 August 2002.)

23 Superannuation Working Group—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, on the next day of sitting, the report presented to the Government by the Superannuation Working Group on 28 March 2002.

(Agreed to 28 August 2002.)

24 Health—Assessment reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Order for production of documents—Variation

That the order of the Senate of 25 March 1999, relating to an order for the production of periodic reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on private health insurance, be amended as follows:

Omit “6 months, commencing with the 6 months ending on 31 December 1999”, substitute “12 months ending on or after 30 June 2003” (*Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 18 September 2002.*)

(Agreed to 18 September 2002.)

25 Environment—Nelly Bay Harbour project—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table no later than 4 pm on 24 October 2002:

- (a) any application to clear granite from the Nelly Bay Harbour project site by methods other than those approved through the 1995-1998 environmental impact statement process;
- (b) any documents outlining problems and responses to problems in relation to clearing the inner harbour and access channel of the Nelly Bay Harbour project;
- (c) the weekly site supervisor reports for the Nelly Bay Harbour project;
- (d) any applications by Nelly Bay Harbour Pty Ltd (or anyone else) for permission to attach pontoons to residential land bordering the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park;
- (e) any documents relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority’s position in relation to private moorings inside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in relation to the Nelly Bay Harbour project;
- (f) the results of the Nelly Bay Harbour monitoring programs (summaries only);
- (g) any reported breaches of the Deed of Agreement of the joint Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority/Queensland Park and Wildlife Service permit; investigations and outcomes of investigations of those breaches;
- (h) any documents in relation to funding or financial problems associated with the Nelly Bay Harbour project; and
- (i) any documents evidencing actions on site that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority stopped, prevented or changed.

(Agreed to 25 September 2002.)

26 Transport—Ethanol—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on Monday, 21 October 2002:

- (a) all documents relating to the meeting between the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Truss) and the Executive Director of the

Australian Institute of Petroleum on 21 August 2002, including but not limited to:

- (i) papers prepared for the meeting by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, and/or Mr Truss' office,
 - (ii) any agenda or attendance papers,
 - (iii) any notes made by departmental officers and/or ministerial advisers at the meeting, including but not limited to hand-written notes, and
 - (iv) any papers that document the outcome of the meeting, including but not limited to file notes prepared by departmental officers and/or ministerial advisers;
- (b) all records of communications between:
- Mr JT Honan, Chairman of Manildra and/or other Manildra managers and staff, and
 - the Prime Minister, Treasurer, Minister for Trade, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Assistant Treasurer, and/or departmental officers and ministerial advisers,
- concerning the Government's consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy, including but not limited to correspondence, telephone records and file notes;
- (c) all records of any meetings between:
- Mr JT Honan, Chairman of Manildra and/or other Manildra managers and staff, and
 - the Prime Minister, Treasurer, Minister for Trade, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Assistant Treasurer, and/or departmental officers and ministerial advisers,
- concerning the Government's consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy, including but not limited to hand-written file notes;
- (d) all records of communications between:
- Mr Bob Gordon, Executive Director of the Australian Biofuels Association and/or other Australian Biofuels Association staff, and
 - the Prime Minister, Treasurer, Minister for Trade, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Assistant Treasurer, and/or departmental officers and ministerial advisers,
- concerning the Government's consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy, including but not limited to correspondence, telephone records and file notes;
- (e) all records of any meetings between:
- Mr Bob Gordon, Executive Director of the Australian Biofuels Association and/or other Australian Biofuels Association staff, and
 - the Prime Minister, Treasurer, Minister for Trade, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Assistant Treasurer, and/or departmental officers and ministerial advisers,
- concerning the Government's consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy, including but not limited to hand-written file notes; and

- (f) all analysis by the Treasury, the Department of Finance, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry concerning the projected budgetary impact of the decision to impose excise on ethanol and grant a 12-month ethanol production subsidy.

(Agreed to 16 October 2002.)

27 Environment—Queensland—Nathan Dam—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on 19 November 2002:

- (a) all documents from 2002 relating to any approaches made by Sudaw Developments Ltd (or its agents) to the Government seeking funding or other support for the Nathan Dam on the Fitzroy River in Queensland;
- (b) any documents or comments provided to Environment Australia in response to the referral, Ref. No. 2002/770—Sudaw Developments Ltd—Water management and use—Dawson River—QLD—Nathan Dam, central Queensland;
- (c) any report or document prepared by Environment Australia in response to referral 2002/770; and
- (d) the report, *Literature review and scoping study of the potential downstream impacts of the proposed Nathan Dam on the Dawson River, Fitzroy River and offshore environments*, prepared by the Australian Centre for Tropical Freshwater Research.

(Agreed to 11 November 2002.)

28 Animal welfare—Live animal export—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on 18 November 2002, the October 2002 report of the Independent Reference Group on the options for improving the welfare record of Australia's live animal export trade.

(Agreed to 11 November 2002.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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

29 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.)

30 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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine

Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)**Senator Brown****Senator Harradine****Senator Harris****Senator Lees****Senator Nettle**

- 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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle
- 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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bartlett)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris
Senator Lees
Senator Nettle

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 Bolkus, Brandis, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Cook, Ferguson, Hutchins,
Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, McLucas and Watson

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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Community Affairs Legislation
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Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References
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Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References
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Legal and Constitutional References
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

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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; final report tabled 23 October 2002)

Members

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

Report presented

Report (*tabled 23 October 2002*)

Erratum (*presented to the Deputy President on 25 October 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 November 2002*)

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 Allison, Bolkus, Boswell, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Reports 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*)

Annual report for 2001-02 (*tabled 29 August 2002*)

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Ferguson, 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 (*Vice Chairman*), the Speaker (*Chairman*), Senators Ferris and Stephens 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 Stott Despoja (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Denman, Heffernan and Hutchins

Substitute member

Senator Moore to replace Senator Hutchins for the committee's inquiry into the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002 on Thursday, 14 November 2002

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Buckland, Carr, Chapman, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hogg, Lees, Lightfoot, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Murphy, Payne, Tierney, Watson and Webber

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

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Health portfolio

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002 (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002*)

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*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Provisions of the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 (*presented to the President on 24 October 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 November 2002*)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Lees, McLucas and Moore

Participating members

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

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

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Health portfolio

Current inquiries

Operation of the social security breaches and penalties system (*referred 16 October 2002*)

Poverty in Australia (*referred 21 October 2002; reporting date: by the last sitting day in June 2003*)

Reports presented

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

The patient profession: Time for action—Report on the inquiry into nursing (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Participation requirements and penalties in the social security system [Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues] (*tabled 25 September 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*), Senator Wong (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Conroy and Murray and Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, Mr Hunt and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Review of the *Managed Investments Act 1998* (*adopted 20 March 2002*)

Banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia (*adopted 26 June 2002*)

Report presented

Regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001* (*tabled 23 October 2003*)

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

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

Substitute member

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Conroy, Cook, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Kirk, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Tierney

Current inquiries

Provisions of the New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date: 21 November 2002*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002 (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*)

Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002 (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*)

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*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 27 August 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 18 October 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 21 October 2002*)

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002 (*tabled 22 October 2002*)

Economics References Committee*Members*

Senator Collins (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Conroy, Ridgeway and Webber

Substitute member

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Coonan, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Kirk, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

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)

A review of public liability and professional indemnity insurance (tabled 22 October
2002)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 14 February 2002)

Members

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

Report presented

The integrity of the electoral roll: Review of ANAO report no. 42 of 2001-02 (tabled
11 November 2002)

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, Johnston and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

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

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Training
portfolio and the Schools portfolio

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston,
Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lees,
Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Payne, Sherry,
Stephens, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for
Victorian Workers) Bill 2002 (referred 23 October 2002; reporting date:
15 November 2002)

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)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 27 June 2002*)
 Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 22 August 2002*)
 Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 29 August 2002*)
 Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)
 Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 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 replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Training portfolio and the Schools portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio except for the public hearings in Western Australia and Melbourne for the committee's inquiry into small business employment when Senator Murray will replace Senator Stott Despoja

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Johnston, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Payne, Sherry, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Education of students with disabilities (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 5 December 2002*)

Small business employment (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 12 December 2002*)

The refusal of the Government to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents relating to financial information concerning higher education institutions (*referred 18 September 2002; reporting date: by the fifth day of sitting in February 2003*)

Labour market skills requirements (*referred 23 October 2002; reporting date: by the last sitting day in June 2003*)

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, Lundy, Tchen and Tierney

Substitute members

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

Senator Allison to replace Senator Bartlett for the committee's inquiry into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002 and the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

Senator O'Brien to replace Senator Lundy for the committee's inquiry into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002

Senator Barnett to replace Senator Tierney for the committee's inquiry into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, McLucas, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Ray, Watson and Wong

Senator Allison 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 inquiries

Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002 (*referred 25 September 2002; reporting date: 19 November 2002*)

Provisions of the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002 (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 9, 25 September 2002; bill introduced 26 September 2002; reporting date: 14 November 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); tabled 19 June 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

New Zealand/Australia committee exchange program: Report of visit to New Zealand, 15 to 17 April 2002 (*tabled 27 August 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

Senator Buckland to replace Senator Lundy for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

Senator Scullion to replace Senator Tierney for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, 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

Senator Nettle for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

Current inquiries

Urban water management (*referred 5 April 2001; readopted 14 February 2002; reporting date: 19 November 2002*)

Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations (*referred 20 June 2002; reporting date: 5 December 2002*)

The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2003*)

Australian telecommunications network (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: 21 February 2003*)

Reports presented

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

New Zealand/Australia committee exchange program: Report of visit to New Zealand, 15 to 17 April 2002 (*tabled 27 August 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 Heffernan

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

Portfolio Budget Statements (*referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998 and 21 March 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*)
 Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)
 Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000 and Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] (*tabled 29 August 2002*)
 Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)
 Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002 (*tabled 19 September 2002*)
 Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002] (*tabled 26 September 2002*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Heffernan, Marshall, Ridgeway and Wong

Substitute member

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Lundy, 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 Bartlett, Bolkus, Cook, Eggleston, Evans, Harradine, Hutchins, Johnston, Sandy Macdonald, O'Brien and Payne and Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Bevis, Mr Byrne, Mr Edwards, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay and Mr CP Thompson

Current inquiries

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*)
 Trade and investment relations with the countries of Central Europe (*adopted 12 August 2002*)
 Relations with Indonesia (*adopted 22 August 2002*)
 Australia’s maritime strategy (*adopted 27 August 2002*)
 Review of those aspects of the 2000-01 annual report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission relating to conditions at immigration detention centres and the treatment of detainees (*adopted 27 June 2002*)
 Human rights and good governance education in the Asia-Pacific region (*referred 3 September 2002*)

Reports presented

Review of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence annual reports 2000-01 (*tabled 23 September 2002*)
 Enterprising Australia: Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment—A short report on the proceedings of the inquiry (*tabled 16 October 2002*)
 Visit to Australian forces deployed to the international coalition against terrorism: Parliament’s watching brief on the war on terrorism (*tabled 21 October 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Chair*), Senator Cook (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Evans, Ferguson, Payne and Ridgeway

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hogg, Hutchins, Johnston, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Mackay, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Stott Despoja, 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*)
 Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
 Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Cook (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Hogg, Johnston, Marshall and Ridgeway

Substitute member

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee’s inquiry into materiel acquisition and management in Defence

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Knowles,

Lees, Lightfoot, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Payne, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiries

Materiel acquisition and management in Defence (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2003*)

Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2003*)

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 Carr, Colbeck, Collins, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Bolkus (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Greig, Ludwig, Mason and Scullion

Substitute member

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Kirk, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, McGauran, McLucas, Murphy, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

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

Current inquiry

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: last sitting day in 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*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 25 June 2002*)

Government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 (*presented to the President on 28 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 19 August 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

Senator Bolkus (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Greig, Kirk, Scullion and Stephens

Substitute member

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Nettle, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

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

Current inquiries

Progress towards national reconciliation (*referred 27 August 2002; reporting date: March 2003*)

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 and related matters (*referred 21 October 2002; reporting date: 3 December 2002*)

Reports presented

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

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

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*)

Migration zone excision: An examination of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 and related matters (*tabled 21 October 2002*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), Senators Kirk, Ludwig, Scullion, Tchen, Tierney and Wong

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Ms Gambaro (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Kirk and Tchen and Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mrs Irwin, Mr Ripoll and Mr Randall

Current inquiry

Review of skilled migration (*referred 18 June 2002*)

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 Greig, Lundy and Scullion and Ms Ellis, Mr Johnson, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon and Mr CP Thompson

Reports presented

Norfolk Island electoral matters (*tabled 26 August 2002*)
Striking the right balance: Draft amendment 39, National Capital Plan (*tabled 21 October 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

Report presented

Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002 (*tabled 11 November 2002*)

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

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

Privileges—Standing Committee*Members*

Senator Ray (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Evans, Johnston, Payne, Reid and Sherry

Current inquiry

Having regard to the matter raised by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee in its letter of 26 June 2002 to the President, whether there was an unauthorised disclosure of a report of that committee, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 27 June 2002*)

Reports presented

102nd report—Counsel to the Senate (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
103rd report—Possible improper influence and penalty on a senator (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
104th report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
105th report—Execution of search warrants in senators' offices – Senator Harris (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
106th report—Possible improper interference with a witness before the Senate Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (*tabled 27 August 2002*)
107th report—Parliamentary privilege precedents, procedures and practices in the Australian Senate 1996-2002 (*tabled 27 August 2002*)

108th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr John Hyde Page) (*tabled 15 October 2002*)

109th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Tony Kevin) (*tabled 22 October 2002*)

Document presented

Advices to the Senate Committee of Privileges from the Clerk of the Senate and Senior Counsel—March 1988 to April 2002 (*tabled 27 August 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 Allison, Brandis, Eggleston, Ferguson, Ludwig and Ray

Current inquiry

Recommendations in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2002 relating to standing order 74(5) (*referred 28 August 2002*)

Report presented

First report of 2002—Adjournment debate; Unanswered questions on notice (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

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

Current inquiry

Management and integrity of electronic information in the Commonwealth (*referred 23 October 2002*)

Reports presented

Report 388—Review of the accrual budget documentation (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Report 389—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2000-01: Fourth quarter (*tabled 27 June 2002*)

Report 390—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2001-02: First, second and third quarters (*tabled 29 August 2002*)

Report 391—Review of independent auditing by registered company auditors (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

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

Reports presented

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

Common use infrastructure on Christmas Island (First report of 2002) (*tabled 27 August 2002*)

RAAF Base Williamstown redevelopment stage 1 and facilities for the airborne early warning and control aircraft (Second report of 2002) (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Colbeck (*Chair*), Senators Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Marshall, Moore and Scullion

Reports presented

- 1st report (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
 - 2nd report (*tabled 29 August 2002*)
 - 3rd report (*tabled 26 September 2002*)
 - 4th report (*tabled 23 October 2002*)
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Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Tchen (*Chairman*), Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Marshall, Mason and Moore

Report presented

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

Document presented

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March – June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Ray, Stephens, Tchen, Tierney and Watson
 Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues
 Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios
 Senator Lees for matters relating to air safety

Current inquiries

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (*adopted 22 October 1999; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day for 2002*)
- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples (*referred 2 November 2000; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day for 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 for 2002*)
- Australian meat industry and export quotas (*referred 27 June 2002; reporting date: 13 November 2002*)

Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002 (*referred 16 October 2002; reporting date: 18 November 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*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

The introduction of quota management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Interim report (*tabled 27 June 2002*)

Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand—Interim report (*tabled 27 June 2002*)

Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*—Interim report (*tabled 27 June 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)

The Australian meat industry consultative structure and quota allocation—Interim report: Allocation of the US beef quota (*tabled 24 September 2002*)

Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002 and Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002 (*tabled 23 October 2002*)

* Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*tabled 12 November 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Ridgeway (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, McGauran, O'Brien and Stephens

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios

Current inquiries

Forestry plantations (*referred 27 June 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in August 2003*)

Rural water resource usage (*referred 21 October 2002; reporting date: by the last sitting day in 2003*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator McLucas (*Chairman*), Senators Barnett, Crossin, Johnston, Mason and Murray

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*)
- No. 5 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)
- No. 6 of 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
- No. 7 of 2002 (*tabled 21 August 2002*)
- No. 8 of 2002 (*tabled 28 August 2002*)
- No. 9 of 2002 (*tabled 18 September 2002*)
- No. 10 of 2002 (*tabled 25 September 2002*)
- No. 11 of 2002 (*tabled 16 October 2002*)
- No. 12 of 2002 (*tabled 23 October 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*)
- No. 5 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)
- No. 6 of 2002: Application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth Legislation (*presented 26 June 2002*)
- No. 7 of 2002 (*presented 26 June 2002*)
- Work of the committee during the 39th Parliament, November 1998-October 2001 (*tabled 27 June 2002*)
- No. 8 of 2002 (*presented 21 August 2002*)
- No. 9 of 2002 (*tabled 28 August 2002*)
- No. 10 of 2002 (*presented 18 September 2002*)
- No. 11 of 2002 (*tabled 25 September 2002*)
- No. 12 of 2002 (*presented 16 October 2002*)
- No. 13 of 2002 (*tabled 23 October 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, Eggleston and Ludwig

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*)
- Report no. 4 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)

Report no. 5 of 2002 (*presented 26 June 2002*)
 Report no. 6 of 2002 (*presented 21 August 2002*)
 Report no. 7 of 2002 (*presented 28 August 2002*)
 Report no. 8 of 2002 (*presented 18 September 2002*)
 Report no. 9 of 2002 (*presented 25 September 2002*)
 Report no. 10 of 2002 (*presented 16 October 2002*)
 Report no. 11 of 2002 (*presented 23 October 2002*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Denman (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, McGauran, Reid, Webber and Wong

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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 7 December 2001 and 24 June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Reports 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*)

Report 2/2002: Proposed changes to resolutions relating to declarations of senators' interests and gifts to the Senate and the Parliament (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Superannuation—Select Committee

(*appointed 14 March 2002*)

Members

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

Current inquiry

Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy (*referred 14 March 2002; reporting date: 10 December 2002*)

Reports presented

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002 and Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 25 June 2002*)

Taxation treatment of overseas superannuation transfers (*presented to the President on 25 July 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 19 August 2002*)

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 26 September 2002*)

* Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002 (*tabled 12 November 2002*)

Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee

(appointed 22 September 1999 with effect on and from 11 October 1999; re-appointed as the Superannuation—Select Committee, see above)

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 Barnett, Bartlett, Kirk, Marshall, Mason, Stephens and Tchen and Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr Hunt, 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*)

Report 46—Treaties tabled 12 March 2002 (*tabled 24 June 2002*)

Statement on the 46th report, dated 26 June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Report 47—Treaties tabled on 18 and 25 June 2002 (*tabled 26 August 2002*)

Report 48—Treaties tabled in August and September 2002 (*tabled 21 October 2002*)

* Report 49—The Timor Sea Treaty (*tabled 12 November 2002*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Faulkner—(*appointed 27 June 2002 for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

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

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

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

HARRY EVANS

Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

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

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

A GUIDE TO THE DAILY NOTICE PAPER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

A GUIDE TO THE FULL NOTICE PAPER

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

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

