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*The Senate meets at 12.30 pm*

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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 9 February 2005*

- 1 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Ridgeway):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2006:

The impact of climate change on agriculture, with particular reference to:

- (a) the agriculture response, including land use practices, work practices and farming techniques;
- (b) emerging regional industries and technologies; and
- (c) other related matters.

- 2 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2005:

Current arrangements for the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy has achieved its aims and objectives, including what factors have impacted on progress;
- (b) the opportunities for current funding arrangements and agreements between the Commonwealth and state governments to better deliver services for people with a mental health problem or disorder;
- (c) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy and current level of mental health services have contributed to the over-representation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system, and within detention centres;
- (d) the adequacy of the current legislative framework for protecting the human rights of people with a mental health problem in the criminal justice system and within detention centres, including the effects of indefinite detention on the mental health of children;
- (e) the capability of the current mix of mental health services to meet present and future demand for the entire spectrum of mental health services, including prevention, treatment and continuing care, in both metropolitan and rural Australia;
- (f) the adequacy of education and support services available for families and carers of people with a mental health problem or disorder;
- (g) potential methods for improving coordination and delivery of funding and services, across all levels and sectors of government, to ensure that appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care, particularly for people with complex and co-morbid conditions and needs; and
- (h) the proficiency of staff outside mental health services for dealing with individuals with mental health problems and disorders.

*Notice given 10 February 2005*

\*3 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2005:

The detention of Ms Cornelia Rau, with particular reference to:

- (a) the circumstances, actions and procedures which resulted in Ms Rau being detained;
- (b) how Ms Rau remained unidentified during the period in question;
- (c) the adequacy of mental health services provided to Ms Rau and other detainees;
- (d) the conditions in Australian immigration detention centres and whether they are having a harmful effect on the mental health of detainees;
- (e) the adequacy of legal assistance provided to Ms Rau and other detainees;
- (f) the actions of relevant ministers; and
- (g) any related matters.

### **Orders of the Day**

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

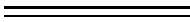
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**3 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**4 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)



## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2004 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 November 2004*).
- 2 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 3 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*1 December 2004*).
- 4 **Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*8 December 2004*).

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

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

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Container examination facilities: Australian Customs Service**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The administration of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of the Environment and Heritage**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- \*3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Measuring the efficiency and effectiveness of e-government**  
Consideration (*10 February 2005*).

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 16 November 2004*

- 10 **Senator Harradine:** To move—That Budget estimates supplementary hearings by legislation committees for the 2004-05 estimates meet, where senators give notice of matters in accordance with standing order 26(10), as follows:

**Group A:**

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

Tuesday, 30 November, from 8 pm to 11 pm; and

**Group B:**

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

Wednesday, 1 December, from 8 pm to 11 pm.

*Notice given 9 December 2004*

- 56 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to investigate the potential for a World Heritage nomination for Tasmania's Tarkine wilderness.

*Notice given 10 February 2005*

- \*75 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) 12 February marked the 58th anniversary of Union Day in Burma which marks the agreement among various nationalities to live together as a union with a guarantee of equality and the right to self-determination,
- (ii) that the Committee Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP) is opposed to the National Convention organised by the Burmese ruling junta, the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), on 17 February because it lacks the legitimacy and participation of the democratically-elected representatives of the people and major political parties such as the National League for Democracy and ethnic parties,
- (iii) United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's speech naming Burma as one of the 'outposts of tyranny' along with Zimbabwe, and
- (iv) that 18 members of the Parliament-elect are still in detention under severe conditions;

- (b) continues to support the CRPP as the legitimate body working towards the emergence of a parliament of elected representatives according to the 1990 election;
- (c) believes that genuine national reconciliation can be achieved through a dialogue between the National League for Democracy, ethnic nationalities and the SPDC; and
- (d) calls on the Government to urge the Burmese junta to free Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo and all political prisoners unconditionally.

### **Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents**

**1 Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 99—Genes and ingenuity: Gene patenting and human health, June 2004**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 10 February 2005*).

**2 Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2002-03 on the operation of the 1999 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement [Final]**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 10 February 2005*).

**3 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).

**4 Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the Privacy Act 1988**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 10 February 2005*).

**5 National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 10 February 2005*).

**6 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 10 February 2005*).

**7 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2003-04, including reports pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act 1971 and the Australian Citizenship Act 1948**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).

**8 Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—January to June 2004, dated December 2004**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).

**9 Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).

- 10 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 2003-04**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- 11 **Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2003-04**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- 12 **Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2003-04**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- 13 **Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).
- 14 **National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) Act 1998—Report—Independent review by Baker and McKenzie**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 February 2005*).

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 2 **Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 3 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Murray and Stott Despoja)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 4 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 5 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett and Senator Stott Despoja)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 10 February 2005*) (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 6 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 7 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).

- 8 **Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 9 **Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Greig*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 10 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 11 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 12 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 13 **National Animal Welfare Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 14 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 15 **Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 16 **Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 17 **Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ridgeway*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 18 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 19 **Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Greig*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 20 **Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Greig*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 21 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 22 **Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).



- 23 **Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 24 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 25 **Communications—Telstra**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Conroy—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) the Government has failed to ensure that telecommunications service standards are up to scratch in rural and regional Australia,
    - (ii) the chief of the Government’s telecommunications inquiry, Mr Dick Estens, has said that telecommunications services in the bush remain a ‘shemozzle’, and
    - (iii) selling Telstra will cost the budget \$255 million over the next 4 years; and
  - (b) calls on the Government to keep Telstra in majority public ownership to ensure reliable telecommunications services for all Australians—(*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 18 November 2004*).
- 26 **Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Nettle*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 30 November 2004*).
- 27 **Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Brown*)  
In committee (*committee to consider the bill as reported by the committee of the whole on 15 May 2003*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 1 December 2004*).
- 28 **Senate Voters’ Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 9 December 2004*).
- 29 **Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Marshall*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 9 December 2004*).
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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

### Next day of sitting (8 March 2005)

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 9 December 2004*

- 1 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the terms of reference for the Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*, be amended as follows:  
Paragraph (b), after “effectiveness”, insert “, including how privacy principles and processes should interact with the need for access to records,”.

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australian expatriates.

### On 10 March 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 9 December 2004*

- 1 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the proposed accreditation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Management Plan (as amended), dated 10 November 2004 and made under subsection 33(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be opposed.

Twelve sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

\*\* *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the proposed accreditation of the plan will be deemed to have been opposed.*

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 2 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004, the Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2004, the

Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment Bill 2004 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004, and related matters.

Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 November 2004).

**On 14 March 2005**

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 (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004.

**On 15 March 2005**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Legislation Committees**  
Reports to be presented on the 2004-05 additional estimates.

Government Business—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2004**  
Consideration in committee of the whole (10 February 2005).

**On the tenth sitting day of 2005 (16 March 2005)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Legislation Committees**  
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2004.

**Seven sitting days after today (17 March 2005)**

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 2 December 2004*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Air Navigation (Aviation Security Status Checking) Regulations 2004, as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 207 and made under the *Air Navigation Act 1920*, be disallowed.  
Eight sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Crimes Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 164 and made under the *Crimes Act 1914*, be disallowed.

Eight 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 17 March 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on children in institutional care.
- 2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system.

### By the last sitting day in March 2005 (17 March 2005)

#### 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 Biosecurity Australia concerning the revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the administration of Biosecurity Australia concerning the revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand.

### On 18 April 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**  
Report to be presented on budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper .

### On 11 May 2005

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 1 December 2004*

- 27 **Senator Lees:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) acknowledges the threats facing the endangered Asian elephant throughout its natural range, including live trade, human-elephant conflict and poaching for ivory tusks, hide and meat;

- (b) notes that:
- (i) the Asian elephant is listed as an Appendix I species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES),
  - (ii) Appendix I species are those whose trade must be subject to particularly strict regulation, and only authorised in exceptional circumstances,
  - (iii) Australia has been a party to CITES since 1976,
  - (iv) implementation of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* serves as Australia's way of meeting its international obligations as a CITES party,
  - (v) under the Act, CITES Appendix I species cannot be imported for the purpose of exhibition, and zoos must prove that they are able to meet the biological and behavioural needs of the animals if importation is for reasons such as conservation breeding,
  - (vi) Australian zoos have requested permission from the Australian Government to import nine Asian elephants from Thailand as part of a captive breeding program,
  - (vii) research undertaken by Oxford University in 2002 and supported by peers has identified that zoos are unable to meet the biological and behavioural needs of elephants in captivity, as elephants in captivity suffer from stress and boredom leading to abnormal behaviours and have a greater incidence of infant mortality and early death, and
  - (viii) the proposed captive breeding program offers no conservation benefit to the Asian elephant species as no offspring will ever be returned to the wild and elephants do not breed successfully in captivity; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
- (i) reject the proposal that would allow the impending and any future importation of elephants from Thailand to Australian zoos,
  - (ii) work with the zoo association and non-government organisations to undertake an assessment of welfare conditions for elephants currently held in Australian zoos, and
  - (iii) earmark funding from the Regional Natural Heritage Program addressing biodiversity hotspots in the Asia Pacific region, for in situ conservation projects that will help to address the threats facing the Asian elephant in Thailand and other range states.

### On 12 May 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on Indigenous education.

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## Government Business—Order of the Day

**\*1 AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004**

**AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*10 February 2005*).

**On 14 June 2005**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on unfair dismissal laws.

**On 16 June 2005**

## Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on compensation for wheat growers.

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

Report to be presented on student income support.

**On 20 June 2005**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**\*1 Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2005-06 Budget estimates.

**On 22 June 2005**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on government advertising.

**On 23 June 2005**

## Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on aged care.

**\*2 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer.

### On 30 June 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the proposed agreement relating to US nationals and the International Criminal Court.

2 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

Report to be presented on the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

### On 15 August 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on Regional Partnerships program.

### By the first sitting day in September 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit.

### On 15 September 2005

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's relationship with China.

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## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

### Bills currently referred†

**Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 1 December 2004; reporting date: 10 March 2005*).

**Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 7 March 2005*).

**Provisions of bills currently referred†****AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004‡****AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*).

**Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004****Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004****Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment Bill 2004****Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004****Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004****Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004****Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004****Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2004****Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment Bill 2004****Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004**

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 10 March 2005*).

**Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004‡**

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 7 March 2005*).

**Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2004‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 7 March 2005*).

**Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004‡**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 7 March 2005*).

**Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: 14 March 2005*).

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

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





## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### *Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 1 to 335 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

### *Notice given 16 November 2004*

- 1 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the announcement by the Minister on 23 August 2004 of a \$48 million package to improve security within Australia's regional airports:
  - (1) Is any of the money for this package coming from the air passenger ticket levy that was imposed in order to meet the entitlements of former Ansett employees.
  - (2) (a) How much money was raised by the levy; and (b) of this, how much has been paid to former Ansett employees.
  - (3) How much remains to be paid to former Ansett employees in order to fully meet their entitlements.
  
- 23 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
  - (1) For each of the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 (to date): (a) how many appeals for ministerial discretion to grant a visa to remain in Australia were made by people whose visas were cancelled under subsection 501(2) of the *Migration Act 1958*; and (b) how many times did the Minister exercise discretion to grant a visa to a person whose visa was cancelled under section 501 of the Act.
  - (2) Does the Minister have the power to re-instate a permanent resident visa previously cancelled under sections 200 or 501 of the Act.
  
- 24 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
  - (1) What discussions or consultations were conducted with industry and consumer groups regarding the pre-election announcement of compulsory 12.5 per cent cuts in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prices for newly listed medicines.
  - (2) (a) How will this savings measure be realised; (b) what legislative changes will be required; and (c) when will these be presented to the Parliament for consideration.
  - (3) What information does the Minister have on the potential consequences of these enforced cuts in PBS prices for the sustainability of the pharmaceutical industry in Australia.
  - (4) What work has been done to study the impact of this decision on the take-up of generic medicine manufacture.
  - (5) What information does the Minister have on the potential consequences of these enforced cuts in PBS prices for community pharmacies.

27 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) With reference to a claim made by the Prime Minister before the war that only the threat of force by the United States of America (US) allowed the United Nations Monitoring Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) weapons inspectors back into Iraq, and given that it was the threat of force by Washington which pulled the weapons inspectors out of Iraq in March 2003 before they could complete their work (as in December 1998), does the Prime Minister now concede that the threat of force failed again to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction.
- (2) What is the Government's response to the claim of the Executive Chairman of UNMOVIC, Dr Blix, that the US was guilty of 'fabricating' evidence against Iraq to justify the war, and his belief that the discovery of weapons of mass destruction had been replaced by the main objective of the US of toppling Saddam Hussein (*The Guardian*, 12 April 2003).
- (3) With reference to claims made by the Prime Minister before the war that there was no doubt that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and that that this was the primary reason for Australia's participation in the 'coalition of the willing', what is the Prime Minister's position now that, even after the collapse of the regime in Baghdad, no weapons of mass destruction have been found despite United States Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's claim to know where they are.
- (4) Given the Prime Minister's statements that 'regime change' was only a secondary concern for Australia, does the Government agree that the primary justification for the war may prove to be a lie.
- (5) If, as the Prime Minister repeatedly claimed, Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and Saddam Hussein could not be contained or deterred, what is the Government's analysis of why they were not used in the regime's terminal hours against the invading US, United Kingdom and Australian forces.
- (6) With reference to the Prime Minister's argument that stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction was a primary motive for Australia's participation in a war against Iraq: (a) is the Government concerned that one of the direct effects of the war may be the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to third parties, including other so called 'rogue states' and possibly terrorist groups, and (b) what analysis has the Government done of this likelihood, and (c) can details be provided.
- (7) Does the Prime Minister now regret saying just before the war (at the National Press Club and elsewhere) that Saddam Hussein could stay on in power providing he got rid of his weapons of mass destruction, thus allowing him to continue the repression of Iraqis; if so, what circumstances altered the Prime Minister's view.

29 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate—When will the Minister respond to Senator Allison's letter of 7 April 2003 concerning orders for the production of documents.

30 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, how much was spent on advertising and marketing in relation to the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP).

- (2) For the 2003-04 financial year to date, how much has been spent on advertising and marketing in relation to the NAP.
  - (3) For each state and territory, how much has been spent on foundation funding, priority actions, regional investment strategies and capacity building under the NAP.
  - (4) Can details be provided of the priority actions that have received funding under the NAP in South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales.
  - (5) Can copies be provided of the strategic investment plans that have been prepared in relation to the NAP for each state and territory.
- 31 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What monitoring has taken place of the Kanella Aged Care Home since the audit report of February 2004, which found non-compliance with 14 expected outcomes.
  - (2) Which of these non-compliant outcomes has been made compliant.
  - (3) What monitoring took place between the audit report of 2003 and the subsequent decision to accredit this aged care home, and the 2004 audit.
  - (4) Why were the non-compliant outcomes not identified before February 2004.
- 32 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Why has the Treasurer imposed competition payment penalties on the Government of South Australia and ignored the arguments it put forward about the social impact that would result from that state removing its ‘proof of need’ test for hotel and retail liquor merchant licences, as required by the National Competition Council.
  - (2) Does the Treasurer accept advice from the Government of South Australia, and the Drug and Alcohol Services Council, the Salvation Army and the South Australia Police, that removing the ‘proof of need’ test would result in greater alcohol-related harm; if not, why not.
  - (3) Does the Treasurer accept the arguments put forward by the South Australian Premier on 2 June 2004 that the ‘proof of need’ test protects against business failures in the industry, and against market domination by one or two powerful players, which would lead to a reduction in competition; if not, why not.
  - (4) What other competition payment penalties will be or have been imposed on state governments, despite arguments put forward by those governments in relation to social and/or health impacts.
- 33 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Is the company Betfair registered for the goods and services tax (GST) in Australia; if so, when did it register.
  - (2) Is it correct that GST was payable by Betfair on revenues received from Australian residents using this wagering platform; if so: (a) was the GST paid; and (b) if the GST was not paid, what action has been taken in respect of that non-payment.
- 36 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Does the data provided to the Aged and Community Services Association survey of December 2003 in the Australian Capital Territory and New

South Wales show that: (a) an estimated 8 800 people have their names on nursing home (high care) waiting lists and 11 800 on hostel (low care) waiting lists; (b) a further 1 700 people are estimated to have their names on waiting lists for Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs); (c) the average waiting time for: (i) nursing homes is 24 weeks (up from 19 weeks in 2001), (ii) hostels is 36 weeks (up from 32 weeks in 2001), and (iii) CACPs is 18 weeks (up from 13 weeks in 2001), and (d) areas with particularly long waiting lists, compared to the number of available places, include the Australian Capital Territory, the Central Coast, the Hunter region, Western Sydney and Far North Queensland.

- (2) Is more recent data on waiting lists in any or all of these areas available; if so, can it be provided.
  - (3) Can data on waiting lists for the other states and territories in any or all of these areas be provided.
  - (4) Can the latest data be provided on the number of non-operational residential care places in each state and territory.
  - (5) For each state and territory, what is the average wait for low and high care residential places following assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team that a person requires residential care.
  - (6) For each state and territory, how many people who have been assessed as requiring low and high residential care are: (a) in acute care public hospitals; (b) in acute care private hospitals; and (c) in transitional placements other than in their homes or those of family carers.
- 47 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 3073: What is the projected expenditure for the National Safe Schools Framework for the period 2006 to 2008.
- 49 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister, in his capacity as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, aware of the following statement made by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey) in a *Meet the Press* interview aired on 14 September 2003: ‘What I do know is the Labor Party and the Democrats are holding up a vast amount of legislation that the Government has put in place in the Senate’.
  - (2) Does the Minister accept the *Australian Concise Oxford Dictionary’s* definition of ‘vast’ as ‘immense, huge, very great’.
  - (3) Can the Minister: (a) provide a list for the Senate of any bill that could conceivably be regarded as being held up, as described by Mr Hockey; and (b) give his reasons for making that judgment.
- 50 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Can a table be provided of all unfair dismissal applications under federal and state law for the 1996 calendar year for each state and territory, showing the number of applications under federal law, state law, and the total.
  - (2) Can a table be provided of all unfair dismissal applications under federal and state law for the 2003 calendar year for each of the states and territories, showing the number of applications under federal law, state law, and the total.

- (3) Can a table be provided showing the number and percentage change of applications for the 2003 calendar year against the 1996 calendar year for each of state and territory, broken down by whether the applications were lodged under federal or state law.
- (4) Can a breakdown be provided showing the same information shown in (1) to (3) above in relation to small business (classified as 20 or fewer employees).
- (5) Can an estimate be provided of the numbers of small businesses that fall under state and federal workplace relations law separately, for each state and territory.
- (6) Can an estimate be provided of the numbers of small business employees that fall under state and federal workplace relations law separately, for each state and territory.

*Notice given 17 November 2004*

56 **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'.)

57 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence and Industry Advisory Council

- (1) When was the council established.
- (2) Who established the council.
- (3) For what purpose was the council established.

- (4) Can a copy of the council's terms of reference be provided.
- (5) What is the membership of the council.
- (6) What are the reporting arrangements for the council, for example: (a) to whom does it report; (b) how regularly are such reports made; and (c) what do the reports contain.
- (7) Can a list be provided of meeting dates for the council since its establishment.

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

- (1) Can the following information about each committee within Defence chaired by a one star rank equivalent or higher be provided: (a) name of the committee; (b) its function and role; and (c) when it met during 2002 and 2003.
- (2) (a) For the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, when did the Defence Industry Advisory Council meet; (b) what is its function and role; and (c) what is its current membership.

61 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the AGM-142 weapon:

- (1) What is the latest estimate on the total cost of modifying the F-111 fleet to enable these aircraft to deploy the AGM-142.
- (2) To date, how much has been spent on the project to equip the F-111 fleet with AGM-142s.
- (3) What is the latest estimate of when those modifications will be completed.
- (4) When is it expected that the AGM-142 will enter service.
- (5) What is the latest estimate of the total cost of the project to equip the F-111 fleet with AGM-142.
- (6) (a) Have any AGM-142s been delivered to Australia; if so, how many; and (b) do any AGM-142s remain overseas; if so, how many.

62 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to a luncheon function involving senior business people on Sunday, 28 March 2004, which was held at Fort Denison to promote Defence Reserves to employers:

- (1) Did the Minister for Employment Services and General Cosgrove attend the lunch.
- (2) How many other Australian Defence Force (ADF) and departmental personnel attended the lunch.
- (3) Did any other federal government parliamentarians attend; if so, who.
- (4) Were any non-government federal parliamentarians invited to attend; if so, who.
- (5) Which business people attended the lunch.
- (6) Were the travel costs of any of the business people who travelled from around Australia to attend the lunch borne by the taxpayer; and (b) can details be provided of all travel costs that were met, specifying which Defence program was used to fund this travel.
- (7) Can copies be provided of the menu and the drinks menu.
- (8) Were the following dishes served: Peking duck with cucumber, shallots and plum; seared scallops with prawn gow gee; soy and ginger glaze salt rubbed salmon with Asian mushrooms and fried sage; slow roasted, pepper crusted, rib eye fillet; and crisp roasted barramundi.

- (9) What was the cost of the food served at the lunch.
- (10) How many bottles of wine, champagne and beer were served.
- (11) What was the cost of alcohol served at the lunch.
- (12) What was the cost per bottle of the most expensive wine and champagne served.
- (13) Did the department pay for this lunch; if so, which program was the money drawn from; if not, who paid.
- (14) Can a list be provided showing all of the associated costs of this lunch, including table hire, glass hire, waiting staff etc.

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

- (1) When did the department first become aware of the Mitchell Shire Council's plans to build a refuse tip in the vicinity of the army base at Puckapunyal.
- (2) (a) What is the exact distance of the proposed site from the entrance to the Puckapunyal base; and (b) how big is the site.
- (3) (a) When did the department first raise concerns with the Mitchell Shire Council about the proposal to use the land for a refuse tip; and (b) how were these concerns raised, for example, by letter, face-to-face meetings etc.
- (4) Who raised the concerns with the council.
- (5) When was it decided that the department would seek to compulsorily acquire the proposed landfill site.
- (6) Who made this decision.
- (7) On what basis was this decision taken.
- (8) How much will it cost the department to acquire the land.
- (9) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Victorian Civil and Administration Tribunal (VCAT) found that the department's concerns about the proposed landfill site were not substantiated; and (b) why was this decision not accepted by the Commonwealth.
- (10) Was it always the Commonwealth's intention to compulsorily acquire the proposed landfill site, regardless of the outcome of the VCAT's deliberations; if so, why.
- (11) Given that the VCAT found that the department's concerns were not justified, why has the Commonwealth now compulsorily acquired land at this site to prevent the building of the tip.
- (12) Has the Commonwealth valued the site; if so: (a) when; (b) what was the value of the site; and (c) can a copy of the valuation be provided.
- (13) When was the law firm Clayton Utz first engaged to advise the Commonwealth on this matter.
- (14) Can a list be provided of all Clayton Utz lawyers who have represented and/or advised the Commonwealth in respect of this matter.
- (15) How much has been paid to Clayton Utz in respect of this matter.
- (16) (a) What other law firms were engaged to provide advice and/or representation on this matter; (b) was the Australian Government Solicitor engaged; and (c) how much were they paid.

- (17) (a) How much has the Commonwealth spent on legal advice and/or representation in respect of this matter; and (b) can a breakdown be provided of all legal expenses in respect of this matter.
- 64 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 96 of the 2004-05 Defence Portfolio Budget Statements, which indicates that the Government has agreed on a schedule of surplus Defence properties to be offered for sale in the 2004-05 financial year, and that on current valuations these sales will reap an estimated \$164.5 million in revenue: Can a list be provided of all properties that the Government has agreed will be offered for sale during the 2004-05 financial year including: (a) the property name and/or address; (b) the type of property (vacant/buildings); (c) the size of the property; and (d) the type of sale (auction, request for proposal, advertised price).
- 68 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—(a) What is the Halliburton stake in the consortium which built and operates the Alice Springs to Darwin railway line; (b) was Halliburton the project leader; and (c) what discussions has the Prime Minister or the department had with Halliburton about the projects, including where and when these were held.
- 71 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the Rio Tinto Foundation for a Sustainable Minerals Industry:
- (1) Can a copy of the foundation's 2002-03 annual report be provided.
  - (2) Can a list be provided of the 32 programs to which funding was allocated in the first year, including the title of the program, the amount of funding, start and finish dates, key researchers, and expected outcomes.
  - (3) Can a list be provided of patents applied for arising from research funded wholly or partially by the foundation.
  - (4) Can a detailed account be provided of the expenditure to date of the \$35 million of public money and the matching funds from Rio Tinto.
- 75 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Australian Taxation Office and the non-payment of superannuation contributions by small businesses: Why is the system structured in such a way that small businesses are able to avoid paying superannuation contributions by using such strategies as changing their corporate identities every few years.

*Notice given 18 November 2004*

- 95 **Senator Denman:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 (to date): (a) how many Commonwealth grants were made to sporting associations or sporting clubs for the maintenance of facilities or equipment in: (i) New South Wales, (ii) Victoria, (iii) Queensland, (iv) South Australia, (v) Western Australia, (vi) Tasmania, (vii) the Northern Territory, and (viii) the Australian Capital Territory; (b) under what program was each grant made; and (c) what was the nature and amount of each grant.
  - (2) In the 2004-05 financial year: (a) how many Commonwealth grants have been committed but not yet made to sporting associations or sporting clubs for the maintenance of facilities or equipment in: (i) New South Wales, (ii) Victoria, (iii) Queensland, (iv) South Australia, (v) Western Australia, (vi) Tasmania, (vii) the Northern Territory, and (viii) the Australian Capital Territory.



Territory; (b) under what program has each commitment been made; and (c) what is the nature and amount of each commitment.

96 **Senator Denman:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 (to date): (a) how many Commonwealth grants were made to local government bodies or community organisations (other than sporting associations or sporting clubs) for sports or recreation purposes in: (i) New South Wales, (ii) Victoria, (iii) Queensland, (iv) South Australia, (v) Western Australia, (vi) Tasmania, (vii) the Northern Territory, and (viii) the Australian Capital Territory; (b) under what program was each grant made; and (c) what was the nature and amount of each grant.
- (2) In the 2004-05 financial year: (a) how many Commonwealth grants have been committed but not yet made to local government bodies or community organisations (other than sporting associations or sporting clubs) for sports or recreation purposes in: (i) New South Wales, (ii) Victoria, (iii) Queensland, (iv) South Australia, (v) Western Australia, (vi) Tasmania, (vii) the Northern Territory, and (viii) the Australian Capital Territory; (b) under what program has each commitment been made; and (c) what is the nature and amount of each commitment.

98 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to Tasmanian devils and the devil facial tumour disease:

- (1) What percentage of Tasmanian devils have been killed by the disease.
- (2) Will the Minister declare the Tasmanian devil a threatened species; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (3) What hypotheses have been advanced or eliminated for the cause and transmission of the disease.
- (4) Is there a coordinated research program for the devil facial tumour condition; if not, why not.
- (5) What role has the Australian Wildlife Health Network played in coordinating the research relating to this disease.
- (6) Why is the public being denied any information regarding the research outcomes on causal factors and transmission processes.
- (7) Is the Minister satisfied that the Tasmanian Government has the expertise and capacity to adequately respond to this significant wildlife disease.

99 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to Tasmania devils and the Government's election commitment to allocate \$2 million for the devil facial tumour disease:

- (1) Has the Government determined the research priorities for the \$2 million lump sum to be allocated for the disease.
- (2) Will the Commonwealth maintain control over the scientific evaluation, direction and publication of the research effort funded by the Commonwealth.
- (3) What accountability procedures have been put in place for all Commonwealth funds allocated to Tasmania to date for research on Tasmanian devils.
- (4) To date, what outputs have resulted from the World Heritage project funding for the disease.

100 **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.
- (4) What are the criteria being used for making claims against the liquidator in the case of Computerised Holdings.
- (5) Is it intended that legal advice be sought on any distribution of assets ahead of the payment of workers' entitlements.

*Notice given 19 November 2004*

102 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the answer to question no. 131 taken on notice by the department during the May 2003 Budget estimates hearings of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee:

- (1) Who briefed the Minister on 19 August 2002 and 26 September 2002 about Marian Wilkinson's questions.
- (2) Who initiated the briefing.
- (3) Was the briefing oral or in writing.
- (4) If it was an oral briefing: (a) who briefed the Minister; (b) who else was present; (c) were minutes and/or notes taken; if so, can a copy of minutes and/or notes be provided; and (d) what action, if any, did the Minister take after he was provided with the two briefings in August and September 2002.
- (5) If it was a written briefing: (a) who prepared the brief; (b) who cleared the brief; (c) apart from the Minister, who else saw the brief; and (d) what action, if any, did the Minister take after he was provided with the two briefings in August and September 2002.

103 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Since March 1996, on how many occasions has the Prime Minister stayed at Claridges Hotel in Mayfair, London.
- (2) On what dates did the Prime Minister stay at this self-described "five star, de luxe, luxury" hotel.
- (3) On his most recent trip to London, did the Prime Minister stay in the Brook Apartment penthouse suite, described by the hotel as '220 square metres/2,368 square feet (approximately), 2 King Beds. This stunning apartment has been restored in the Art Deco style with an elegant, gentle mauve décor, light oak floors and original fittings from the 1930s. The bedrooms are large and luxurious, each with their own dressing-rooms. The marble bathrooms are equally splendid with extra deep baths and separate showers. A beautiful sitting-room with full height windows looks out onto a stunning private roof terrace. In addition, there is an elegant dining-room with a cocktail bar and cloakroom. A personal butler service is provided with the penthouse'.

- (4) What was the cost of the Prime Minister's: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify) at Claridges for this recent trip.
- (5) How many other rooms and suites were used by the Prime Minister's party for this trip, and for what purposes.
- (6) For the Prime Minister's most recent trip, what were the costs for the Prime Minister's party, excluding the Prime Minister, of: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (d) other items (please specify).
- (7) Apart from the services provided and paid for outlined under (3) and (4) above, did the hotel provide any other services to the Prime Minister and his party.
- (8) Has the bill for the hotel been presented and paid; if not, why not; if so, who paid the bill.
- (9) On each of the occasions the Prime Minister has used this hotel since 1996, has he always stayed at the Brook Apartment penthouse suite; if not, on which occasion has he used other suites in the hotel, and which suites were used.
- (10) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel, what was the cost of the Prime Minister's: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify).
- (11) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel since March 1996, how much was paid by the department to the hotel for associated costs excluding the amounts at (7) above.

104 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the additional cost of re-shooting the superannuation co-contribution advertising campaign when it was decided by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications that the size of the pig had to be reduced.
- (2) Who made the decision that a re-shoot was required.
- (3) Did the print material have to be adjusted; if so, what was the additional cost.

105 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Superannuation Co-contribution advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) mail outs with brochures and letters signed by Mr Carmody; and (e) advertising research.
- (2) When did TV advertising screening begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) How many letters were sent by Mr Carmody.
- (4) On what basis was the mail out selected.
- (5) What database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) Given that the advertisements now do not reflect Government policy on the co-contribution, is there any plan to update the campaign; if so, what campaign components will be updated and how much will this cost.

- (7) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (8) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (9) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (8) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (10) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

107 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Working to Keep the Country Connected advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) On which TV stations is the advertising campaign screening.
- (3) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (4) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (5) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (a) As of 1 June 2004, how many phone calls has the Telinfo hotline received; and (b) how many hits has the Telinfo website had.
- (7) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (8) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (9) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (8) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.

- (10) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

108 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Environment/Resource Management advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

109 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Waste Oil advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of

this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

113 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the proposed National Security advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

- 114 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the proposed Natural Heritage Trust advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
  - (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
  - (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
  - (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
  - (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
  - (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
  - (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
  - (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.
- 115 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the proposed Mature Aged Workers—Increasing Participation Rates advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
  - (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
  - (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
  - (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
  - (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a

departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

116 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—  
With reference to the proposed Elimination of Domestic Violence advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.



- 117 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the proposed Auslink advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
  - (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
  - (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
  - (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
  - (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
  - (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
  - (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
  - (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.
- 118 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the proposed Regional Information Service advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
  - (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
  - (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
  - (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
  - (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a

departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

119 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the proposed Illicit Drugs—Targeting Youth advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

120 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the current Strengthening Medicare advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (2) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies; have been engaged for the campaign.
- (3) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (4) If there is a mail out planned, to whom will it be targeted and what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

**Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 122-140)—

- (1) Not including any advertising campaigns contained in questions on notice nos 105 to 121, for each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date: (a) what is the cost of any current or proposed advertising campaign in the department; (b) what are the details of the campaign, including: (a) creative agency or agencies engaged; (b) research agency or agencies engaged; (c) the cost of television advertising; (d) the cost and nature of any mail out; and (e) the full cost of advertising placement.
- (2) When will the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

- (4) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (5) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (4) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (6) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

123 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

124 Minister representing the Treasurer

128 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

130 Minister for Finance and Administration

131 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

133 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

135 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

137 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

138 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

139 Special Minister of State

140 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

*Notice given 22 November 2004*

141 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the grant of \$6 000 000 for the National Equine and Livestock Centre project in Tamworth under the Regional Partnerships Programme:

- (1) (a) What total funds have been paid to the proponent; (b) if the funds were paid in one sum, on what date was the payment made; and (c) if the funds were paid in instalments, please identify instalment dates and amounts paid on each date.
- (2) What is the name of the proponent.
- (3) What is the proponent's business address.
- (4) Will the Minister provide a full description of the project.
- (5) On what date did the proponent first discuss the Regional Partnerships Programme funding application with the New England North West Area Consultative Committee.
- (6) On what date was the application submitted to the department.
- (7) On what date did the department send a copy of the submitted application to the New England North West Area Consultative Committee for comment and recommendation.
- (8) (a) On what date did the New England North West Area Consultative Committee provide the department with a response; and (b) what was the nature of the response.
- (9) On what date did the department commence assessment of the application to determine if it was suitable for Regional Partnerships funding.

- (10) (a) What representations were received from the National Party candidate for New England for the 2004 federal election in respect to the project proposal; and (b) on what date(s) and in what form(s) were the representations made by the candidate.
- (11) What referees were listed on the application.
- (12) What project partners, if any, did the application identify.
- (13) What funding did the application seek.
- (14) (a) What cash contribution(s) from the proponent and/or project partners did the application identify; and (b) what was the status of the cash contribution(s) when the application was lodged with the department.
- (15) (a) What in-kind contribution(s) from the proponent and/or project partners did the application identify; and (b) what was the status of the in-kind contribution(s) when the application was lodged with the department.
- (16) What applications over the previous five years to Commonwealth, state or local governments were identified in the application for funding of the project.
- (17) Did the application include a breakdown of various project cost items; if not, why not.
- (18) What key milestones were noted in the project timetable that formed part of the application including a project start and completion dates.
- (19) What project rationale was identified in the application.
- (20) How did the project description align with its region's identified priorities, including priorities identified by the New England North West Area Consultative Committee in its Strategic Regional Plan.
- (21) Was a project plan and feasibility study attached to the application; if not, on what date(s) were these documents provided.
- (22) (a) What evidence of community support was contained in the application; and (b) was a letter of support from the unsuccessful National Party candidate for New England for the 2004 federal election and/or Senator Sandy Macdonald attached to the application.
- (23) What evidence was provided in the application demonstrating the project would be self-sustaining.
- (24) Was an independent risk assessment of the proponent or the project or both based on information provided in the Regional Partnerships funding application; if so: (a) on what date was the independent assessment ordered; (b) who undertook it; (c) when was it completed; (d) what was its conclusion; (e) how much did it cost; and (f) can a copy of the assessment report be provided; if not, why not.
- (25) If no independent risk assessment was undertaken, why not.
- (26) With reference to additional requirements imposed on applicants for Regional Partnerships funding exceeding \$250 000:
  - (a) Did the proponent provide an outline of its management structure including full names, dates of birth, current residential addresses and driver's licence numbers of relevant persons concerned with the project; if so, on what date; if not, why not.
  - (b) Did the proponent provide audited profit and loss and balance sheet statements for the previous three financial years; if so, on what date; if not, why not.

- (c) Did the proponent provide an authorised statement of financial position; if so, on what date; if not, why not.
  - (d) Did the proponent provide tax returns for the past three financial years; if so, on what date; if not, why not.
  - (e) Did the proponent provide a business plan for the project, including:
    - (i) a feasibility study, (ii) industry/data research, (iii) a three year cash flow projection for the project including assumptions used and sensitive factors in the projection, (iv) a market strategy including assumptions used, (v) a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats (SWOT) analysis, and (vi) a full list of pecuniary interests relevant to the project
- (27) Did the initial funding application fully comply with Regional Partnerships Programme guidelines; if not, what elements of the application were non-compliant.
- (28) (a) If applicable, on what date(s) was the application varied; and (b) in each case, how was the application varied.
- (29) (a) On what date did the department make a recommendation to the Minister; (b) what recommendation did the department make; and (c) were any preliminary or draft recommendations referred to the Minister and/or discussed with his office; if so, what draft recommendations were referred and/or discussed.
- (30) (a) On what occasions did the Minister and/or his office meet with the proponent and/or supporters of the project; and (b) in respect to each occasion, can the Minister identify the date, duration, attendance and matters discussed.
- (31) How did the proponent address each of the matters of concern identified in the 2002 independent assessment of the proposed National Equine and Livestock Centre project by Professor John Chudleigh, including:
  - (a) insufficient funding to complete the project; (b) over ambitious usage targets necessary to service debt; (c) lack of funds from the equine industry; and (d) no prospect of commercial viability.
- (32) Did the Minister impose any unwritten conditions on the grant, including a requirement that the Member for New England step down from the project board and disassociate himself from the proposal.
- (33) On what date was the funding application approved by the Minister.
- (34) On what date(s) and in what form(s) did the department and/or the Minister inform the proponent, the New England North West Area Consultative Committee, the Member for New England and the unsuccessful National Party candidate for New England for the 2004 federal election about the Minister's funding approval.
- (35) On what date did the department and/or the Minister publicly announce the grant.
- (36) Will the Minister provide a copy of the original Regional Partnerships Programme funding application, including attachments, and all subsequent variations; if not, why not.
- (37) On what date did the department commence negotiations with the proponent on a funding agreement.
- (38) On what date was the funding agreement signed.
- (39) Will the Minister provide a copy of the funding agreement; if not, why not.

*Notice given 2 December 2004*

- 158 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—For each state and territory in each of the past 10 years up to and including 2004 (to date), how many Australians died of the effects or abuse of: (a) alcohol; (b) tobacco; (c) prescription pharmaceuticals; and (d) non-prescription pharmaceuticals.

*Notice given 8 December 2004*

- Senator Bishop:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 166-168)—With reference to the Minister's official engagements on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Where did each engagement occur.
- (2) What was the nature of each engagement.
- (3) What was the start and finish time of each engagement.
- (4) (a) When was the Minister invited to, or when did the Minister first become aware of, each engagement; and (b) on what date did the Minister commit to attending each engagement.
- (5) (a) Who attended each engagement; and (b) in what capacity did they attend.
- (6) What was the cost incurred by the Commonwealth in arranging or ensuring the Minister's attendance at each engagement.
- (7) Will the Minister provide details of invitations or approaches to attend other official engagements on 15 November 2004 which the Minister either declined or delegated.

166 Minister representing the Prime Minister

167 Minister for Defence

168 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

- 170 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister's visit to Iraq in December 2004:

- (1) When did planning for the visit begin.
- (2) (a) Did the original idea for the visit originate from the Minister's office, the department, or the Prime Minister's office; and (b) was the visit based on media or policy advice.
- (3) Were specific media representatives selected to accompany the Minister; if so, how were they selected.
- (4) (a) Which media representatives were selected; and (b) which opted to accept the invitation to accompany the Minister.
- (5) Besides media representatives: (a) who else accompanied the Minister; and (b) in which capacity did they accompany the Minister.
- (6) (a) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of the trip to Iraq; and (b) are there any costs to the Commonwealth which could be attributed to the contingent of media representatives who accompanied the Minister.

*Notice given 9 December 2004*

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

- (1) For each of the past 12 months up to 31 December 2004: (a) how many veterans have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access:

- (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment; and (b) how many war widows have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access: (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment.
- (2) For each case in (1), what was: (a) the type of treatment accessed; (b) the location of the accessed treatment; and (c) the number of visits to date.
  - (3) For each case in (1), what was the cost of: (a) the treatment; (b) transportation to the place of treatment; and (b) accommodation.
  - (4) In how many cases has: (a) spousal travel been approved, and at what cost; and (b) special ambulance aircraft been required.
  - (5) For each of the past 3 financial years, how much has been paid to medical specialists in Tasmania.
  - (6) By speciality and state, how many medical specialists have now indicated their unwillingness to accept the Gold Card.
  - (7) From 1 January 2005, what will be the average percentage of the Medical Benefits Schedule, of all Gold Card schedule items for: (a) consultations; and (b) procedures.
  - (8) What is the daily rate agreed to under the Gold Card scheme for each private and public hospital in Australia.
  - (9) How many inquiries have been received by the department during 2004 from veterans and war widows seeking assistance in obtaining specialist medical treatment.
  - (10) (a) What amount was spent on transport of veterans and war widows to all medical appointments in each state over the past 3 financial years, and up to 31 December 2004; (b) by state and territory, how many individual journeys did this represent; and (c) by state and territory, what was the division of costs between: (i) private transport reimbursement, (ii) booked car with driver, (iii) air travel, and (iv) other.
  - (11) (a) On how many occasions during the past 3 financial years and up to 31 December 2004 did the department refer compensation claimants to specialists for medical assessment by state and territory and speciality; and (b) at what annual cost.

173 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—  
 (a) When did Cabinet decide to sponsor the Belgian proposal on human cloning at the United Nations (UN); and (b) when did Cabinet subsequently decide to endorse the Costa Rican proposal on human cloning at the UN.

174 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Will the Minister provide copies of any recommendations, advice or comments the department has received in the past 18 months regarding, or in response to, a proposal put forward by Belgium to the United Nations on the issue of 'reproductive' cloning of people and/or 'therapeutic' cloning of human embryos for research into cures for serious diseases.
- (2) Will the Minister provide copies of any recommendations, advice, comments or draft reports or recommendations prepared by the department regarding the review of Australia's national legislation on human reproductive cloning and/or human embryonic stem cell research.
- (3) (a) When is the review of the legislation on human reproductive cloning and human embryonic stem cell research expected to begin; and (b) does the Minister have responsibility for the review; if not, who does.



175 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will the Minister provide copies of any recommendations, advice or comments received in the past 18 months regarding, or in response to, a proposal put forward by Belgium to the United Nations (UN) on the issue of ‘reproductive’ cloning of people and/or ‘therapeutic’ cloning of human embryos for research into cures for serious diseases.
- (2) When was the department made aware of the Cabinet decisions to support the Belgian proposal on human cloning and consequently the Costa Rican proposal on human cloning at the UN.

*Notice given 17 December 2004*

181 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the past 5 years, what funds have been paid from Commonwealth programs to each state and territory for urban public transport.

182 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to the table of aviation safety investigations shown on page 66 of the department’s annual report for 2003-04: For the year 2003-04, what is the breakdown, by type, for both accidents and incidents notified; that is, mechanical failure, separation, weather etc.
- (2) (a) How many charges were pressed against operators and pilots as the result of investigations into both accidents and incidents; and (b) what was the outcome in each case.

183 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to page 84 of the department’s annual report for 2003-04 and the claim that the Alice Springs to Darwin rail link ‘will return as much as \$1.88 for every dollar spent on it’: Has that estimate been revised in the light of operating experience; if so, what was the result; if not, are there plans to do so.
- (2) What was the total cost of Commonwealth contributions by way of grants and loans for the project’s construction and operation.
- (3) (a) What assessment has been made of the financial performance of the railway in the first 6 months of operation, compared with projections; and (b) will the Minister provide a copy of that assessment; if not, why not.

184 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) What specific capital works projects have been prepared and approved to date for expenditure from the \$450 million grant to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC); and (b) what is the time line for the completion of each project.
- (2) When is it expected that this investment will enable the goal of a 3 hour reduction in travel time between Brisbane and Sydney to be achieved.
- (3) Of the \$250 million allocated in the 2002-03 financial year for upgrading interstate rail links: (a) what projects to date have been funded; (b) at what cost; (c) which projects have been completed; and (d) what funds remain uncommitted.

- (4) What is the annual cost of leasing track from New South Wales.
  - (5) What provision exists within the agreement with New South Wales for the public tendering of capital works funded by ARTC.
- 185 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Under Auslink how will priorities within the funds currently allocated to the Roads to Recovery Program be decided with respect to national, state and local government involvement.
- 188 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) By electorate, what projects were funded under the Natural Disasters Mitigation Program in 2004 to date.
  - (2) How many have been completed.
  - (3) (a) What was the purpose of each; and (b) who was the key proponent.
  - (4) What are the timelines for applications and approvals.
  - (5) (a) Which projects were funded by loans and/or grants; and (b) in what proportion.
  - (6) By electorate, which project applications were rejected.
- 190 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) As part of its role of monitoring productivity on the waterfront, what information is available to the department and its agencies on the movement of containers to and from stevedores' facilities by rail and road, storage times, waiting times for delivery, storage costs and cancelled pick-up slots.
  - (2) What formal arrangements exist with the Australian Customs Service for monitoring the movement of containers through x-ray facilities, delays caused, costs and cancelled pick-up slots.
  - (3) What research has been conducted by the department and its agencies into access by road and rail at each Australian container port, particularly at Port Botany.
  - (4) What consultation has been conducted with the New South Wales Government on improving port access by road and rail to Port Botany.
- 191 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) What is the current annual budget of the Tamworth Aeronautical College; and (b) from what sources are funds provided.
  - (2) What is the current level of cost recovery by way of fees and other contributions from industry.
  - (3) Do any industry participants provide funds, scholarships or make other contributions in cash or in kind; if so, what are they.
  - (4) How many students are currently enrolled at the end of 2004.
  - (5) What is the current drop-out rate for 2004.
  - (6) What capital contributions were made to establish the school by the Commonwealth and others.

- (7) (a) How was Tamworth chosen as the site; (b) what other sites were considered; (c) why were other sites deemed to be unsuitable; and (d) who made the final decision and when.
- (8) What other qualifications beyond courses completed at the school are required to obtain a licensed aircraft engineer's certificate.

193 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) By electorate, what projects were approved in each of the past 2 years under the Regional Flood Mitigation Program; and (b) what was the cost of each project.
- (2) Which approved projects have not yet been completed.
- (3) What was the purpose of each approved project.
- (4) What are the program's timelines for applications and approvals.
- (5) By electorate, which applications were rejected.

194 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Federation Fund:

- (1) By electorate: (a) what projects have been funded over the life of the Fund; and (b) what was the cost of each project.
- (2) (a) How many projects have received supplementary funding beyond the original estimate; and (c) what was the reason in each case.
- (3) By electorate, how many applications have been rejected to date.
- (4) What funds remain uncommitted in the Fund.
- (5) By electorate: (a) which approved project proposals have been cancelled; and (b) what was the reason in each case.
- (6) (a) What evaluation has been conducted of each completed project against the selection criteria; and (b) what was the result in relation to each project.

*Notice given 20 December 2004*

205 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package:

- (1) (a) What expressions of interest and/or applications have been received seeking funding under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package; and (b) for each application, will the Minister provide: (i) the date of the application, (ii) the amount of funding sought, (iii) the name of the proponent, and (iv) the nature of the project.
- (2) (a) What funding has been announced under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package; and (b) for each announcement, will the Minister provide: (i) the date of the announcement, (ii) the form of the announcement, (iii) details of the proponent, (iv) a detailed project description, and (v) the funding announced.
- (3) (a) What funding has been paid to each successful project; and (b) for each project, what job outcomes can be attributed to it.

- 206 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Commonwealth's commitment of \$20 million for regional structural adjustment assistance in the Namoi Valley through proposals which promote future growth of the region, diversify industry and generate long-term employment:
- (1) What total funding under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package has been: (a) announced; and (b) expended.
  - (2) Did the Regional Partnerships program, launched by the Minister on 26 June 2003, amalgamate the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package with other regional development programs.
  - (3) How was the administration of the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package affected by the amalgamation.
  - (4) Did the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package guidelines and assessment procedures remain in operation beyond 1 July 2003; if so, did the guidelines and assessment procedures for Regional Solutions, Regional Assistance, Rural Transaction Centres, Dairy Regional Assistance and the structural adjustment programs for the Wide Bay-Burnett, Weipa and the South-West Forests region of Western Australia also remain in operation post-amalgamation under the Regional Partnerships program.
- 207 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will the Minister provide details of all additions, omissions and amendments to project details published on the Regional Partnerships grant database at [www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au](http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au) since 9 October 2004.
  - (2) Where project details have been omitted or amended, will the Minister provide an explanation.
- 209 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's claim on 14 December 2004 that 15 Regional Partnerships assessments have been subject to 'Ministerial alteration' and 'some of them have been altered up or down': Will the Minister provide details of all assessments subject to 'Ministerial alteration', including: (a) the name of the project; (b) the name of the proponent; (c) the details of the alteration; (d) the final outcome of the assessment; (e) the nature of ministerial involvement; and (f) the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the alteration.
- 210 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the dispatch of letters concerning the Honourable De-Anne Kelly's MP signature notifying details of Regional Partnerships grants to stakeholders and posted on or after 26 October 2004, and the advice by Ms Kelly to the House of Representatives on 8 December 2004 that 'copies are on the relevant files' in the office of the Mr John Cobb MP:
- (1) Will the Minister provide details of all such correspondence, including: (a) recipient; (b) date signed; (c) date date-stamped; (d) date appearing on date-stamp; (e) date posted; (f) name of project; (g) size of grant; (h) date project approved; and (i) nature of correspondence.
  - (2) Will the Minister provide copies of all correspondence; if not, why not.

- 211 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
- (1) What alleged breaches of the *Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* (December, 1998) have been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and/or his office since its inception.
  - (2) In each case: (a) who was the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the alleged breach; (b) what was the nature of the alleged breach; (c) on what date did the Prime Minister and/or his office become aware of the alleged breach; (d) what was the source of information about the alleged breach; (e) how did the Prime Minister investigate the alleged breach; (f) if the Prime Minister did not investigate the alleged breach, why not; (g) what finding did the Prime Minister make in relation to the alleged breach, and on what date did the Prime Minister make the finding; and (h) what action, if any, did the Prime Minister take, and on what date did the Prime Minister take such action.

*Notice given 21 December 2004*

- 215 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Why does the department's annual report for 2003-04 note that the \$34.3 million cost of the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme for 2003-04 was 'slightly more than expected', while also noting that the cost of the scheme was 11.9 per cent below the revised budget estimate.
  - (2) If the cost of the scheme for 2003-04 was below expectations, why was the cost below expectations.
  - (3) If the cost of the scheme was above expectations, why was the cost above expectations.
- 216 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) By electorate: (a) what Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program ('Black Spot') projects were funded in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years; and (b) what was the cost of each.
  - (2) By electorate: (a) what 'Black Spot' projects were announced during the recent election campaign; (b) on what date were they announced; and (c) by whom were they announced.
  - (3) Were media releases for 'Black Spot' funding announcements prepared by the department; if so: (a) by whom; and (b) at what cost in each of the past 2 years.
  - (4) Which projects remain uncompleted as at 31 December 2004.
  - (5) What balance of funds remains uncommitted prior to absorption into Auslink.

**Senator Bishop:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 217-235)—With reference to the arrangement between the Commonwealth and Qantas Business Travel for the provision of air travel booking services to the Commonwealth, what steps have been taken to ensure that departmental personnel travel with the air carrier which provides the ‘best fare on the day’ as quoted by Qantas Business Travel.

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236 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) With reference to the article ‘Plane trouble delays possibly grounds Deputy PM’ which appeared in the *Australian* on 20 December 2004: (a) is Qantas Business Travel the sole provider of air travel booking services to the Commonwealth; (b) when did this arrangement take effect; (c) when will the arrangement expire; (d) was the arrangement put to open tender; if not, why not; (e) which other providers expressed an interest in providing air travel booking services to the Commonwealth; and (f) how much has the Commonwealth paid Qantas Business Travel for the provision of air travel booking services for each financial year since the arrangement took effect.
- (2) With reference to the negotiation of the arrangement between the Commonwealth and Qantas Business Travel for the provision of air travel booking services to the Commonwealth: (a) who negotiated the arrangement on behalf of the Commonwealth and who provided final approval of the arrangement; (b) when and where did the Minister receive representations from the Deputy Prime Minister in relation to the negotiation of this arrangement; (c) what was the outcome of those representations; (d) were records of those representations kept; if so, will the Minister provide the records; if not, why not; (e) what documentation or contract records of the arrangement between the Commonwealth and Qantas Business Travel exist and will the Minister provide the documentation; if not, why not; (f) what provisions in the agreement ensure

that Qantas Business Travel always provides the Commonwealth with quotes based on the 'best fare on the day'; and (g) what sanctions apply should it fail to do so.

*Notice given 22 December 2004*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 237-238)—

- (1) Which Regional Partnerships program funding announcements were submitted to the department for costing pursuant to the Charter of Budget Honesty during the 2004 election caretaker period.
- (2) For each case: (a) what are the details of the Regional Partnerships funding announcement including the amount of funding; and (b) on what date were the details submitted.
- (3) On what date was a media statement released by the Secretary of the department (or Secretaries) informing the public of the costing request, consistent with the Charter of Budget Honesty Costing of Election Commitment Guidelines jointly issued by the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration in 2004 (the guidelines).
- (4) If no media statement was released, why not.
- (5) If a media statement was released, will the Minister provide a copy; if not, why not.
- (6) Did the Secretary of the department (or Secretaries) seek further information from the Prime Minister to facilitate accurate costing, as provided in the guidelines; if so: (a) on what date; (b) what further information was sought; and (c) what was the Prime Minister's response.
- (7) (a) On what date were costings related to the announcement released; and (b) will the Minister provide a copy of the relevant findings; if not, why not.
- (8) If the findings were not released, did the Secretary of the department (or Secretaries) release a media statement informing the public that a policy costing was not possible; if so, will the Minister provide a copy of the media statement; if not, why not.
- (9) If no media statement was released, why not.

237 Minister representing the Treasurer

238 Minister for Finance and Administration

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

- (1) Has the department provided the Minister with advice on options for responding to the report of the House of Representatives' Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services, *Regional Aviation and Island Transport Services: Making Ends Meet*, tabled on 1 December 2003.
- (2) Why has the Minister failed to deliver a formal response to this bi-partisan report despite the passage of more than 12 months.

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

- (1) On what date did Airservices Australia's current review of pricing arrangements for airport control towers commence.
- (2) When will the review findings be announced.

- (3) What stakeholders have been consulted.
  - (4) Has a draft report been presented to the Minister and/or his office; if so, on what date.
  - (5) By airport, what subsidies were paid to airports under the scheme in the 2003-04 financial year.
- 244 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which air operators receive payments under the Payment Scheme for Airservices Australia's Enroute Charges program.
  - (2) What is the outcome of the client satisfaction survey undertaken in October 2004.
  - (3) Is this survey part of a wider review of the program; if so: (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what is the purpose of the review; and (c) when will the review findings be announced.
- 245 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the cost of regional development policy advice for the 2003-04 financial year as reported on page 103 of the department's annual report for 2003-04: why did the actual cost exceed the budget estimate by 70.5 per cent.
- 247 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Why did expenditure on regional flood mitigation in the 2003-04 financial year fall 52.1 per cent short of the budget estimate, as reported on page 103 of the department's annual report for 2003-04.
- 248 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On what date did the Council of Australian Governments agree to establish the Regional Development Council.
  - (2) On what dates has: (a) the Regional Development Council met; and (b) the Standing Committee on Regional Development met.
- 250 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Commonwealth Regional Information Service (CRIS), launched on 1 August 2002:
- (1) (a) By year, what is the total cost of the CRIS call centre operation in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs; and (c) what is the budgeted cost of the call centre operation in the 2004-05 financial year.
  - (2) By year, how many calls has the CRIS 1800 number received in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date.
  - (3) (a) By year, what total costs have been incurred in relation to the production and distribution of the Commonwealth Regional Information Directory (CRID) in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for production and distribution in the 2004-05 financial year.
  - (4) (a) By year, how many copies of the CRID have been distributed in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; and (b) what total number of copies are expected to be distributed in the 2004-05 financial year.



- (5) (a) By year, what total costs have been incurred in relation to the production and distribution of the quick reference guide known as the Commonwealth Regional Information Book (CRIB) in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs including design, printing and postage; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for production and distribution in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (6) (a) By year, how many copies of the CRIB have been distributed in each of the following financial years: (i) 2002-03, (ii) 2003-04, and (iii) 2004-05 to date, by year; and (b) what total number of copies are expected to be distributed in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (7) With reference to the household distribution of the CRIB, what information source was used to identify households.
- (8) (a) What is the total cost of the CRIS media campaign in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs including production, and advertising by television, radio and print media; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for media in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (9) Does the firm Singleton Ogilvy and Mather maintain the contract to provide the CRIS advertising campaign; if so, what are the terms of the contract; if not, which advertising firm holds the contract and what are the terms of the contract.
- (10) (a) By year, what is the total cost of the CRIS travelling show in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for the travelling show in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (11) (a) By year, what is the total cost of production and distribution of CRIS community information stands in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for community information stands in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (12) Which community and/or business organisations have received community information stands.
- (13) (a) By year, what is the total cost of maintaining the regional entry point Internet portal managed by the department in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs; and (c) what is the budgeted cost for maintenance of the portal in the 2004-05 financial year.

251 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim on page 111 of the department's annual report for 2003-04 that a Regional Partnerships program grant funded some operating costs of the heritage railway from Beaudesert to Bethania in Queensland:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the accuracy of departmental evidence given to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee during the Budget estimates on 27 May 2004 (*Hansard* p. 102) that that grant enabled Beaudesert Rail to 'pay off its creditors—it had amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors—and to provide it with some supplementary operating funds for the remainder of the financial year'.

- (2) (a) On what dates were Regional Partnerships payments made to Beaudesert Rail; and (b) on each occasion, what was the amount of the payment.
- (3) (a) How much of the \$660 000 Regional Partnerships grant to Beaudesert Rail was directed to paying creditors; and (b) how much was directed to operating costs.
- (4) Will the Minister provide detailed advice of creditors and monies owing at the time of the grant decision; if not, why not.
- (5) When did the Minister and/or the department first become aware that Beaudesert Rail had 'amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors'.
- (6) (a) On what date did the Commonwealth commence discussions with Beaudesert Rail on the provision of a loan to assist its operations; (b) on what date did the Commonwealth offer Beaudesert Rail a loan; (c) what was the amount of the loan offer and the proposed interest rate and term of repayment; (d) what role did the Minister and/or the department play in the consideration and negotiation of the loan proposal; and (e) what program was the proposed source of loan funds.
- (7) (a) On what date: (a) was a Regional Partnerships funding application for the Beaudesert Rail project submitted; and (b) was advice sought from the local Area Consultative Committee.
- (8) (a) When did the Minister approve the conversion of the loan to a grant under the Regional Partnerships program; (b) what was the financial position of Beaudesert Rail at this time; and (c) what due diligence preceded the decision to convert the loan to a grant.
- (9) (a) Do the Regional Partnerships guidelines provide that the Government cannot fund retrospective costs in relation to a project; and (b) does the department define retrospective funding as funding to meet any expenditure, or commitment to expenditure, incurred prior to a Regional Partnerships funding agreement being signed by both parties.
- (10) On what date was the funding agreement in relation to the Beaudesert Rail project signed.
- (11) Does the funding of creditors under the Regional Partnerships program constitute retrospective funding; if so: (a) did the funding of the Beaudesert Rail project to pay creditors constitute a breach of the program rules; and (b) does the Minister accept responsibility for the breach.
- (12) On what date was: (a) the funding agreement for Beaudesert Rail signed by both parties; (b) a satisfactory independent audit of accounts in accordance with the Government's requirements undertaken; and (c) the Government provided with evidence of an acquittal of expenditure against the approved budget for the project.
- (13) Has Beaudesert Rail produced evidence of satisfactory performance and achievement of all project milestones.
- (14) What outcomes can the Minister attribute to the allocation of \$660 000 in Regional Partnerships grant money to the Beaudesert Rail project.
- (15) Who determined that the allocation of Regional Partnerships funding to Beaudesert Rail should be featured in the department's annual report.

252 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the 2004-05 Regional Partnerships client satisfaction survey reported on page 112 of the department's annual report for 2003-04:

- (1) Who will conduct the survey.
- (2) What is the survey timetable.
- (3) Which stakeholders will be invited to participate in the survey.
- (4) What is the budgeted cost of the survey.

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

- (1) Did the Minister authorise the publication of media statements carrying The Nationals' party logo on the publicly-funded Sustainable Regions website, [www.sustainableregions.gov.au](http://www.sustainableregions.gov.au); if so, when; if not, who authorised the publication of these party-political media statements.
- (2) (a) What guidelines apply to the publication of party-political material by the department; and (b) is the publication of party-political media statements on the Sustainable Regions website consistent with these guidelines.

*Notice given 23 December 2004*

256 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) Is it the case that budget cuts forced the National Capital Authority to give the National Christmas Tree to the Government of the Australian Capital Territory; if not, what was the reason.
- (2) On what date was the decision made to give the National Christmas Tree away.
- (3) Which elected representatives were consulted on the decision to give the tree away.
- (4) Who made the decision.
- (5) On what date was the Minister informed.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that a former Minister for Territories, Senator Ian Macdonald, said the significance of lighting the National Christmas Tree goes beyond Canberra and out to the entire nation, describing it as important in the ongoing quest to promote the national capital as a warm and friendly place.
- (7) Is the Minister aware that the Governor-General lit the tree in 2003 and said it symbolised the spirit of giving and encouraged Australians to help needy members of our community.
- (8) On what date was the Governor-General informed that the National Christmas Tree would not be erected outside Parliament House in 2004.
- (9) On what dates has the National Christmas Tree been lit in previous years.

257 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Special Employee Entitlement Scheme for Ansett Group Employees (SEESA):

- (1) What has been paid under SEESA to former Ansett employees.

- (2) What entitlements, other than SEESA, are yet to be paid to former Ansett employees.
- (3) (a) Will the Minister provide a copy of the business rules under which SEESA operates; and (b) have these rules been varied since inception; if so, how and when.
- (4) Did the department specify targets for timeliness of payments from SEES Pty Ltd to the Ansett Administrators and payments from the Ansett Administrators to former Ansett employees; if so: (a) what targets; and (b) how were these targets set; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Minister provide full details of the timeliness of: (a) SEESA payments to the Ansett Administrators; and (b) SEESA payments through the Ansett Administrators to former Ansett employees.
- (6) Will the Minister provide documented evidence of the department's role in the selection of the scheme's financier.
- (7) Will the Minister provide full details, by financial year, of the loan facility obtained by SEES Pty Ltd including: (a) all amounts drawn down on the loan facility; (b) the date and purpose of each drawdown; (c) all fees, charges and interest paid in relation to the loan; and (d) the term and repayment schedule of the loan.
- (8) Will the Minister provide, by financial year, full details of costs incurred by the department in relation to the establishment and operation of SEESA.
- (9) Will the Minister provide, by financial year, full details of any payments (including the source of the funds) made to the department in relation to the establishment and operation of SEESA.

259 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Special Employee Entitlement Scheme for Ansett Group Employees and the corresponding ticket levy administered by the department: does the Minister stand behind his statement on 28 September 2001 that 'The Government has imposed the levy to pay for the entitlements of Ansett employees'.

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

- (1) What is the amount of the surplus collected from the Ansett ticket levy.
- (2) (a) For what purpose or purposes has the surplus been expended; and (b) will the Minister provide precise expenditure details, including the amount, by expenditure item.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 262-264)—

- (1) On what date did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware of the meeting of former Ansett employees on 27 November 2004 to discuss unpaid entitlements.
- (2) In each case in (1) what was the source of information.
- (3) Did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, attend the meeting to address former Ansett employee concerns about outstanding employee entitlements.
- (4) In each case in (3) if not, why not.

- (5) On what date(s) has: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, met with representatives of former Ansett employees to discuss the matter of outstanding employee entitlements.

262 Minister representing the Prime Minister

263 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

266 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) What are the terms of reference for the department's 2004-05 review of fees and charges associated with delivering services to Australia's territories.
- (2) Who will undertake the review.
- (3) What is the review timetable.
- (4) Will the current fees and charges regime remain in place until the review is concluded.
- (5) How will the department consult with stakeholders.
- (6) Which stakeholders will be consulted.
- (7) (a) By year and territory, what revenue associated with services to Australia's territories has the department derived in the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; and (b) by territory, what total revenue does the department expect to derive in the 2004-05 financial year.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 267-269)—With reference to the proposed new Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island:

- (1) (a) What is the current estimated total cost of construction including related costs; and (b) will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the cost.
- (2) (a) What funds have been expended so far; and (b) will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the cost by financial year.
- (3) Will the Minister provide a list of all contracts let for the construction phase of the project, including the successful tenderer.
- (4) On what date will: (a) the early works phase of the project be completed; (b) the main works phase of the contract commence; (c) the main works phase of the contract be completed; and (d) the IRPC be operational.
- (5) (a) What compensation was paid to Phosphate Resources Limited for the resumption of land for the IRPC; (b) on what date was this compensation paid; (c) who undertook the negotiations on behalf of the Commonwealth; (d) which Minister approved the compensation; and (e) what program was the source of the compensation funds.
- (6) (a) What consultants have been engaged in relation to the IRPC project; and (b) in each case, what was the nature of the consultancy, the term of the consultancy and the associated financial value.
- (7) (a) On what date did the Department of Finance and Administration assume responsibility for the project; (b) why did the Department of Finance and Administration assume responsibility for the project; and (c) what other IRPC construction projects did the Department of Finance and Administration manage prior to the transfer of responsibility for the IRPC project.

- (8) What role does the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs perform in relation to the project during planning and construction.
  - (9) What role does the Department of Transport and Regional Services perform in relation to the project during planning and construction.
  - (10) Have all contracts let for the construction phase of the project included local training and local business content; if so, will the Minister provide details; if not, why not.
  - (11) Has the local training and local business involvement which formed part of the assessment criteria for the major works contract been consistent with evidence given by the Department of Finance and Administration to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works on 31 October 2003; if so, will the Minister provide details; if not, why not.
  - (12) Will local training and employment and local business involvement form part of the assessment criteria for the service contract for the operation of the IRPC; if not, why not.
  - (13) Will the Christmas Island community have access to recreational and other facilities at the IRPC, subject to operational needs.
- 268 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 269 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 271 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) By financial year, what funds have been provided to the Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories for the development of an economic development strategy for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
  - (2) What outcomes can be attributed to the funding.
- 272 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—By financial year, and disaggregated to include salary, other remuneration, personal staff, accommodation, entertainment, travel and other costs, what are the costs associated with maintaining the Administrator of Norfolk Island in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date.
- 273 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—By financial year, and disaggregated to include salary, other remuneration, personal staff, accommodation, entertainment, travel and other costs, what costs are associated with maintaining the Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date.
- 274 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) On what date: (a) was the appointment of the current Administrator of Norfolk Island announced; and (b) did the Administrator commence the appointment.
  - (2) What is the term of the Administrator's appointment.
  - (3) Will the Minister provide details, by financial year, of the Administrator's publicly-funded travel.
  - (4) (a) On what dates has the Administrator provided formal reports to the Minister; and (b) will the Minister provide copies of these reports; if not, why not.

- 275 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) On what date: (a) was the appointment of the current Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories announced; and (b) did the Administrator commence the appointment.
  - (2) What is the term of the Administrator's appointment.
  - (3) Will the Minister provide details, by financial year, of the Administrator's publicly-funded travel.
  - (4) (a) On what dates has the Administrator provided formal reports to the Minister; and (b) will the Minister provide copies of these reports; if not, why not.
- 276 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) What are the names and terms of appointment of the members of the Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority.
  - (2) What costs have been associated with the authority in each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date.
- 277 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What are the names and terms of appointment of the members of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Authority.
  - (2) What costs have been associated with the authority in the each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date.
- 278 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—On what date(s) has the Prime Minister visited: (a) Christmas Island; (b) the Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and (c) Norfolk Island.
- 284 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the department's workplace diversity program seek to ensure the department attracts and retains a diverse range of people with a focus on Indigenous employment.
  - (2) In what year was this workplace diversity program launched.
  - (3) How many Indigenous staff did the department employ in the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 in the following classifications: (a) Senior Executive Service Level (SES) 3; (b) SES 2; (c) SES 1; (d) Executive Level (EL) 2; (e) EL 1; (f) Australian Public Service Level (APS) 6; (g) APS 5; (h) APS 4; (i) APS 3; (j) graduate; (k) APS 2; (l) APS 1; (m) trainee; and (n) other.
- 285 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which of the following measures has the department adopted to ensure it attracts and retains a diverse range of people with a focus on Indigenous employment: (a) an Indigenous employment strategy; (b) special employment measures limiting employment opportunities only to Indigenous applicants; (c) identified positions for Indigenous staff; (d) participation in the National Indigenous Cadetship Program; (e) providing opportunities for Indigenous people to gain skills and

experience under an agency-based Indigenous employment scheme; and (f) advertising employment opportunities in Indigenous media.

- (2) For each applicable measure: (a) what is the date of implementation; and (b) what outcomes can be attributed to the measure.

286 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—(a) What grants have been made under the Regional and Rural Research Information and Data program in each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; and (b) for each project, will the Minister provide details of the amount of the grant, the name of the proponent and the start and finish dates.

287 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—(a) What grants have been made under the Regional and Rural Development Grant program in each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date; and (b) for each project, will the Minister provide details of the amount of the grant, the name of the proponent and the start and finish dates.

288 **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.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 293-296)—

- (1) On what date(s) did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware that Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd proposed to import a shipment of ethanol to Australia from Brazil in September 2002.
- (2) What was the source of this information to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department.
- (3) Was the Minister or his office or the department requested to investigate and/or take action to prevent the arrival of this shipment by any ethanol producer or distributor or industry organisation; if so: (a) who made this request; (b) when was it made; and (c) what form did this request take.
- (4) Did the Minister or his office or the department engage in discussions and/or activities in August 2002 or September 2002 to develop a proposal to prevent the arrival of this shipment of ethanol from Brazil; if so, what



was the nature of these discussions and/or activities, including dates of discussions and/or activities, personnel involved and cost.

293 Minister representing the Prime Minister

294 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

295 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

- (1) Did the Minister, his office and/or the department ask the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 to make enquiries about the proposed export of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd.
- (2) How did the Minister, his office and/or the department become aware of the proposed shipment.
- (3) On what date did the Minister, his office and/or the department become aware of the proposed shipment.
- (4) Who made this request.
- (5) Why was the request made.
- (6) Was the request made at the behest of the Prime Minister, another minister, an ethanol producer, and/or an industry organisation.
- (7) On what date was this request made.
- (8) In what form was the request made.
- (9) Who received this request.
- (10) Did the Australian Embassy in Brazil make this enquiry on behalf of the Minister, his office and/or the department; if so, on what date(s) was this enquiry made and what form did it take.
- (11) What information was provided to the Minister, his office and/or the department.
- (12) On what date and in what form was this information provided.
- (13) On what dates and to whom did the Minister, his office and/or the department communicate the information provided by the Embassy.

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

- (1) Did the Minister receive a request from the Minister for Trade to authorise staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 to gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd.
- (2) Did staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd; if so: (a) who requested the staff to engage in that task; (b) who authorised staff to agree to the request; (c) what action did staff take; (d) which staff engaged in the task; (e) on what date(s) did staff engage in the task; (f) what was the cost of engaging in the task; (g) to whom did the staff deliver this information in Australia; and (h) what form did that communication take.

300 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—  
With reference to the answer to paragraph (3)(a) of question on notice no. 565  
(Senate *Hansard*, 11 November 2002, p. 6016):

- (1) Was the alleged broadcasting of bogus Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon signals by the *Volga* to assist the illegal fishing vessel the *Lena* to evade hot pursuit by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority contracted *Southern Supporter* subject to investigation by Australian authorities; if so, what was the outcome of the investigation; if no investigation has been undertaken, why not.
- (2) Was the alleged broadcasting of bogus Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon signals by the *Florence* during the *Southern Supporter's* hot pursuit of the illegal fishing vessel the *Lena*, and the *Florence's* alleged re-fuelling of the *Lena*, subject to investigation by Australian authorities; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation and what legal action, if any, has been initiated against the crew of the *Florence*; if no investigation has been undertaken, why not.

301 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) When were Australian authorities first made aware of alleged, actual or intended illegal fishing activity by the vessel the *Viarsa* in Australian waters near the Heard and McDonald Islands (HIMI) in 2003.
- (2) What was the source of the information.
- (3) When did Australian authorities authorise the Australian Fisheries Management Authority-contracted vessel the *Southern Supporter* to intercept the *Viarsa*.
- (4) Where and when did the *Southern Supporter* first locate the *Viarsa*.
- (5) (a) What action, pursuant to what international or domestic law, did the *Southern Supporter* order the *Viarsa* to undertake; (b) when was this order made; and (c) what was the *Viarsa's* response.
- (6) (a) Were the *Viarsa's* identifiers displayed at the time it was located by the *Southern Supporter*; if so, were these identifiers later removed and when.
- (7) When and how did the *Viarsa* first identify itself to the *Southern Supporter*.
- (8) Was authorisation from a Minister or departmental officer required before the *Southern Supporter* commenced its hot pursuit of the *Viarsa*; if so: (a) when was this authorisation requested; (b) when was it provided; and (c) who provided it.
- (9) When did the hot pursuit of the *Viarsa* by the *Southern Supporter* commence.
- (10) Why did the Minister not announce the commencement of the pursuit until 12 August 2003.
- (11) With reference to the Minister's statement on 13 May 2003 concerning armed enforcement in HIMI, was the *Southern Supporter* armed; if not, what capacity did the *Southern Supporter* have to apprehend the *Viarsa* without additional enforcement assistance.
- (12) Was the Department of Defence asked to provide logistical or enforcement assistance in the interception of the *Viarsa*; if so: (a) when was the request made; (b) what was the department's response; and (c) what assistance was provided.

- (13) (a) When did the Australian Government first make direct representations to the Uruguayan Government urging it to exercise its flag state responsibilities and require the *Viarsa* to accompany the *Southern Supporter* to the nearest Australian port; (b) what form did those representations take; (c) what was the Uruguayan Government's initial response and when was that response received; (d) did the Uruguayan Government consent to Australia's request that the *Viarsa* be ordered to accompany the *Southern Supporter*; (e) did the Uruguayan Government order the *Viarsa* to accompany the *Southern Supporter* to an Australian port; if so, when was that order made and what is the source of that information.
- (14) (a) What subsequent representations did the Government make to the Uruguayan Government prior to the vessel's apprehension; (b) what was the Uruguayan Government's response to these representations; (c) when did the Minister make direct contact with the Uruguayan Minister for Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries; (d) what assistance did the Minister seek; (e) how did the Uruguayan Minister respond to the Minister's request for assistance; and (f) what assistance has the Uruguayan Embassy in Canberra provided in the *Viarsa* matter.
- (15) Did the Uruguayan Government order the *Viarsa* to return to Montevideo; if so, when was that order made and what is the source of the information.
- (16) (a) When was the Minister and/or his department informed that a Uruguayan Government official was aboard the *Viarsa*; (b) what was the source of this information; (c) what is the name of the Uruguayan Government official and what position does the official hold; (d) what representations has the Government made to the Uruguayan Government in this matter; (e) what was the Uruguayan Government's response; and (f) when did the Uruguayan official board the *Viarsa*.
- (17) (a) What representations has the Government received from the Uruguayan Government since the vessel's apprehension; and (b) how has Australia responded to those representations.
- (18) When did the Government first alert the secretariat of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) of the alleged illegal fishing activity by the *Viarsa*.
- (19) (a) What assistance did the Government, through its secretariat, ask members of CCAMLR to provide in relation to the *Viarsa*; (b) when was that assistance sought; and (c) what assistance, by country, was provided.
- (20) (a) When did the Government first make direct representations to the South African Government seeking assistance in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) what request did the Government make; (c) what response did the South African Government provide and when was it received; (d) when was the Government informed that the *SA Agulhas* would be directed to intercept the *Viarsa*; and (e) when did the *SA Agulhas* join the hot pursuit of the *Viarsa*.
- (21) (a) When did the Government initiate commercial negotiations on the hire of the tug boat *John Ross* to assist in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) when did the tug commence pursuit of the *Viarsa*; (c) what was the composition of the crew aboard the tug; (d) did the tug operate under Australian command; (e) what was the total cost of the tug hire; (f) was the cost of hiring the tug reduced as a result of Australia's cooperative relationship with the South African Government on illegal fishing matters;

and (g) what total cost is payable to South African interests for assistance in the *Viarsa* matter.

- (22) (a) When did the Government first make direct representations to the United Kingdom (UK) Government seeking assistance in the apprehension of the *Viarsa*; (b) what request did the Government make; (c) what response did the UK Government provide and when was it received; (d) what assistance did the UK Government provide; and (e) what total cost is payable to UK interests for assistance in the *Viarsa* matter.
- (23) When and where was the apprehension of the *Viarsa* effected.
- (24) (a) What was the number and composition of the crew aboard the *Viarsa* upon its apprehension; and (b) has the Government made representations to other governments on the presence of their nationals aboard the *Viarsa*; if so, what representations has the Government made and what was the response.
- (25) What fish and equipment was allegedly found aboard the vessel.
- (26) What is the status of legal proceedings related to the investigation into the *Viarsa's* conduct in Australian waters; and (b) where is the vessel and its crew currently located.
- (27) What arrangements did the Government make for the disposal of fish allegedly found aboard the vessel.
- (28) How has the Government recognised the performance of the Australian officers involved in the pursuit and apprehension of the *Viarsa*.
- (29) What was the cost of the operation to apprehend the *Viarsa*.
- (30) What total cost has the Government incurred in the *Viarsa* matter, including the cost of pre-pursuit and post-apprehension operations.
- (31) Was the cost of the *Viarsa* operation met from the \$12 million budget allocation for Southern Ocean fisheries enforcement in the 2003-04 financial year, announced by the Minister on 13 May 2003; if so, was the operational plan for the 2003-04 financial year amended to account for the *Viarsa* operation.

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

- (1) Does the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) receive advice from Livecorp on all withdrawals of accreditation and accreditation downgrades under the Live Export Accreditation Program.
- (2) Will the Minister provide details of all such accreditation withdrawals for each of the following financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, including for each withdrawal: (a) the name of the company; (b) the reason for withdrawal; and (c) the consequential action by AQIS.
- (3) Will the Minister provide details of all such accreditation downgrades for each of the following financial years: 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, including for each downgrade: (a) the name of the company; (b) the change in accreditation level; (c) the reason for downgrade; and (d) consequential action by AQIS.

303 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—(a) Which countries have banned, suspended or varied conditions of export for Australian live animals since 1996; and (b) in each case,

will the Minister provide details of the ban, suspension or variation, including date of action and basis of action.

304 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the discovery of live sea lice in a shipment of imported salmon on 3 September 2003:

- (1) What was the exporting country.
- (2) When did the shipment depart.
- (3) If not exported from the country of origin, what was the exporting country.
- (4) What was the port of departure.
- (5) When did the shipment arrive in Australia.
- (6) What was the port of arrival.
- (7) What salmonid species did the shipment contain.
- (8) When did the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) issue the permit to import quarantine material.
- (9) When was the official certificate issued by an AQIS-recognised competent authority in the exporting country.
- (10) What was the form, presentation and weight of the salmon.
- (11) What was the intended end use of the salmon, including, if applicable, commercial processing, processing for retail sale and/or direct retail sale.
- (12) When and where did AQIS first inspect the salmon.
- (13) When was the salmon seized.
- (14) Was the salmon ordered to be frozen; if so: (a) when was that order made; and (b) on what date was the salmon frozen.
- (15) In relation to the sea lice analysis: (a) when did this commence and conclude; (b) where was this done; and (c) who conducted the analysis.
- (16) (a) When was the Minister and/or his office and/or his department informed about the analysis findings; and (b) what are the analysis findings, including: (i) details of the sea lice species, (ii) whether the species are usually found in Australian waters, and (iii) whether the sea lice present a quarantine risk.
- (17) (a) When did AQIS consult with Food Standards Australia New Zealand and state and territory food agencies about the salmon; (b) what state and territory food agencies were consulted; and (c) what was the nature of those consultations.
- (18) In relation to the outcome of the sea lice discovery and analysis: (a) if the salmon was released for sale: (i) when, (ii) what conditions, if any, were placed on its end use, and (iii) what was its end use; (b) if the salmon was ordered to be re-exported: (i) when was that order made, (ii) when was the salmon exported, (iii) how was the exported salmon labelled, and (iv) to what country was it exported; and (c) if the salmon was ordered to be destroyed: (i) when was that order made, and (ii) when and how was it destroyed.

306 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) For each of the past 4 financial years, including 2004-05 to date, how many foreign fishing vessels (FFVs) were sighted inside Australia's Fishing Zone.
- (2) How many of those vessels were located in waters to the north of Australia.

- (3) In relation to the vessels that were located to the north of Australia: (a) on how many occasions was no action taken by Australian authorities; and (b) in each case, on what basis was no action taken.
- (4) How many of the FFVs were the subject of an administrative seizure.
- (5) (a) How many of the FFVs were towed or escorted to an Australian port; and (b) of those vessels: (i) how many were destroyed, (ii) how many had a bond posted, and (iii) how many crews were charged with an offence and prosecuted and in each case, what was the outcome of that legal process.

307 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has the Prime Minister's office had any involvement in the Government's response to legal claims against the Commonwealth by Mr Mark McMurtrie of New Italy, New South Wales; if so, what involvement has the Prime Minister's office had in relation to this matter.
- (2) Has the Prime Minister's office convened any meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Sydney, or any other location, with Mr McMurtrie and/or any other party to discuss a resolution to Mr McMurtrie's claims; if so, for each meeting:
  - (a) when and at what time was the meeting held;
  - (b) what was discussed; and
  - (c) who was present.
- (3) Have members of the Prime Minister's office given to Mr McMurtrie, or any other party, orally or in writing, any undertakings in respect to the resolution of Mr McMurtrie's claims; if so:
  - (a) which staff member gave these undertakings; and
  - (b) in each case:
    - (i) what was the undertaking,
    - (ii) who received the undertaking,
    - (iii) when was the undertaking given, and
    - (iv) was the undertaking given orally or in writing, if orally:
      - (A) at what time, and
      - (B) how was it provided (i.e. telephone, meeting etc.), and if written, can a copy of the undertaking be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Prime Minister and/or his office received correspondence from third parties who are concerned about the conduct of the Prime Minister's office in relation to this matter; if so:
  - (a) what was the nature of the concerns expressed on each occasion; and
  - (b) can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Prime Minister aware of the obligations imposed on ministers by *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* (December 1998) with respect to the timely response to questions on notice.
- (6) Is the Prime Minister aware that a question placed on notice during the previous Parliament in precisely the same terms as this question lapsed unanswered after 210 days.

*Notice given 10 January 2005*

- 310 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What is the current immigration status of Mr Peter Qasim, a refugee from Kashmir.
  - (2) How long has Mr Qasim been held in detention.
  - (3) Has there been an investigation into reports that Mr Qasim was raped while in jail in Perth; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
  - (4) What is Mr Qasim's mental health condition.
  - (5) Has Mr Qasim attempted self harm; if so, what action has the Government taken to prevent further incidents.

*Notice given 17 January 2005*

- 312 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Given reports that significant numbers of birds continue to die in tailings ponds in South Australia's Olympic Dam uranium mine:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm the numbers and species of birds, and any other animals, which annually perish in tailings ponds in South Australian mines.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm the numbers and species of birds, and any other animals, which annually perish in the tailings ponds of uranium mines in other states and territories.
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm whether any species listed as threatened under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* may be at risk as a result of the existence of toxic tailings ponds in the vicinity of their habitats.
  - (4) Can the Minister give an assessment of the effectiveness of mitigation efforts currently used, including deterrence of animals by shooting and strobe lighting.
- 313 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the recall on 28 April 2003 of products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals: For each of the 62 serious adverse events occurring in individuals who consumed products for which Pan Pharmaceuticals was an approved manufacturer and that were reported in the 12 months prior to the Pan Pharmaceuticals recall, can the Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee provide a copy of the individual printout from their database; if not, why not.

*Notice given 21 January 2005*

- Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 315-317)—Can the Minister provide: (a) the directives, guidelines or other instructions issued by the department for the procurement of transport services to the department; (b) the date on which such contracts were agreed; (c) the entity which the Commonwealth has contracted with; and (d) the total costs of these contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.
- 316 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- 319 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister provide: (a) the directives, guidelines or other instructions issued or developed by the Minister regarding the procurement of transport services by the Commonwealth for either the department or issued to other Commonwealth departments or agencies; (b) the date on which such contracts were agreed; (c) the entity which the Commonwealth has contracted with; and (d) the total costs of these contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.

*Notice given 31 January 2005*

- 325 **Senator Boswell:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Recent public debate on abortion has been characterised by a wide range of proffered statistics and claims. Recognising that abortion is a matter for state law, but that the Commonwealth funds abortion procedures through Medicare, can the Minister provide the most detailed and recent information as set out below, to expedite an informed debate:
- (1) How many abortion procedures are carried out each year in Australia in the private and public health sectors in the different states and territories.
  - (2) (a) Does the department have access to reliable information on the percentage of pregnancies that end in abortion in Australia; and (b) what is the department's estimate.
  - (3) (a) Has the department access to reliable forecasts or predictions of the number of abortions likely in future years; and (b) what is the department's expectation of Medicare funding allocations required for abortion procedures in the next 10 years.
  - (4) Has the department access to and, if so, can it provide a current statistical profile of Australian women who have an abortion – for example, information tabulated across age, income, married status, number of children, previous abortions, reason for procedure, geographical location, etc.
  - (5) (a) How many Medicare providers provided abortions in the past year; and (b) how many public hospitals or centres carry out abortions.
  - (6) (a) What is the market structure of the private abortion sector; and (b) can the department provide a numerical breakdown of the private operators according to number of abortions.
  - (7) Are abortion clinics subject to any form of government accreditation relating to counselling and abortion procedures.
  - (8) (a) How does the department define a 'late term abortion'; (b) how many late term abortions have been performed in Australia each year for the past 10 years; (c) how many providers of late term abortions are there for the same time period; and (d) what are the statistically significant reasons for late term abortions.
  - (9) (a) Is there reputable research in the international medical/scientific literature linking women who have abortions with higher rates of mental illness or breast cancer; (b) has any research been done on this recently in Australia; if not, are there any plans to do so; and (c) is this claimed link a public health outcome which needs addressing; if so, what action is being considered.
  - (10) (a) Can the Minister detail the recent history of Commonwealth funding provided to pregnancy counselling services; and (b) can this funding be broken down into services provided by the abortion clinic itself (or



affiliated groups) and those provided by ‘pro-life’ groups and those provided by independent services.

- (11) (a) Has there been any research into the impact of mandatory independent pregnancy counselling services on the number of subsequent abortions; and (b) is the Minister aware of any Australian institutions where mandatory independent counselling is provided and the impact this has had on the abortion rate.
- (12) (a) How does the Commonwealth measure the performance of pregnancy counselling services funded by the Commonwealth; and (b) what criteria are used to allocate funding.
- (13) What would be the cost of providing mandatory independent counselling for all women seeking abortions.
- (14) How many women who have abortions do not receive any counselling.
- (15) What would be the cost of including an ultrasound of the foetus as part of the counselling process.
- (16) (a) How does the department budget for Medicare-funded abortions; and (b) what part of the cost of abortions is paid by the Commonwealth in Medicare, Australian Health Care Agreements and other funding.

*Notice given 3 February 2005*

**Senator Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 326-327)—In relation to restrictions on non-commercial growing of bananas in Queensland and potential impacts on flying foxes:

- (1) Are non-commercial banana-growers limited to 30 stems; if so, why.
- (2) Is there any evidence linking the restriction on non-commercial banana-growing with population levels of fruit-eating native species, in particular, is there any suggestion that flying fox populations are in decline and that limitations on banana-growing may be part of the cause.
- (3) What work is being done to reduce the dependence of commercial banana crops on chemicals, for example, by encouraging more diversity in the varieties of bananas grown.

326 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

327 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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

- (1) What assistance and input is the Commonwealth providing for the Victorian Government’s study of river red gums and wetlands along parts of the Murray and Goulburn Rivers.
- (2) How does this work relate to the Regional Forest Agreements and the exemptions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (3) What action will the Minister take to ensure that other red gum forests along the Murray, including the Nyah State Forest and Vinifera River Murray Reserve, are included in the Victorian study.

- 329 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the heritage listing and protection of the north-east Peninsula of Recherche Bay, Tasmania, and the Minister's media release of 28 January 2005:
- (1) Can the Minister provide a copy of the assurances given by the Tasmanian Government in relation to the protection of the north-east peninsula of Recherche Bay which led to the refusal of emergency listing.
  - (2) Can the Minister provide a schedule and copies of any other correspondence or communications between the Federal Government and the Tasmanian Government relating to the decision as to whether or not Recherche Bay should receive emergency listing.
  - (3) (a) What does 'selective logging with a high retention of existing trees' mean; (b) how many trees per hectare will be logged; (c) in what pattern; and (d) what level of disturbance will occur to other vegetation, soil and water.
  - (4) Can the Minister provide a table itemising: (a) the 'potential National Heritage values' so far identified for Recherche Bay; (b) each specific threat posed by logging (selective or otherwise); and (c) the way in which each threat is fully averted by the application of 'protective measures'.
  - (5) In relation to the list of threats in (4) above, can the Minister include both direct damage, such as from destruction of native vegetation or sites of potential archaeological significance, and indirect damage such as from four-wheel drive access.
- 330 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the heritage listing and protection of the north-east peninsula of Recherche Bay, Tasmania, and the Minister's media release of 28 January 2005:
- (1) On what date or dates and from which agencies did the Minister receive advice that Recherche Bay should not be given emergency listing on the National Heritage List.
  - (2) What investigation was undertaken and what information was used as the basis for the advice.
  - (3) Can the Minister provide a formal statement of the reasons for refusing an emergency listing.
  - (4) Why does the Minister refer to receiving an assessment of Recherche Bay from the Australian Heritage Council 'in the next few months' when the 12 month statutory assessment period expires on 2 March 2005.
- 331 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Has the Australian Government received any communication or application from the owners or associates of the fishing vessels *Veronica* or *Atlantic Dawn*; if so, can the Minister give details including: (a) date; (b) who made the contact; (c) what was requested; and (d) how the government responded.
- 332 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is there any proposal to extend mining leases or allow new mining contracts on Christmas Island; if so, can the Minister give details.
  - (2) What action is the government taking to ensure the long-term protection and good management of Christmas Island's environment, including the potential to end mining.

- 333 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the plight of Burmese migrant workers in Thailand following the tsunami:
- (1) What action has been taken and will be undertaken to persuade the Thai Government and the Burmese junta to legalise the procedures controlling the entry and exit of migrant workers.
  - (2) What action will the Minister take to persuade the Burmese junta to establish a formal legal framework governing the return of migrant workers, especially those traumatised by the tsunami.
  - (3) What action has Australia taken to assist Burmese migrant workers affected by the tsunami.
- 334 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Research Economics (ABARE) report 'Near Zero Emissions Technologies' published in January 2005 and prepared for the department:
- (1) Can the Minister provide a copy of ABARE's brief for this study, together with any other documents provided to the researchers by the department in commissioning the work or during the research and preparation of the report.
  - (2) (a) How much did the report cost; and (b) who funded it.
  - (3) (a) What is the source of the carbon capture and storage costs used in the study; (b) were the researchers given the figures; (c) why were they chosen; and (d) how do they compare with the costs provided in answers to questions on notice nos. 1061-1063 answered in March 2003.
  - (4) (a) What is the source of the renewable energy and energy efficiency costs used in the study; (b) were the researchers given the figures; (c) why were they chosen; and (d) what is the sensitivity of the results to changes in these figures.

*Notice given 4 February 2005*

- 335 **Senator Hogg:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In relation to Defence Housing Authority (DHA) properties at, or near, Wallangarra, Queensland:
- (1) What is the value of the properties held.
  - (2) How many properties are held or managed for Defence housing.
  - (3) How many were occupied in the past: (a) three months; (b) six months; and (c) year.
  - (4) What has been the average number of days of occupancy for each property over the past three years.
  - (5) What is the cost of maintaining these properties each year for the past three years: (a) if occupied; and (b) if vacant.
  - (6) Has DHA undertaken any review of the stock held in this area; if so: (a) when was the review completed; and (b) what was the outcome of that review.

*Notice given 8 February 2005*

- 336 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Is it the case that the Federal Government is using the Global Information System (GIS) old growth layer, dated 2004, to determine areas of old growth forest for protection in Tasmania; if so, can the Minister provide copies of the 1997, 2002 and 2004 GIS old growth layer for Tasmania.

*Notice given 9 February 2005*

- 337 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is the Family Court of Australia a statutory body.
  - (2) Is the Family Court of Australia established in accordance with Chapter III of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.
  - (3) Is the Family Court of Australia, or any section of the Family Court of Australia, an agency.
  - (4) Are the persons who carry out functions for all sections that are essential for the operation of the Family Court of Australia employed as Commonwealth public servants.
  - (5) Are all Family Court of Australia sessions recorded in their entirety.
  - (6) Do all tapes and subsequent transcripts of the court (with the exception of those purchased by interested parties) remain within the confines of the Family Court of Australia precincts and under the courts' strict control and security.
  - (7) Are all Family Court of Australia hearings formally convened.
  - (8) Are all Family Court of Australia proceedings recorded verbatim.
  - (9) Is the Family Court of Australia a corporation registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
  - (10) Do any of the sections of the Family Court of Australia referred to in (3) above issue shares or have a share register; if so, who holds copies of such a register.
  - (11) Can a person employed by the Family Court of Australia or an agency of the Family Court of Australia be the holder/owner of shares in the Family Court of Australia or any of the Family Court's agencies.

*Notice given 10 February 2005*

- \*338 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05:
    - (a) what were the levels of federal government care subsidies paid to for-profit corporate sector service providers;
    - (b) what were the levels of federal government care subsidies paid to not-for-profit community sector service providers;
    - (c) how many for-profit corporate sector service providers received federal government care subsidies;
    - (d) how many not-for-profit community sector service providers received federal government care subsidies;
    - (e) how many residents were accommodated in for-profit corporate sector facilities; and

- (f) how many residents were accommodated in not-for-profit community sector facilities.
- (2) (a) How many Greek-speaking elders who reside in nursing homes and who have shown their preferred language to be Greek are residing in mainstream nursing homes (i.e. not cultural homes); and (b) what is the average length of stay for all Greek-speakers in these facilities.
- (3) (a) How many Italian-speaking elders who reside in nursing homes and who have shown their preferred language to be Italian are residing in mainstream nursing homes (i.e. not cultural homes); and (b) what is the average length of stay for all Italian-speakers in these facilities.
- (4) In each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05:
  - (a) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were granted to for-profit corporate sector service providers;
  - (b) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were granted to not-for-profit community sector service providers; and
  - (c) how many bed licences, per state and territory, were targeted for elders with non-English speaking backgrounds.
- (5) What is the department's monitoring process for ensuring that specific groups and people targeted for beds actually receive beds.

\*339 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Is it the case that the Federal Government is using the Global Information System (GIS) old growth layer, dated 2004, to determine areas of old growth forest for protection in Tasmania; if so, can the Minister provide copies of the 1997, 2002 and 2004 GIS old growth layer for Tasmania.

*Notice given 15 February 2005*

- \*340 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Given the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) recent decision to terminate its supply agreement with the Australian Caption Centre: Can the Minister explain what the ABC has done or what the Government will do to ensure that the vital information and consultative services previously provided by the Australian Caption Centre, including initiatives to ensure media access for people with sensory disabilities, are available to the Australian public at the same or better level than the Australian public has enjoyed to date.
- \*341 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What was the Bakhtiyari's address in Quetta.
  - (2) Was anyone ever interviewed who employed Mr Ali Bakhtiyari as an electrical plumber.
  - (3) Is it true that none of the Bakhtiyaris spoke any Pakistani language; if so, why was it believed they were Pakistani.
  - (4) Why is linguistic evidence ignored by the department.
  - (5) Where are the Bakhtiyaris now located.
  - (6) Is it true that in January 2005 Pakistani authorities decided the Bakhtiyaris were not Pakistanis and immediately helped them go to Afghanistan.
  - (7) If the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan, and presumably had relatives and friends there, why did they choose to go to Afghanistan.

- (8) If the Bakhtiyaris are from Afghanistan, why was \$5 million spent denying they were.
- (9) Can the Minister provide linguistic proof that the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan; if not, will the Minister admit the Bakhtiyaris were innocent as charged and apologise for their torment and suffering, especially that of the children.
- (10) What will the Minister do to recompense them for their suffering and the mistakes made by the department that distorted and probably ruined their lives.

*Notice given 23 February 2005*

\*342 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to the Minister's media statement (reference A155/2003, dated 4 December 2003) regarding the appointment of an independent Inspector of Transport Security: (a) on what date was the inspector appointed; (b) what is the name of the inspector; (c) what is the term of the inspector's tenure; and (d) what is the amount of the inspector's annual total remuneration.
- (2) With reference to the recruitment process for the Inspector of Transport Security, can the following details be provided: (a) the schedule of advertisements used to attract applicants (including outlet and date of advertisement); (b) the number of applications received; (c) the number of applicants interviewed; and (d) the dates on which the interviewing of candidates began and ceased.

\*343 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Government's commitment to fund hardened cockpit doors on the Australian commercial Dash 8 aircraft fleet, noted during the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee estimates hearing on 26 May 2004 (*Hansard*, p. 92):

- (1) When did the Government take this decision.
- (2) Was this decision taken by Cabinet or by the Minister.
- (3) When, and by which method, was this decision first publicly announced.
- (4) What were the original commencement and completion dates for the program.
- (5) What is the actual commencement date of the program.
- (6) What is the original projected expenditure by financial year.
- (7) How many commercial Dash 8 aircraft in the Australian fleet were eligible for funding under the program at the time of the Government's decision.
- (8) How many commercial Dash 8 aircraft have been fitted with hardened cockpit doors at the Commonwealth's expense to date.
- (9) What is the actual cost of the program to date.
- (10) What is the current projected completion date of the program.
- (11) What is the current projected total cost of the program by financial year.

\*344 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to the Minister's media statement (reference A114/2004, dated 6 September 2004): (a) when was the decision taken by the

Government to provide regional airports with grants totalling \$35 million to upgrade security with new fences, lighting and other security measures; (b) was this decision taken by Cabinet or by the Minister; (c) what were the original commencement and completion dates for the program; (d) what is the actual commencement date of the program; (e) what was the original projected expenditure by financial year; (f) what is the actual expenditure by financial year to date; and (g) what is the current projected completion date for this program.

- (2) Would the Minister provide a list of funding recipients, the amount of each grant, the date of payment, and the recipient's stated purpose for the funding; if not, why not.
- (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the standard application form and guidelines for this project; if not, why not.
- (4) (a) Have the application form and guidelines been made publicly available; and (b) when were they made available.

\*345 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Would the Minister provide details of any Commonwealth-funded driver training programs or research for the purpose of enhancing driver training for drivers of four-wheel drive vehicles.

\*346 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's media statement (reference A178/2004, dated 16 December 2004) regarding Airservices Australia:

- (1) (a) Besides Mr Burton Taylor, how many other candidates were considered for the role of chairman of Airservices Australia; (b) how many were interviewed; (c) who made the final decision; and (d) when was it made.
- (2) Would the Minister provide: (a) details of the media outlets used; and (b) the dates of advertisements used to attract candidates for this position.

\*347 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's media statement (reference TRS13/Budget, dated 11 May 2004) regarding the provision of a pressurised, twin-engine turbine aircraft on permanent stand-by in Darwin, for Australian Maritime Safety Authority operations, can the following details be provided: (a) the date on which the tender was released; (b) the date of placement and media used to publicise the release of the tender; (c) the number of expressions of interest received; (d) the name of the successful tenderer; (e) who made the final decision; and (f) the amount to be paid under the contract by the Commonwealth.

\*348 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the derailment of a freight train on 21 November 2004 at the Glenalta level crossing in South Australia.
- (2) Has the Minister or his department been approached to investigate the cause of this derailment; if so: (a) when was the approach made; (b) by whom; and (c) in what form.
- (3) What action has the Minister or his department taken to facilitate an investigation into this incident.

- \*349 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each financial year since the introduction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Australian Parts Manufacture Approval system, what has been the value of aviation parts exports to the United States of America.
  - (2) Can a list be provided of organisations which have successfully made the transition to the new production rules under CASA's Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 21; if not, why not.
- \*350 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years: (a) what is the total quantity of aviation turbine fuel (AVTUR) and aviation gasoline (AVGAS) used by the Australian commercial and general aviation industries; (b) what is the amount of levies, excises and customs duties collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS; and (c) what is the amount of levies, excises and customs duties collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS provided to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
  - (2) For each of the next 3 financial years: (a) what is the projected total quantity of AVTUR and AVGAS to be used by the Australian commercial and general aviation industries; and (b) what is the projected amount of levies, excises and customs duties to be collected by the Commonwealth on AVTUR and AVGAS.
- \*351 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, what is the total amount spent by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on: (a) domestic staff travel and accommodation; and (b) international staff travel and accommodation.
  - (2) For each of the next 3 financial years, what is the projected amount to be spent by CASA on: (a) domestic staff travel and accommodation; and (b) international staff travel and accommodation.
- \*352 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the review of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) new enforcement regime: (a) when did the review commence; (b) when was the review completed; (c) who conducted the review and how were they selected; (d) what is the projected total cost of the review; (e) what is the actual cost of the review to date; (f) when did the Minister receive the report of the review; and (g) on what date will the Government and/or CASA make their response to the review.
- \*353 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 39 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:
- (1) What steps have been taken to assess the effectiveness of CASA safety seminars.
  - (2) What research has been undertaken to determine the reason for the overall reduction of 14.8 per cent in attendance at CASA safety seminars.
  - (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the results of any research undertaken; if not, why not.



\*354 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the past 2 financial years, what action has been taken to assess industry satisfaction with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) performance in relation to aviation regulatory services (Output 4), with particular reference to: (a) the number of industry participants invited to participate in surveys; (b) the number of respondents; (c) the frequency with which surveys are conducted; and (d) the cost of the surveys.
- (2) Would the Minister provide a copy of the most recent survey questionnaire; if not, why not.
- (3) Would the Minister provide a copy of the latest survey results; if not, why not.
- (4) Were these surveys conducted internally or externally; if the surveys were conducted externally: (a) who provided the survey/research services; and (b) was the provider of the survey/research services selected by open tender; if not, how was the provider selected.

\*355 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the role of the agricultural unit established in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Tamworth office.
- (2) (a) How has any improvement or otherwise of the level of service delivery resulting from the establishment of this unit been measured; and (b) would the Minister provide the results of any such measurement; if not, why not.
- (3) What is the proposed full staffing compliment for this unit.
- (4) How many staff are currently posted to this unit.
- (5) For each of the past 2 financial years, what has been the actual cost to CASA of operating the unit at the Tamworth office.
- (6) For each of the next 2 financial years, what is the projected cost to CASA of operating the unit at the Tamworth office.
- (7) Is a scale-back or closure of this unit currently under consideration by the Minister or his department; if so: (a) when will a decision be made on the scale-back or closure of this unit; (b) who will make the final decision; and (c) what, if any, changes to staffing levels at the Tamworth office are likely to result from any scale-back or closure of this unit.

\*356 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would the Minister confirm that in the 2003–04 financial year the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provided support in the development of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) through a visit to the Federal Aviation Administration Capstone Program in Alaska.
- (2) (a) When did this visit occur; (b) who went on the visit and in what capacity; (c) what was the overall cost of the visit; and (d) what was the cost to CASA of this visit.
- (3) Did anyone else contribute to the cost of the visit; if so, who and how much did they contribute.
- (4) Was a written report to the Minister a proposed outcome of the visit; if so: (a) when did the Minister receive the report; and (b) can a copy of the report be provided; if not, why not.

\*357 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would the Minister provide a list of activities that may be reported under the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) protected disclosure policy.
- (2) How many reports by activity type have been lodged since the inception of the protected disclosure policy.
- (3) What is the process by which STOPline was selected for its role in the protected disclosure policy.
- (4) Who made the final decision to engage STOPline.
- (5) What is the annual amount to be paid to STOPline for its role in the protected disclosure policy.
- (6) When did STOPline's contract commence and when is it due to finish.
- (7) Would the Minister confirm that STOPline regularly monitors CASA's actions in dealing with disclosures and that reports are provided to CASA's Audit and Risk Committee.
- (8) Does the Minister receive a copy of these reports; if so, how often are the reports provided.
- (9) Can these reports be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.
- (10) Would the Minister provide the dates, numbers and office locations of instances of staff discipline resulting from the protected disclosure policy since its inception.
- (11) Would the Minister provide the dates, numbers and office locations of instances of staff dismissal resulting from the protected disclosure policy since its inception.
- (12) Would the Minister provide the numbers, office locations and commencement dates of instances of legal proceedings brought against staff resulting from the protected disclosure policy since its inception.

\*358 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 75 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what has been the cost of the CASA Hotline.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03, how many calls were received on the CASA Hotline.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, how many calls fell into the following categories: (a) advice; (b) complaints; (c) general information; and (d) wrong number.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, how many staff operated the CASA Hotline.

\*359 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 68 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:

- (1) When does the Minister expect to receive the report on CASA's internal audit of its fraud control arrangements, including benchmarking CASA against the results of the Australian National Audit Office's 'Survey of Fraud Control Arrangements Australian Public Service'.

- (2) When available, would the Minister provide a copy of the report; if not, why not.

\*360 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03, what is the rate of staff turnover in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- (2) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what steps have been taken by CASA to measure staff morale.
- (3) Would the Minister provide copies of any reports resulting from steps taken to measure staff morale in each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04; if not, why not.
- (4) Would the Minister provide the projected and/or targeted rate of CASA staff turnover for the 2004-05 financial year and any future projections; if not, why not.

\*361 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 100 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:

- (1) What functions were performed by HMA Blaze Pty Limited.
- (2) To which advertising campaigns does this activity relate.
- (3) What was the process by which HMA Blaze Pty Limited was selected to perform these functions.
- (4) How much has been paid by CASA to HMA Blaze Pty Limited for each month since 1 July 2004.

\*362 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 79 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Annual Report for 2003-04:

- (1) (a) Who is CASA's current supplier of telephony services; (b) who was CASA's previous provider of telephony services; and (c) when did the provider of telephony services change.
- (2) By what process was the new provider selected.
- (3) For each of the past 3 financial years, what was the total cost of CASA's telephony services.
- (4) For each of the next 3 financial years beginning 1 July 2004, what is the projected cost of CASA's telephony services.

*Notice given 25 February 2005*

\*363 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—In the context of the disbursement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service (ATSIS) responsibilities, resources and staff to various Commonwealth government departments, coordinated by the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) Which department or agency now manages, or administers, in any sense, the Calton Hills Station property in Kalkadoon, Queensland.
- (2) (a) Who holds the title to this property; and (b) are there any charges or conditions held over this property; if so: (i) by whom are they held, and (ii) what exactly are the charges or conditions.

- (3) What are the responsibilities of the relevant department or agency in relation to this property.
- (4) Is it the case that when this property was acquired by ATSIC in the 1994-95 financial year, it was specifically for the Kalkadoon people.
- (5) (a) Why have the Kalkadoon people not been granted access to this property; and (b) why has the property not been transferred to them.
- (6) When will the property be transferred to the Kalkadoon people.
- (7) (a) When the department or agency took control of the management or administration of the property, or of the transfer of the property to the Kalkadoon people, at what stage of the process of transferral was ATSIC; and (b) what steps had ATSIC or ATSI taken to have the property transferred.
- (8) (a) How far has this process progressed since the department or agency has had control; (b) what steps has the department or agency taken regarding the Calton Hills property since it took control; (c) what steps are going to be taken by the department or agency to ensure the property is transferred to the Kalkadoon people; and (d) what is the timeline for these steps to be taken and for the ultimate transfer of the property to the Kalkadoon people.

## ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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## 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  
Human Services

*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, 13 February 2002 and 17 November 2004.)

**2 Estimates—Answers to questions**

That answers be provided by 31 January 2005 to:

- (a) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees in the course of the estimates hearings in May and June 2004; and
- (b) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees by 2 December 2004.

(Agreed to 18 November 2004.)

**\*3 Estimates hearings**

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2005 be scheduled as follows:

**2004-05 additional estimates:**

Monday, 14 February and Tuesday, 15 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 16 February and Thursday, 17 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group B*)

**2005-06 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 23 May to Thursday, 26 May and, if required, Friday, 27 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 30 May to Thursday, 2 June and, if required, Friday, 3 June (*Group B*)

Monday, 31 October and Tuesday, 1 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 2 November and Thursday, 3 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:

Tuesday, 15 March 2005 in respect of the 2004-05 additional estimates; and

Monday, 20 June 2005 in respect of the 2005-06 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 10 February 2005.)

**4 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 the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 6 December 2004.)

**5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**

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

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

## Meeting of Senate

**6 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2004 and 2005 be as follows:

**Spring sittings (2004):**

Tuesday, 16 November to Thursday, 18 November

Monday, 29 November to Thursday, 2 December

Monday, 6 December to Thursday, 9 December

**Summer sittings (2005):**

Tuesday, 8 February to Thursday, 10 February

**Autumn sittings (2005):**

Monday, 7 March to Thursday, 10 March

Monday, 14 March to Thursday, 17 March

**Budget sittings (2005):**

Tuesday, 10 May to Thursday, 12 May

**Winter sittings (2005):**

Tuesday, 14 June to Thursday, 16 June

Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 23 June

**Spring sittings (2005):**

Tuesday, 9 August to Thursday, 11 August

Monday, 15 August to Thursday, 18 August

Monday, 5 September to Thursday, 8 September

Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Tuesday, 4 October to Thursday, 6 October

Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

**Spring sittings (2) (2005):**

Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November

Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

*(Agreed to 17 November 2004.)*

**7 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order**

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

*(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)*

**8 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order**

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:

On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

*(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)*

**Orders for production of documents**

**9 Trade—Free trade agreement—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 7 December 2004, the final letters and any attachments and annexures exchanged between the governments of Australia and the United States of America (US) to finalise the free trade agreement between Australia and the US.

*(Motion of Senator Nettle agreed to 2 December 2004.)*

### 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)
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
19.06.2002	Mining—Christmas Island	
24.06.2002	Superannuation system	



<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
25.06.2002	Finance—Retirement and income modelling	
27.06.2002	Health—Tobacco	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
20.08.2002	Animal Welfare—Cattle	
28.08.2002	Superannuation Working Group	
11.11.2002	Environment—Queensland—Nathan Dam	
14.11.2002	Trade—General Agreement on Trade in Services	Minister representing the Minister for Trade
18.11.2002	Environment—Oceans policy	
19.11.2002	Superannuation—Insurance and Superannuation Commission	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin) and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan)
10.12.2002	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	
11.12.2002	Environment—Tasmania—Logging	Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
12.12.2002	Science and Technology—Genetically-modified food	Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.03.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
25.03.2003	Immigration—Illegal migration	
14.05.2003	Environment—Radioactive waste—National store	Minister representing the Minister for Science
14.05.2003	Industry—Basslink	
19.06.2003	Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme—Draft regulations	
17.09.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	The Government
08.10.2003	Health—National Drug Research Strategy	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
13.10.2003	Immigration—Management of detention centres	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
13.10.003	Finance—Calculation of the IBNR levy	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
14.10.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	
16.10.2003	Environment—Sepon Mine	Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Education—Higher education—Regional impact statement	Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
25.11.2003	Finance—Deposit bonds	
01.12.2003	Taxation—First home owners, 'bracket creep' and Intergeneration Report	Minister representing the Treasurer
03.12.2003	Health—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	
03.12.2003	Environment—Sepon mine	
10.02.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
24.03.2004	Superannuation—Departing temporary residents	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
24.03.2004	Australian Federal Police Commissioner—Statement	Leader of the Government in the Senate
01.04.2004	Immigration—Ministerial discretion	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
21.06.2004	Indigenous Australians—Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2)	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
22.06.2004	Defence—Iraq—Human rights abuses	Minister for Defence
23.06.2004	Science and Technology—Synthetic aperture radar	Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
23.06.2004	Defence—Office of National Assessments report	Leader of the Government in the Senate
24.06.2004	Environment—Videophone facilities	
04.08.2004	Defence—Missile defence program	Minister for Defence
05.08.2004	Environment—Bushfire mitigation and management	Minister representing the Prime Minister
10.08.2004	Environment—Repulse Bay	Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
11.08.2004	Environment—Nuclear waste storage	Minister for Finance and Administration

## Parliament

### 10 Security funding

The Senate:

- (a) notes the transfer of \$1 million from the Department of the Senate to the Department of Parliamentary Services as a special contribution to security costs in the parliamentary precincts over and above the transferred funds previously provided for security, and
- (b) agrees that, if any further funds are necessary to provide additional security costs, they be made by additional appropriation to, or savings within, the Department of Parliamentary Services.

*(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)*

### 11 Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations

The Senate is of the view that:

- (a) an initial payment to an international organisation in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and
- (b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represents an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).

*(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)*

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## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

### Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

#### 1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)

**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**

**Senator Brown**

**Senator Harradine**

**Senator Harris**

**Senator Nettle**

**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 matter.

**Government documents**

4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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 Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Senator Brown**  
**Senator Harradine**  
**Senator Harris**  
**Senator Nettle**  
**Senator Lees**

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, Crossin, Ferguson, Hutchins, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Moore and Watson

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### **Select Committees**

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Lindeberg Grievance

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### **Joint Statutory Committees**

ASIO, ASIS and DSD

Australian Crime Commission

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings  
 Corporations and Financial Services  
 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.

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## COMMITTEES

**Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee**

*(appointed 16 June 2004; reappointed 17 November 2004; reporting date: 8 March 2005)*

*Members*

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Heffernan, Nettle, Ridgeway and Scullion

*Report presented*

Interim report (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

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**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 Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

*Report presented*

41st report—Security funding; Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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**ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee**

*Members*

Senators Ferguson, Sandy Macdonald and Ray

*Current inquiries*

- \* Review of Division 3 Part III of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (*statutory responsibility*)
- \* Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)



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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

*Members*

Senator Santoro (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Denman, Ferris, Greig and Hutchins and Mr Byrne, Mrs Gash, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

*Report presented*

Examination of the annual report for 2002-03 of the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

*Members*

The President, the Speaker and Senators Faulkner and Ferris and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Lindsay, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

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**Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

*Portfolios*

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

*Members*

Senator Knowles (*Chair*), Senator Greig (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Denman, Humphries and Moore

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Tierney, Watson and Webber

*Reports presented*

Tobacco advertising prohibition (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (*tabled 8 February 2005*)

\* Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (*tabled 10 February 2005*)

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**Community Affairs References Committee**

*Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Hutchins, Lees and Moore

*Substitute members*

Senator Allison to replace Senator Lees for the committee's inquiry into aged care

Senator Murray to replace Senator Lees for the committee's inquiry into children in institutional care

Senator Cook to replace Senator Hutchins for the committee's inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bishop, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Greig, Harradine, Lees, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Tierney, Watson and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Children in institutional care (*referred 4 March 2003; readopted 1 December 2004; reporting date: 17 March 2005*)

Aged care (*referred 23 June 2004; readopted 1 December 2004; reporting date: 23 June 2005*)

- \* The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (*referred 10 February 2005; reporting date: 23 June 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Inquiry into aged care—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

*Members*

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Ms AE Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Lundy, Murray and Wong and Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen, Ms JM Kelly and Mr McArthur

*Current inquiries*

Regulation of property investment advice (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

- \* Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*adopted 16 February 2005*)

*Report presented*

- \* Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (*tabled 10 February 2005*)

### **Economics Legislation Committee**

*Portfolios*

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

*Members*

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*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, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Cook, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay,

Marshall, Mason, McGauran, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Wong

*Current inquiry*

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2004 (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 7 March 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

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**Economics References Committee**

*Members*

Senator Stephens (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Lundy, Ridgeway and Webber

*Substitute member*

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

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Wong

*Current inquiry*

Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (*referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: first sitting day in September 2004*)

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**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senators Brandis, Carr, Forshaw, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos and Mr ADH Smith

*Current inquiry*

Electoral funding and disclosure and any amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act necessary in relation to political donations (*referred 30 November 2004*)

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

*Portfolios*

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

*Members*

Senator Tierney (*Chair*), Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Stott Despoja and Wong

*Substitute members*

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

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

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

Senator Carr to replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 7 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (*referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: 14 March 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004 (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and a supplementary report from the Australian Democrats (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004—Interim report (*presented to the President on 14 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into the proposed amendment in the form of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2004—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 27 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 (*tabled 29 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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

*Members*

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senators Barnett, Collins, Kirk, Stott Despoja and Tierney

*Substitute members*

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

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

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

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson, Webber and Wong

*Current inquiries*

Indigenous education (*referred 6 December 2004; reporting date: 12 May 2005*)

Unfair dismissal laws (*referred 7 December 2004; reporting date: 14 June 2005*)

Student income support (*referred 11 March 2004; readopted 8 December 2004; reporting date: 16 June 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Inquiry into lifelong learning—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into Indigenous training and employment—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into student income support—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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

*Portfolios*

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

*Members*

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Lundy (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Conroy, Santoro and Tchen

*Substitute members*

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

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

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Watson and Wong

*Current inquiry*

Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 7 March 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the National Water Commission Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Cherry (*Chair*), Senator Tierney (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Conroy, Lundy and Tchen

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray and Watson

#### *Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004, the Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2004, the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2004, the Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment Bill 2004 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2004, and related matters (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 10 March 2004*)

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (*referred 24 June 2004; readopted 8 December 2004; reporting date: 18 April 2005*)

#### *Reports presented*

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's energy white paper—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Turning back the tide – the invasive species challenge: Report on the regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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### **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

#### *Portfolios*

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration; Human Services

#### *Members*

Senator Mason (*Chair*), Senator Murray (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, George Campbell, Forshaw and Heffernan

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Hogg, Knowles, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stephens, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Webber

*Report presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and corrigendum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 7 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

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**Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

*Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators George Campbell, Heffernan, Moore and Ridgeway

*Substitute members*

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into government advertising

Senators Barnett and Johnston to replace Senators Watson and Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Senators Carr and O'Brien to replace Senators George Campbell and Moore for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Boswell, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Knowles, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Murray, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Tchen, Tierney and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Government advertising (*referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 22 June 2005*)

Regional Partnerships program (*referred 2 December 2004; reporting date: 15 August 2005*)

*Report presented*

Inquiry into government advertising and accountability—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Senators Bolkus, Cook, Eggleston, Harradine, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Payne and Stott Despoja and Mr Baldwin, Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Mr Turnbull, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee***Portfolios*

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

*Members*

Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferguson, Mackay, Payne, and Ridgeway

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Johnston, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

*Report presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee***Members*

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Hogg, Johnston, Mackay and Ridgeway

*Substitute member*

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

*Current inquiries*

Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (*referred 30 October 2003; terms of reference varied 12 February 2004; readopted 6 December 2004; reporting date: 17 March 2005*)

Australia's relationship with China (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 15 September 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 6 December 2004*)

**House—Standing Committee***Members*



The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President and Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

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### **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, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Hogg, Humphries, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Lundy, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

#### *Current inquiries*

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (*referred 1 December 2004; reporting date: 10 March 2005*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005] (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 7 March 2005*)

#### *Reports presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Marriage Amendment Bill 2004 (*presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004 (*presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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### **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

#### *Members*

Senator Bolkus (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, Greig, Kirk and Scullion

#### *Substitute member*

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris,

Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

*Current inquiries*

Australian expatriates (*referred 16 October 2003; readopted 6 December 2004; reporting date: 8 March 2005*)

Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* (*referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: 30 June 2005*)

*Reports presented*

The road to a republic (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Inquiry into Australian expatriates—Interim report (*presented to the President on 1 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 6 December 2004*)

**Library—Standing Committee**

*Members*

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Faulkner, Kirk, Scullion, Stephens, Tchen and Tierney

**Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee**

(*appointed 1 April 2004; final report tabled 16 November 2004*)

*Report presented*

Report (*presented to the Deputy President on 15 November 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

**Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Kirk and Tchen and Mr L Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Randall and Dr Southcott

**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), The Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators O'Brien, Scullion and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

*Current inquiry*

Adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program (*adopted 10 September 2003; terms of reference varied 26 November 2003; readopted 8 December 2004*)

*Reports presented*

Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Difficult choices: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

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

(term extended until 23 March 2006 in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004)

##### *Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Ms Vamvakinou (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Lees and Scullion and Mr McMullan, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

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#### **Privileges—Standing Committee**

##### *Members*

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

##### *Current inquiries*

Whether there was an unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Community Affairs References Committee in relation to poverty and financial hardship and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 12 May 2004*)

Whether there was an unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Community Affairs References Committee in relation to Hepatitis C and blood supply in Australia, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 24 June 2004*)

Having regard to the material provided to the President by Senator Ridgeway, whether there was any unauthorised disclosure of the private deliberations or the draft report of the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America, and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 5 August 2004*)

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#### **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 Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ray

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#### **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**

##### *Members*

Mr Baldwin (*Chairman*), Senators Hogg, Humphries, Moore, Murray, Scullion and Watson and Ms AE Burke, Mr Broadbent, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

*Current inquiry*

Indigenous law and justice (*adopted 8 December 2004*)

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**Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee**

*Members*

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Senators Ferguson, Forshaw and Troeth and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Ripoll and Mr Wakelin

*Current inquiries*

- \* Proposed refurbishment of Australia House in London (*referred 9 February 2005*)
- \* Ordnance Breakdown facility, Proof and Experimental Establishment Site, Port Wakefield, SA (*referred 9 February 2005*)
- \* Development of on-base house for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (*referred 9 February 2005*)
- \* Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC) – Additional accommodation and related works (*referred 9 December 2004*)
- \* Fit-out of new leased premises for Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT (*referred 4 August 2004, readopted 6 December 2004*)
- \* Development of Land for Defence Housing at McDowall in Brisbane (*referred 24 June 2004, readopted 6 December 2004*)

*Reports presented*

Proposed development of land at Lee Point, Darwin, for defence and private housing (Fifth report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT (Sixth report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT (Seventh report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

New east building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (Eighth report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia at Hume, ACT (Ninth report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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**Publications—Standing Committee**

*Members*

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Marshall, Moore and Scullion

*Report presented*

1st report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

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**Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee**

*Members*

Senator Tchen (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore and Santoro

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**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, Ferris, McGauran and Stephens

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Greig, Harradine, Hogg, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McLucas, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Administration of Biosecurity Australia concerning the revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 2 March 2004; readopted 1 December 2004; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2005*)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia concerning the revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 2 March 2004; readopted 1 December 2004; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2005*)

Provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (*referred 9 February 2005; reporting date: 12 May 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), including final report on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, September 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Provisions of the National Animal Welfare Bill 2003—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Watson, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

**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, Allison, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Greig, Harradine, Hutchins, Ludwig, Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McLucas, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Webber

*Current inquiry*

Compensation for wheat growers (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 16 June 2005*)

*Report presented*

Australian forest plantations: A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and corrigendum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*) and further corrigenda (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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**Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee**

(*appointed 30 August 2004; reappointed 18 November 2004; final report tabled 9 December 2004*)

*Members*

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

*Report presented*

Report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

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**Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee**

*Members*

Senator Ray (*Chairman*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall and Murray

*Current inquiry*

Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation (*referred 25 March 2004; readopted 29 November 2004*)

*Alert Digests presented*

No. 11 of 2004 (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

No. 12 of 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

No. 1 of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

*Reports presented*

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 29 November 2004*)

Eleventh report of 2004 (*tabled 1 December 2004*)

Twelfth report of 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

First report of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

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**Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

*Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

*Reports presented*

Report no. 12 of 2004 (*presented 1 December 2004*)

Report no. 13 of 2004 (*presented 6 December 2004*)

Report no. 14 of 2004 (*presented 8 December 2004*)

Report no. 1 of 2005 (*tabled 9 February 2005*)

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**Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

*Members*

Senator Denman (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McGauran and Webber

*Notifications of alterations of interests*

Register of senators' interests incorporating a statement of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June and 6 December 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

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**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senators Bartlett, Collins, Mackay, Mason, Santoro, Stephens and Tchen and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Dr Southcott, Mr Turnbull and Mr Wilkie

*Current inquiry*

Proposed agreement relating to US nationals and the International Criminal Court (*referred 7 December 2004; reporting date: 30 June 2005*)

*Report presented*

Report 61—The Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement—Corrigenda (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

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**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*).

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**HARRY EVANS**

Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Representing</b>
<b>Senator the Honourable Robert Hill</b> <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 Veterans' Affairs
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
<b>Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone</b> <i>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs</i>	Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
<b>Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson</b> <i>Minister for Family and Community Services</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Human Services Minister for Ageing
<b>Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan</b> <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
<b>Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell</b> <i>Minister for the Environment and Heritage</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Attorney-General
<b>Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald</b> <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<b>Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>)</b> <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz</b> <i>Special Minister of State</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Small Business and Tourism Minister for Workforce Participation
<b>Parliamentary Secretary</b>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</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 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** lists all 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.

### 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 online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the Senate’s Internet site at [aph.gov.au/senate](http://aph.gov.au/senate).

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