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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 March 2005

- 1 **Senators Marshall and Nettle:** To move—That the Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed.

Last day for resolving.**

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

Notice given 21 June 2005

- *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 the first sitting day of December 2005:

The health impacts of workplace exposure to toxic dust including exposure to silica in sandblasting and other occupations, with particular reference to:

- (a) the adequacy and timeliness of regulation governing workplace exposure, safety precautions and the effectiveness of techniques used to assess airborne dust concentrations and toxicity;
- (b) the extent to which employers and employees are informed of the risk of workplace dust inhalation;
- (c) the availability of accurate diagnoses and medical services for those affected and the financial and social burden of such conditions;
- (d) the nature and extent of illness, disability and death related to workplace dust exposure;
- (e) the availability of accurate records on workplace exposure, diagnosis, morbidity, mortality and treatment;
- (f) access to compensation, limitations in seeking legal redress and alternative models of financial support for affected individuals and their families; and
- (g) the potential of emerging technologies, including nanoparticles, to result in workplace related harm.

- *3 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—

- (1) That the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005 be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by Thursday, 23 June 2005.
- (2) That the committee have leave to meet during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 23 June 2005 for the purpose of considering the bill.

Orders of the Day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on student income support.

3 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on Indigenous education.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)**

In committee (*21 June 2005*).

2 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).

3 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—(Minister for Defence, Senator Hill)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Hill, 7 March 2005*).

4 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Humphries, in continuation, 20 June 2005*).

5 **Superannuation Bill 2005**

Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).

6 **Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone), 20 June 2005*).

- 7 **Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005**
Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 12 May 2005*).
- *8 **Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2005-2006**
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2005-2006
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2005-2006
Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2004-2005
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2004-2005—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 21 June 2005*).
- 9 **Budget statement and documents 2005-06**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Colbeck), 12 May 2005*).
- 10 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 12 May 2005*).
- 11 **Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005**
Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 12 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 10 May 2005*).
- 13 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Colbeck*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 20 June 2005*).
- 14 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 15 **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 16 **Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).

- 17 **Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 May 2005*).
- 18 **Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 March 2005*).

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

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

- *1 **Privileges—Standing Committee—122nd report—Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Faulkner)—That the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 3.60 of the 122nd report of the Committee of Privileges (*Senator Ray, in continuation, 21 June 2005*).
- 2 **National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report entitled: A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 16 June 2005*).
- 3 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 16 June 2005*).
- 4 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferris—That the Senate take note of the report (*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 5 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cherry, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

6 Community Affairs Reference Committee—Report—Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge—Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

7 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Indigenous education funding

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 17 March 2005*).

8 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports entitled: CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—Parts 1 and 2—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Chapman—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

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

1 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, 17 March 2005*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Regulation of Commonwealth radiation and nuclear activities: Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Payment of goods and services tax to the states and territories

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's administration of the Superannuation Contributions Surcharge

Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

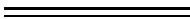
5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Edge Project: Department of Family and Community Services; Centrelink

Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2004-05—Protective security audit—Administration of security incidents, including the conduct of security investigations

Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Commonwealth debt management follow-up audit: Australian Office of Financial Management**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Veterans' Home Care: Department of Veterans' Affairs**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Management of selected Defence system program offices: Department of Defence**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Defence's management of long-term property leases**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Management of trust monies in CAC Act entities**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Australian Taxation Office tax file number integrity**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Internationalisation of Australian education and training: Department of Education, Science and Training**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Administration of fringe benefits tax**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Drought assistance**
Consideration (14 June 2005).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2004-05—Performance audit—DEWR's oversight of Job Network services to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink**
Consideration (15 June 2005).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 52 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Legal services arrangements in the Australian Public Service**
Consideration (20 June 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 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.

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 7 March 2005

- 80 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) congratulates the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues on reaffirming at the United Nations, during the week beginning 27 February 2005, the Government's ongoing commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its refusal to agree to proposals from the United States of America that would have explicitly omitted women's right to safe and legal abortion;
 - (b) affirms reproductive health rights as fundamental human rights; and
 - (c) calls on the governments of other states and the Northern Territory to follow the Australian Capital Territory's lead in removing pregnancy termination from the criminal code.

Notice given 16 March 2005

- 113 **Senator George Campbell:** To move—That the Senate notes that:
- (a) the Howard Government's training policies since 1996 have contributed to Australia's current skills shortages in the traditional trades; and
 - (b) the Government's inaction in addressing this national skills crisis is hurting Australian businesses, families, young people and the economy.

Notice given 11 May 2005

- 137 **Senator Conroy:** To move—That the order of the Senate providing for estimates hearings be amended by adding at the end of paragraph (2) the following:
“and (b) that officers of the ACCC responsible for communications matters, including telecommunications matters, are required to appear before the

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee considering Budget estimates during May 2005”.

Notice given 15 June 2005

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

(a) notes:

- (i) that on 15 April 2004, 12 members of the indigenous Wayuu people, including senior women of this matriarchal society, were massacred and 30 more abducted by a Colombian paramilitary force, and that 300 surviving Wayuu had to flee to Venezuela, and
- (ii) that the Wayuun representative, Ms Debora Barros, who visited Australia in June 2005, has pleaded with BHP Billiton, which has part ownership of a nearby coal mine and railway, to help identify the killers and ensure the safe repatriation of the Wayuu people to their homeland; and

(b) calls on BHP Billiton to investigate claims that villagers recognised members of the Colombian army, which helps protect the Cerrejon Coal Mine, accompanying the paramilitary killers on 15 April 2004, to ensure no such personnel crossover has or will be permitted.

167 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to obtain from Colombian President Uribe:

- (a) an explanation of the massacre of Wayuu women and their families on 15 April 2004, in particular claims by Wayuu observers that members of the Colombian army were involved;
- (b) an assurance of the safe return of the 300 Wayuu people who fled to Venezuela; and
- (c) a guarantee for the wellbeing of the Wayuu leader, Ms Debora Barros, after her return to Colombia from Australia in June 2005.

Notice given 16 June 2005

173 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to prohibit misleading or deceptive advertising or notification of pregnancy counselling services, and for related purposes. *Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005*.

176 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to bring Australia’s troops home from Iraq.

Notice given 20 June 2005

184 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to bring the 31 asylum seekers on Christmas Island to mainland Australia.

Notice given 21 June 2005

*186 **Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee (Senator Crossin):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee on student income support be extended to 23 June 2005.

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

- (a) notes that with the commencement of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Act 2005* 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) regional councils will cease operating after 30 June 2005;
- (b) commends all Indigenous people who have served on regional councils in the past 15 years especially those regional councillors who have worked through the past 12 months, with few resources and little support, managing the difficult transition to the new administrative arrangements in Indigenous affairs;
- (c) notes the government-commissioned ATSIC review report recommended that the 35 ATSIC regional councils be retained, and also recommended elevating the regional council chairs to a national representative body; and
- (d) calls on the Government to commit to working with Indigenous people to formulate truly representative structures to fully engage Indigenous Australians in their futures.

*188 **Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Forshaw):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on the Regional Partnerships program be extended to 6 October 2005.

*189 **Senators Nettle and Sherry:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the launch on Sunday, 19 June 2005 of the advertising campaign of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) highlighting the terrible impact of the Government's planned industrial relations changes on working people and their families;
- (b) urges all Australians to support the ACTU's national week of union and community action from 27 June to 1 July 2005;
- (c) commends the planned community action to be held across the country from 29 June to 1 July 2005;
- (d) notes the growing community concern and anger about the proposed industrial relations changes which will remove many basic rights and conditions that workers have acquired in the past 100 years; and
- (e) calls on the Government to withdraw its proposals and commit to a fair and cooperative approach to industrial relations.

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that the Yale University Law School report has found that genocide of the Indigenous people in West Papua is occurring,
 - (ii) that an HIV/AIDS epidemic appears to be ongoing in West Papua amongst the Indigenous population and that the Indonesian Government is doing little to control the spread of this disease, and
 - (iii) that Indonesian military activity is causing systematic harm and human rights abuse to the Indigenous West Papuan both within civil society and at a village level and that the Indonesian military is profiteering from its business interests in West Papua and is directly linked to illegal logging and export operations;
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to support a parliamentary fact finding mission to West Papua to investigate the situation first-hand; and

- (c) supports West Papua being granted observer status at the upcoming Pacific Island forum in Port Moresby in October 2005.

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

- (a) notes the frivolous and off-hand rejection of its reasonable request that the Minister for the Environment and Heritage provide correspondence concerning the Gunns Pty Ltd proposed pulp mill in Tasmania; and
- (b) noting that the Government has committed \$5 million to Gunns for the project and agreed to ‘fast-track’ consideration of it as a project of ‘national significant’:
- (i) believes its request was reasonable and warranted, and
 - (ii) condemns the Minister’s failure to respond properly to its request.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

2 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

3 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, 17 March 2005*).

4 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, 17 March 2005*).

5 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, 17 March 2005*).

6 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, 17 March 2005*).

7 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, 17 March 2005*).

8 *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, 17 March 2005*).

9 Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).

- 10 **Productivity 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, 17 March 2005*).
- 11 **National Environment Protection Council and NEPC Service 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, 17 March 2005*).
- 12 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 13 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2004**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 14 **List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at March 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005*).
- 15 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements— Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 16 **Australian Electoral Commission—Election 2001—Funding and disclosure report**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 17 **States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2003**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 18 **Customs Act 1901—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958—Permissions granted under regulation 7 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2004**
Consideration (*10 May 2005*).
- 19 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Native Title (Report no. 1/2005)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ridgeway, in continuation, 11 May 2005*).
- 20 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Social justice (Report no. 2/2005)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ridgeway, in continuation, 11 May 2005*).
- 21 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 33—Review of national competition policy reforms, 28 February 2005**
Consideration (*11 May 2005*).

- 22 **Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 23 **Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 24 **Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 25 **Indigenous education and training—National report to Parliament 2003**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 26 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by Ms Susan Campbell that the human rights of her daughter were breached by the Commonwealth of Australia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (HREOC report no. 29)**
Consideration (11 May 2005).
- 27 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by immigration detainees concerning their detention at the Curtin Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (HREOC report no. 28)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2005*).
- 28 **Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2005*).
- *29 **Australian National University—Report for 2004**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *30 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *31 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania—Supplementary agreement, dated 13 May 2005**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *32 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities for 2003-04—Australian Customs Service**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *33 **Private health insurance premium increases—Report for the quarter ending 31 March 2005**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *34 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *35 **National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2004**
Consideration (21 June 2005).

- *36 **Australian Maritime College—Report for 2004**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *37 **Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—Australian Taxation Office’s interaction with the program—Report for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *38 **Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—Australian Taxation Office’s interaction with the program—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *39 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of Ireland (Dublin, 9 June 2005)**
Consideration (21 June 2005).
- *40 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America to Amend and Extend the Agreement concerning the Conduct of Scientific Balloon Flights for Civil Research Purposes**
Consideration (21 June 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*).
- 31 **Economy**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the deterioration in the economy including the record current account deficit of 7.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), record net foreign debt of \$422 billion, the negative household savings ratio and among the lowest GDP growth rates of the advanced economies; and

(b) calls on the Government:

- (i) to acknowledge that there are severe economic imbalances in the economy that threaten to push interest rates still higher,
- (ii) to implement policies that will lift the productive potential of the economy,
- (iii) to invest in skills development to ease skill shortages which are now at 20 year highs, and
- (iv) to support infrastructure investment to ease capacity constraints and inflation pressures and promote exports—(*Senator Lundy, in continuation, 10 March 2005*).

32 Spyware Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Greig, in continuation, 12 May 2005*).

33 Family and Community Services—Welfare reform

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—That the Senate notes the Howard Government's cuts to the incomes of the most vulnerable families in Australia, its introduction of a parents' dole and a disability dole, and its failure to effectively tackle the need for real welfare reform—(*Senator Cherry, in continuation, 12 May 2005*).

34 Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005

Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005—(Senate bills)—(Senators Nettle and Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 16 June 2005*).

35 National Animal Welfare Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2005*).

***36 Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 21 June 2005*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (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.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2005

183 **Senator Crossin:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the outcome of the election in the Northern Territory on Saturday, 18 June 2005, being a landslide victory to the Australian Labor Party (ALP) with a swing of at least 12 per cent;
- (b) acknowledges the election of another two Indigenous people to an Australian Parliament, Ms Alison Anderson and Ms Barbara McCarthy;
- (c) notes the comments from Senator Scullion that this was a ‘political tsunami’ for the Country Liberal Party; and
- (d) congratulates Chief Minister Clare Martin and the ALP team on conducting a positive and energetic campaign and on being re-elected for another term.

On 30 June 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

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

On 9 August 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors’ Rights) Bill 2005. (*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 Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on the regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005*.

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

Report to be presented on the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases.

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

Report to be presented on performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime.

8 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on duties of Australian personnel in Iraq.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 May 2005

123 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison): To move—That the Senate—

- (a) affirms:
 - (i) its support for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and, in particular, Article 12 that refers to the need to ensure ‘access to health care services, including those related to family planning’,
 - (ii) the principle that health decisions should be made by those most closely involved with them, and
 - (iii) its respect for the right of women to make decisions regarding their fertility, including unplanned pregnancies, based on their life situations, personal values and beliefs;
- (b) notes that in the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes (2003), 81.2 per cent of Australians agreed that women should have the right to choose an abortion, 9 per cent disagreed and 10 per cent were undecided;
- (c) encourages:
 - (i) the provision of unbiased, relevant and accurate information for women experiencing unwanted pregnancy, without coercion,
 - (ii) accurate advice and support for women to act on their own values in making reproductive decisions, whether they be adoption, motherhood or termination of pregnancy, including non-directive, all-options counselling,
 - (iii) improvements in the evaluation of, and access to, advice and support on contraceptive choices,
 - (iv) measures to ensure a wide variety of contraceptive measures are accessible and affordable, and that the privacy of women and men accessing such measures is protected,
 - (v) the more ready availability of emergency contraception from a variety of settings, and
 - (vi) lifelong sexuality and health education;
- (d) calls on the Government to work with state and territory governments to develop:
 - (i) a thorough and inclusive national framework of evidence-based and age-appropriate sex education in all schools, and
 - (ii) national standards for pregnancy counselling services; and
- (e) supports the privacy of medical records for reproductive health, including abortion and access to Medicare rebates for termination services.

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.

On 18 August 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 **Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).

2 **Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005**

Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005—(*Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ian Campbell, 16 June 2005*).

By the first sitting day in September 2005 (5 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 5 September 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2005 (7 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005.

Fourteen sitting days after today (13 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 June 2005

*1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 18 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and the *Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

*2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen):** To move—That the HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 11 and made under the *HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Act 2003*, be disallowed.

Fifteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On 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.

On 6 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Mental Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 13 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment.

On 8 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

Report to be presented on the administration of the Migration Act.

On 10 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on government advertising.

By the last sitting day in March 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the operation of the wine-making industry.

By the last sitting day in June 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories.

On the next day of sitting after the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS, and DSD reports to the Minister for Defence

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—**
(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 June 2005).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
(referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005).

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

Referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD *(referred 16 June 2005).*

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 9 March 2005; reporting date varied 11 May, 15 June and 21 June 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†**Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005**‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*).

Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005‡**Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005**‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*).

Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005‡**Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005**‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*).

Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 5 September 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.

BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

Government Bill

Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005

Second reading negatived, 15 June 2005.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 915 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 16 November 2004

- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

Notice given 19 November 2004

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.

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

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.

Notice given 20 December 2004

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 22 December 2004

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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; 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

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.

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

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.

- 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.

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 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

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 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.

Notice given 15 February 2005

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

Notice given 4 March 2005

365 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the \$918 800 provided to the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church and the \$245 580 provided to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services:

- (1) For how long have these organisations been receiving government funding.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the amount of funding per year provided for each year that these organisations have received funding.
- (3) Was this money allocated via an open tendering process; if not, why not; if so, can a copy be provided of the notice that appeared in national newspapers calling for expressions of interest.
- (4) What are the reporting processes in place to determine the quality of the services provided by these organisations.
- (5) Does the department require these organisations to inform women of the beliefs and attitudes that underlie their organisations in their advertising, and before providing pregnancy counselling; if not, why not.
- (6) Given best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling involves providing objective, unbiased, non-directional information about all the options and

support services available, how does the department assess if these groups are meeting best practice standards of care when they are counselling people.

- (7) What conflicts of interest could arise between these organisations' underlying beliefs and attitudes and the provision of best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling.
- (8) How does the department ensure that the pregnancy counselling is provided by properly trained health workers and counsellors.
- (9) What proportion of women receiving pregnancy counselling from these organisations also receives information on all options available to them, including: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.
- (10) How does the department ensure that the information provided by these organisations reflects the most up-to-date scientific evidence available on the effects of: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.
- (11) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of counselling provided by these groups; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.
- (12) Has client satisfaction with the services provided by these groups been evaluated; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this evaluation.
- (13) Does the department collect information on whether the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church or the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services pass on any of the government funding they receive to other organisations; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of these organisations.

Notice given 7 March 2005

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

- (1) How many general practitioners have registered to participate in the 'Better outcomes in mental health care' initiative.
- (2) What is the total amount of expenditure for these one-off payments when a general practitioner (GP) registers for a course.
- (3) How many GPs have participated in: (a) level 1 training (6 hours – how to assess and plan); and (b) level 2 training (20 hours – teaching psych therapy).
- (4) How many of these trained GPs have claimed the relevant Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) rebate items.
- (5) (a) What has been the total expenditure on the Better Outcomes MBS items 2574, 2575, 2577, and 2578; and (b) can that expenditure be broken down by year and on a geographical basis.
- (6) On average, how much income per annum is a participating GP receiving from these items.
- (7) Why is funding directed through a general practitioner, who may have comparatively little training in this area, rather than through, for example a psychologist or similarly highly-trained professional.
- (8) Upon completion of this training, how is a GP's competency evaluated.

- (9) Given that there is no requirement for any clinical supervision of GPs when they commence providing mental health therapy, how does this initiative ensure that GPs are providing appropriate standards of therapy when they commence treating people.
 - (10) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of mental health treatment that is being provided, particularly in comparison to what may have been provided by a more highly trained mental health professional; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.
 - (11) Has patient satisfaction with this program been evaluated; if so, what were the outcomes of this evaluation.
 - (12) (a) Can the Government confirm that the expansion to the Better Outcomes project announced during the 2004 election alluded to expanding the Allied Health Services component; and (b) what consultation has been undertaken.
 - (13) (a) How much of the \$30 million will go to mental health workers for providing therapy; and (b) how much will go to GPs.
 - (14) Is the Government considering expanding the number of sessions or range of people with mental health conditions for which mental health professionals would be able to access MBS rebates.
 - (15) Is the Government investigating models of access to mental health professionals which do not rely on a referral by a GP.
- 370 **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:
- (1) How many serious adverse events were reported in the 12 months prior to the recall.
 - (2) 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, what proportion of that total number of adverse events reported do those 62 reports represent.
 - (3) Can the Government confirm that, for those 62 adverse events possibly associated with Pan Pharmaceuticals, it is not possible to say that Pan Pharmaceuticals was definitely the manufacturer as it was only one of a list of approved manufacturers for those products; if so, what action was taken with other possible manufacturers to investigate their manufacturing processes.
 - (4) Can the Government confirm that when adverse drug reactions are reported, it is the practice that all medications that a person may be taking are listed and that it is common for people to be using multiple products at the one time; if so, 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, how many of the 62 reports had other medications listed.
 - (5) If there were other products also listed in the adverse events reports, what action was taken to investigate these other products.
 - (6) How was it determined that the adverse reaction was caused by the Pan Pharmaceuticals product and not another product that the person had taken.

- (7) Are these adverse reports the only evidence to demonstrate an ‘imminent risk of death or serious injury’, and the reason for the Pan Pharmaceuticals recall; if not, what other evidence is required; if so, have there been other products which have had a similar number of adverse event reports and were these products recalled.

372 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Government’s attempt to clarify the use of Medicare Benefits Schedule item 35643 with the medical professions in 2004:

- (1) Who initiated the need to clarify the use of this item.
- (2) What was the nature of the clarification that was sought.
- (3) What was the purpose of the clarification; that is, what was intended to be done with the information received through this clarification process.
- (4) What was the outcome of the attempt to clarify the use of this item.
- (5) Has any work been planned or commenced to undertake any consultation on the use of this item or the use of item 16525; if so, what is the purpose and nature of this consultation.
- (6) (a) What work has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare been requested to undertake in relation to abortion statistics; (b) when is this work expected to be finalised; and (c) will this work be made public.

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

- (1) Has the Government requested or received any policy advice in relation to abortion service billing practices.
- (2) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the charging practices of abortion providers to be undertaken; if so, what is the nature of this; if not, are there any plans to do so.
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to write to abortion service providers to provide clear information about billing practices; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the out-of-pocket costs experienced by women wanting to access abortion services; if so, does the Department have plans to do so; if not, why not.
- (5) Are there any plans to introduce an item similar to the new planning, counselling and support item for obstetricians in relation to abortion services; if not, why not.

377 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the Minister received advice from the department on the abortion issue within the past 12 months; if so, can the Minister provide a copy of this advice.

Notice given 8 March 2005

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

- (1) What evidence exists regarding the level of inappropriate use of medications in Australian residential aged care facilities, including the use of psychotropic medication.
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any investigation into the extent of systemic problems with the prescription, administration and review of

medication in aged care facilities and, in particular, the extent of the use of psychotropic medications as a method of restraint.

- (3) What information does the Government have on the factors that contribute to the inappropriate use of medications in residential aged care facilities.
- (4) What plans does the Government have to review current practice in relation to the use of psychotropic medication as a chemical restraint on residents of aged care facilities.
- (5) How is the Government monitoring whether psychotropic medications are being used appropriately in residential aged care facilities.
- (6) Has the Government investigated whether standards concerning informed consent are being applied appropriately and adequately with regard to the use of medications in residential aged care facilities.
- (7) What information does the Government have on variations in the rate of use of psychotropic medication between different jurisdictions, localities and/or providers of residential aged care.

390 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Regarding Abdlmoneim Khogali (Abdul) who was detained in Villawood Detention Centre for seven years and one month:

- (1) Was Abdul ever assessed by a registered psychiatrist or psychologist in view of warnings by refugee advocates that he was spiralling into deep depression and irrational behaviour; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) Was Abdul removed from Australia accompanied by nine police and departmental personnel wearing full riot gear; if so, why; (b) was Abdul removed late at night without being previously advised about his removal; if so, why.
- (3) Was the family member who held Abdul's power of attorney, and who had previously met with the Minister, advised of his removal or given information after calling the Department of Immigration Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs on 12 and 13 January 2005; if not, why not.
- (4) Was Abdul transported by a private plane or by an air force plane.
- (5) Were Abdul's arms and legs shackled and was he chemically restrained by way of sedation; if so, why.
- (6) Was Abdul deported directly to Khartoum or did the plane stop in Dubai.
- (7) If Abdul was taken to Dubai en route to Sudan, was he forcibly or chemically restrained on arrival; if so, why.
- (8) Was Abdul handed an account to pay for his seven years and one month of imprisonment; if so, how much was the account.
- (9) Was Abdul, together with his documents, handed over to Interpol on his arrival in Sudan.
- (10) Does Abdul now have to face a military court.

Notice given 10 March 2005

430 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Government approve or disapprove of the United States of America's (US) policy of rendition, that is, kidnapping people for transfer to, and interrogation in, third countries which permit torture.
- (2) Has the Government ever been involved, directly or indirectly, in rendition.

- (3) Has the Government ever entertained the concept of rendition; if so, how and what was the outcome.
- (4) Does the Government oppose rendition.
- (5) What does the Government know about the US rendition program and its efficacy and outcome.

435 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With respect to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO):

- (1) For the last calendar or financial year for which the ATO has records: (a) what is the total number of sick leave days taken by the ATO's employees; and (b) for that same period, what was the average number of sick leave days taken per full-time equivalent employee of the ATO.
- (2) Under the ATO's Certified Agreement or individual contracts, what is the sick leave entitlement allowable to employees as part of their terms of employment.
- (3) Does the ATO monitor and review its employees' use of their sick leave entitlement.

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

- (1) In each of the past 5 years what funds have been spent at Gallipoli on: (a) capital works; (b) travel by officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG); (c) entertainment; and (d) other costs including the provision of public facilities.
- (2) What specific capital works have been funded directly by Australia or as part contribution to works conducted by the Government of Turkey.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any funding contributed by the New Zealand Government, and the purpose of that funding.
- (4) In each of the past five years, on how many occasions have discussions been held with Turkish authorities concerning the upgrading of the road.
- (5) Was the OAWG consulted by Turkish authorities on the design, funding and timing of the current road works; if so, when and, if consulted in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) What Commonwealth funding has been, or will be, contributed to the upgrading of the road.
- (7) (a) Have representations been made to the Government of Turkey to suspend the upgrading of the current road works; if so, when and by whom; and (b) if consultations were made in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.
- (8) What investigations have been made by OAWG, or its agents, into allegations that human remains have been uncovered, and in some cases destroyed, at the current road works.
- (9) What research and examination was conducted prior to the current road works with respect to: (a) the environment; and (b) sites of military significance.
- (10) How many Australians were posted missing at Gallipoli and never found.
- (11) When were discussions last held with Turkish authorities concerning reported plans to charge admission to the Gallipoli site.

- (12) On each of the past five Anzac days, what was the estimated crowd at Gallipoli.
- (13) What is the estimated budget for Anzac Day 2005, in total, and, for the entertainment component.
- (14) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance in 2005, and at what cost.
- (15) Which Federal Parliamentarians have, or will be, invited to travel to Turkey to attend the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.
- (16) What is the estimated cost to the Commonwealth of Federal Parliamentarians travelling to Turkey for this commemoration.
- (17) Can the Minister confirm what proportion of these costs will be met from the Saluting Their Service program.
- (18) (a) What regulation is conducted by Turkish authorities with respect to the sale and consumption of alcohol at Gallipoli; (b) what representations have been made on this subject; and (c) by whom and with what result.

Notice given 14 March 2005

457 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For the 2003-04 financial year, can the Government provide figures for the amount of funding provided to pregnancy counselling services, including direct and indirect funding and a breakdown of funding by organisation.
- (2) Can the Government provide figures for the amount of funding which will be allocated to pregnancy counselling services in the 2004-05 Budget, including direct and indirect funding, and can a breakdown of funding by organisation be provided.
- (3) Does the Government have any information regarding which of these fully or partially publicly-funded pregnancy counselling services are 'pro-life' and 'pro-choice'.
- (4) Is the Government aware of instances where 'pro-life' organisations have purported to provide independent pregnancy counselling through emergency telephone listings; if so, does the Government approve of this practice.
- (5) If the Government is aware of the practice noted in (4) above, will the Government take action to ensure that such organisations are not represented as independent, through their name or otherwise.

Notice given 16 March 2005

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm, as reported in the *Australian Financial Review* on 13 December 2002, that the indemnity for tax assessed on Cabonne Management by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in 2002 at \$5.9 million, was transferred from Peter Poolman and Peter Lucas (as employees or trustees of two employee benefit plans, CHEB and CHEB II) to Huntley Consultancy, when Huntley Consultancy bought Cabonne Management for \$1 million.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the ATO agreed to take the tax out of future income streams otherwise payable to the farmers in the projects by Cabonne Ltd, and not from the indemnity holder, and did this contribute to the insolvency of Reynolds Wines.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the indemnity holder, Huntley Consultancy, was also the trustee for the projects and hence charged with safeguarding the farmers' interests.

Senator Harris: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 462-463)—With reference to QAAX of 2004 (Tamara Ulysses) who was detained and taken into custody in Cairns by immigration agents on 6 October 2004:

- (1) What investigation has been conducted by the department in relation to QAAX of 2004 being held in detention under federal jurisdiction up to and including her release on 30 December 2004.
- (2) Why has no report or information been released in relation to the assault and sexual assault on QAAX of 2004, alleged to have occurred in the Queensland police watch house at Cairns on the nights of 6 and 7 October 2004.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm when such reports and information will be made available, as it is in the public interest that the result of the investigation so far be made known.
- (4) (a) Is it the case that the address and whereabouts of QAAX of 2004 had been known since 16 April 2004; and (b) was the home of QAAX of 2004 and her Australian husband invaded in the early hours of 6 October 2004; if so, why.

462 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

463 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Notice given 17 March 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 469-474)—With reference to Gunns' proposed pulp mill at Bell Bay in Tasmania:

- (1) From January 2002 to date, what communications have there been between the Minister, the Minister's staff or department and Gunns Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill, and in each case: (a) what was the date of the communication; (b) what was the nature of the communication; (c) who was involved in the communication; and (d) what was the purpose and content of the communication.
- (2) (a) What conditions apply to the Government's offer of \$5 million assistance for the pulp mill; and (b) when is the money likely to be made available.

469 Minister representing the Prime Minister

471 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

473 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

Notice given 18 March 2005

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

- (1) Further to questions on notice nos 447 and 464, on how many occasions since August 2004 has Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Beck, Director of the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG), visited Turkey.

- (2) For each of AVM Beck's visits: (a) what was the itinerary of each visit; (b) what was the cost of each visit; (c) what meetings did he have with Turkish officials; and (d) on each occasion, with whom did he speak.
- (3) When was AVM Beck first provided with information from Turkish officials concerning road works at Gallipoli.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm if AVM Beck consulted with the Outer Area Office of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in Maidenhead, United Kingdom, or the out station at Canakkale, Turkey.
- (5) What, if any, consultation was there with tour operators in Australia, Istanbul or Canakkale.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that the planning procedures for these road works were the same as those for the construction of the Peace Park; if not, why not.
- (7) When was AVM Beck first provided with prepared options and draft plans, either as impressions or as formal drawings.
- (8) How many options were provided, and what, if any, feedback was given.
- (9) Did the options include stopping the road works short of Anzac Cove, or an alternative route to landward; if so, why were they not pursued.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm precisely which sections of the road were subject to these consultations.
- (11) What information, by way of drawings, photographs, or graphic images were provided by AVM Beck for Turkish consideration.
- (12) Currently, what is the width of each section of the road, and what is the width of each new section.
- (13) (a) Have other officers visited Turkey to assist AVM Beck, if so who; and (b) what has been the total cost of their travel.
- (14) Has OAWG established an office at Canakkale; if so: (a) what was the cost; (b) for how long; and (c) by whom was it staffed.
- (15) (a) What technical advice has been sought from consultants in connection with the road plans; (b) for what purpose; (c) from whom was the information sought; and (d) what was the cost.
- (16) What expressions of concern were made by AVM Beck to Turkish officials on the extent of the earth works and the disfigurement of the cliff face.
- (17) (a) What measures were considered to prevent erosion; and (b) what volume of material is planned to be placed in the sea or on the beach.
- (18) Did the plans provide for environmental regeneration and protection.
- (19) Did Australia provide technical advice on any part of the construction including drainage, erosion protection, traffic management, replanting or visitor control and if so, who provided that advice.
- (20) (a) Apart from the road construction, what other broader planning was undertaken prior to this project to examine the effect of tourism on the whole Gallipoli site; (b) what strategic planning has been undertaken; and (c) what input has been provided by the Government.
- (21) Over the past 5 years: (a) what consultancy or expert advice has been sought with respect to the preservation of heritage values on the entire Gallipoli site; (b) what are the details of each consultancy or advice; and (c) what are the costs.

- (22) At any stage, did AVM Beck object to the scope of the Turkish plans and were those concerns conveyed to the Minister; if so: (a) when and in what form was that concern expressed to the Minister; and (b) what was the Minister's response.
- (23) (a) Did AVM Beck object to the Turkish plans; (b) was a request made for amendments, or for work to be suspended; if so: (i) when were these requests made, and (ii) what were the responses.
- (24) Can the Minister confirm the number of occasions, and the dates, of these discussions held with the Embassy of Turkey in Canberra on this project, and which departments were represented.
- (25) Did the Minister and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade receive representations from the Government of Turkey in Canberra or Ankara, on the detailed planning for this project; if so, can this information be provided.
- (26) In each of the options considered; (a) what variations were there with respect to parking at all sites; (b) which of the variations were requested by Australia; (c) which of the variations were objected to by Australia; and (d) what was the outcome.
- (27) As part of the works now under way, what parking capacity is being provided for buses and cars, and at what sites.
- (28) How many cubic metres of soil are being removed from the sites, and how is it being disposed of.
- (29) On how many occasions has AVM Beck briefed the Minister since August 2004.
- (30) Has the Department of Environment and Heritage been consulted, at any stage, on any options; if so, what was its response.
- (31) Was the Australian War Memorial (AWM) involved in any of the planning process, and in particular, what advice was sought and provided on likely burial sites of those missing from 1915 in the areas affected by the roads.
- (32) What information was provided by the CWGC on the likely burial sites of missing Australians, and what were the terms of that advice.
- (33) What other capital works were subject to consultations by AVM Beck, for which facilities, and where.
- (34) Did Australia offer any capital support for any of the works discussed; if so, what was the cost and what were the purposes.
- (35) With reference to the entertainment to be provided during the ANZAC Day period at Gallipoli 2005, which entertainers other than Mr John Farnham were considered or contacted, and were Mr Guy Sebastian and Ms Casey Chambers included on those lists.
- (36) (a) Who contacted Mr John Farnham; (b) over what period did discussions continue on his engagement; (c) what were the terms of the proposed engagement; and (d) what was the estimated cost of his services.
- (37) (a) On whose direction was the proposal for Mr John Farnham's engagement cancelled; (b) did this direction require cancellation of any agreement or contract; if so: (i) was there a cancellation fee, and (ii) what was the cost of that cancellation fee.
- (38) (a) What process was instituted to select the contractors providing the sound and light show; (b) was it an open or selective tender process; and (c) why were Australian providers not considered and selected.

- (39) How many ministerial representations have been received by the Minister to 30 March 2005 on the matter of entertainment at Gallipoli and the road works.
- (40) What is the cost of the contract for the sound and light show, and what is the name of the contractor(s) selected.
- (41) How was the string quartet selected, who are they, and what is the cost.
- (42) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance from Australia and other locations, and at what cost.
- (43) How many persons in the following categories will be in attendance: (a) officials from Australia (b) officials from Turkey; (c) elected representatives; and (d) members of royalty.
- (44) How many will be in the official party, and of those, how many will be funded by Australia and at what cost.
- (45) How many veterans have been included in the official party, who are they, and what is the cost of their travel.
- (46) How many officials with security responsibilities will be in attendance from Australia, and from which agencies.

Notice given 30 March 2005

- 482 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by President of the United States of America: Were the President and Mrs Bush: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city they visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of these visitors through the x-ray equipment.
- 483 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by the Chinese President: Was President Hu: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city he visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of this visitor through the x-ray equipment.

Notice given 8 April 2005

- 494 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has the Prime Minister authorised Senator Guy Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth to elected representatives or employees of Launceston City Council in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so: (a) when did the Prime Minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.
 - (2) Did any other minister authorise Senator Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so, in each case: (a) who was the minister, and when did that minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.

- (3) Has any financial offer from the Commonwealth towards the Elphin Sports Precinct project been varied; if so, when and how was it varied.
- 495 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Do unused Telstra pre-paid mobile telephone credits expire; if so, what rules govern the expiry of pre-paid mobile telephone credits.
 - (2) How are Telstra customers advised of these expiry arrangements, is it: (a) at the time of pre-paid credit purchase; and/or (b) at the time of expiry.
 - (3) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what was the value of expired Telstra pre-paid mobile telephone credits.
- 496 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) (a) In each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many customers in Tasmania have signed up for broadband connection; and (b) of these customers, how many are waiting for connection due to a lack of capacity at a local exchange.
 - (2) (a) How many Tasmanian exchanges have reached full capacity; and (b) what are the names of these exchanges.
- 497 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) When was the decision made to stage regional fora in the 2004-05 financial year at which the Minister would be present to discuss regional telecommunications services.
 - (2) For each forum held to date, can the following details be provided: (a) when the forum was held; (b) its location; (c) the venue; (d) the time and duration of the forum; (e) who was invited to attend; (f) who attended; (g) details of associated advertising, including form and media; and (h) the total cost, disaggregated to include all identified costs.
 - (3) Can details be provided of all planned future regional fora, including dates and locations.
- 498 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the 200 Telstra telephone exchanges which had the worst performance record.
 - (2) What criteria is used to determine the performance of a telephone exchange.
- 499 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many homes were covered by a telephone mass service disruption notice.
 - (2) In each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, on how many occasions have mass service disruption notifications lasted for: (a) up to a week; (b) up to a month; and (c) more than a month.
 - (3) On how many occasions were mass service disruption notifications issued concurrently.

Notice given 11 April 2005

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

- (1) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister's special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended public meetings of Wyong Shire Council and its committees, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, its location, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett's attendance.
- (2) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister's special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended private meetings at the Wyong Shire Council chambers, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, who attended the meeting, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett's attendance.

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

- (1) In the decision to re-tender community care programs including respite care, continence advice, telephone information and carer support what consideration was given to older people, people with disabilities and their carers, and risks to continuity of care.
- (2) Given that the competitive tendering that was attempted in the 1980s and 1990s resulted in dislocation of clients and, in some cases, a poorer quality of care, how will these problems be avoided in the new arrangements.
- (3) How, in particular, will the specific expertise of organisations that currently provide services through the National Respite for Carers Program, relating to dementia, Indigenous issues and cultural and linguistic diversity be maintained and/or enhanced by competitive tendering.
- (4) What level of importance will be attached in the competitive tendering process to the close relationships formed between community care clients and carers and service providers.
- (5) Has the Government assessed the difficulty of service providers meeting the statutory employment conditions with new contracts planned to come into effect from 1 July 2005; if so, what were the findings.
- (6) What evidence is there that tendering these services will result in more, rather than less, service integration.
- (7) How will tendering for the National Respite for Carers Program be managed given the fact that it currently provides top-up funding for many Home and Community Care and Day Therapy Centre services.

504 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 28 (Senate *Hansard*, 7 March 2005, p.158): Can details be provided of the agreement mentioned in the answer that was to have been made with the McLoughlin's Beach Progress Press Association, also known as the McLoughlin's Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, including who on behalf of that organisation signed the agreement and when it was signed.

Senator Ludwig: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 516-527)—In each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many cases of fraud against the department have been a result of forged documentation including any of the following: (a) forged drivers' licences;

(b) forged birth certificates; (c) forged Australian citizenship papers; (d) forged passports, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify); and (e) forged marriage certificates, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify).

522 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Notice given 12 April 2005

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 529-534)—For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many trips were taken by officers of the Minister's department and agencies to Christmas Island and/or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, including on how many occasions: (a) officers travelled to the islands through Denpasar, Indonesia; (b) officers travelled from the islands through Denpasar; and (c) the transit through Denpasar consisted of a stopover of: (i) one night, or (ii) more than one night.

532 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

536 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—For each financial year since the inception of the MedicarePlus safety net, how many claims have been made under the safety net in the federal electorate of Bass in each of the following categories: (a) Commonwealth concession card holders; (b) family tax beneficiaries; and (c) others.

Notice given 19 April 2005

546 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Investment Review of Health and Medical Research's final report, *Sustaining the virtuous cycle for a healthy, competitive Australia*:

- (1) What plans, if any, does the Government have to implement the recommendations contained in the report and what is the timeframe for implementation.
- (2) Given Access Economic's estimate that for every \$1 invested in health research and development there is a \$5 return to the Australian economy, and Australia's placement near the bottom of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) league table for research spending, does the Government intend to increase the level of funding to support health and medical research in Australia; if not, why not; if so, by how much and when.
- (3) How will the Government guarantee that Australia remains 'a world leader in health and medical research' and continues to produce 'on a per capita basis, [a] research output ... twice the OECD average', as stated by the Minister in the foreword to the report.

Notice given 20 April 2005

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware of allegations that United States Air Force (USAF) combat pilots are supplied with and/or are required to take amphetamines or other stimulants when on lengthy missions.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who regularly use amphetamines or other stimulants suffer as a result of that use from any of the following conditions: (a) chronic insomnia; (b) paranoia;

(c) hallucinations; (d) halted personality development; (e) malnutrition; and (f) anti-social tendencies.

- (3) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who withdraw from regular use of amphetamines or other stimulants suffer any of the following conditions: (a) restlessness; (b) mental confusion; and (c) depression.
- (4) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the effects of amphetamines or other stimulants on pilots.
- (5) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the increased risk to the Australian travelling public resulting from the use of amphetamines or other stimulants by USAF personnel while operating in Australian airspace.
- (6) If the Minister is aware of or has commissioned such studies would the Minister advise: (a) who commissioned any such study; (b) who conducted any such study; (c) the date any such study commenced and concluded; and (d) the findings of any such study.
- (7) Can any such studies be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.

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

- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, including 2004-2005 to date, what amount was spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality extended by the Minister; and (b) supporting ministerial travel overseas by way of: (i) accompanying officers, (ii) briefing, and (iii) hospitality and other support by way of itinerary preparation and travel bookings.
- (2) For each of the next three financial years, what is the projected amount to be spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality directed and/or hosted by the Minister; and (b) the projected amount to be spent by the Department on international ministerial travel.

552 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to answer No. 15 to a question taken on notice at the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee's Estimates 2003-2004 hearings (Additional Information Volume 1, dated May 2004) concerning management retreats and training:

- (1) What external consultants were engaged for each event.
- (2) Who were they, and in each instance, what was the cost.
- (3) How were they selected.

554 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister's media statement (008/05 dated 16 March 2005) announcing the review into the level of recognition of service following the armistice in Korea in 1953:

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) the anticipated start and completion dates for the review; (b) the total projected cost of the review; (c) the process by which Mr Garry Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford were selected, including how many other candidates were considered for each position; (d) who made the final decision as to the appointments; and (e) when the decision was made.
- (2) (a) What is the projected cost of secretarial support to be given to the review; (b) the number of secretarial staff involved; and (c) the agency which will supply the secretarial support.

- (3) What is the estimated remuneration to be paid to each of Mr Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford including: (a) daily rate of remuneration; (b) travel allowance; (c) travel costs; and (d) accommodation costs.
- (4) (a) Is Mr Nehl the former National Party member for the Federal Electorate of Cowper, New South Wales; and (b) what is the extent of his military service.

555 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the Minister's media release (VA009 dated 11 February 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Hunter Veterans':

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) when planning for the visit commenced and was finalised; (b) whether the visit was initiated by the Department or the Minister's office; (c) what was the cost of the visit to the Commonwealth; (d) which federal Members of Parliament were advised of the visit; and (e) on what date and in what manner they were made aware of the visit.
- (2) Which federal Members of Parliament were invited to attend the visit with the Minister.
- (3) Who accompanied the Minister and in what capacity.
- (4) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA005 dated 21 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister visits veterans at aged care facility in Townsville', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (5) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA004 dated 20 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Toowoomba veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (6) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA003 dated 19 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Lismore veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (7) With reference to the Minister's media release (VA001 dated 17 January 2005) headlined: 'Minister meets Southern Fleurieu Peninsula veterans', what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.

556 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the Minister's media release (VA017 dated 23 March 2005) headlined: 'Minister Opens North Queensland Garden of Remembrance':

- (1) (a) Besides the Commonwealth, what other funding contributions have been made to the project; (b) who made the contribution and what was the amount; and (c) what is the total Commonwealth contribution to the project and from which program(s) were the funds drawn.
- (2) (a) What representations has the Minister, or the Minister's predecessor, received from the Member for Herbert, Mr Peter Lindsay, MP, in relation to this project; (b) what was the nature of the representation; (c) what form did the representation take; (d) what was the Minister's response to each representation; and (e) what was the date upon which each representation took place.
- (3) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of the Minister's visit to Townsville for this event.
- (4) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament were advised about the event; and (b) how and when were they made aware of the event.
- (5) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament did the Minister invite to attend the event; and (b) how and when were they invited.
- (6) Who attended the event with the Minister and in what capacity.

557 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister's media statement (007/05 dated 11 March 2005) headlined 'RAAF Ubon veterans praised for service':

- (1) (a) When was the review announced; (b) what was the reference number and date of the Ministerial media release containing the announcement; and (c) what other steps were taken to make the public aware of the review.
- (2) When did the review conclude.
- (3) When did the Minister receive the findings of the review.
- (4) What was the total cost of the review.
- (5) (a) Who were the members of the review; and (b) when were they appointed.
- (6) (a) What was the process of selection; (b) what military expertise was sought; (c) how many names were considered; (d) who made the final selection and when was the decision announced.
- (7) What was the cost of secretarial support provided to the review, including the number of secretarial staff involved and the agency which supplied the secretarial support.
- (8) What are the details of each meeting held by the committee including: (a) the date, time, duration of each meeting; (b) the venue of each meeting; and (c) the committee members who attended each meeting.
- (9) What remuneration was paid to each committee member including: (a) daily rate; (b) travel allowance; and (c) travel costs.

Notice given 27 April 2005

561 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can a list be provided of all meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill in 1999 and 2000.
- (2) Can copies be provided of all records, including minutes, records of meetings and file notes relating to meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill.

562 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) What due diligence or other financial assessments of the financial state of the mill were undertaken by the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, prior to the Commonwealth agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.
- (2) What safeguards did the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, put in place to protect the interests of the Commonwealth and Australian taxpayers prior to agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.
- (3) Was the rescue package for the mill conditional on a demonstration that the mill could be made viable.
- (4) What were the predicted levels of cane processing, sugar price and cash flow forecasts the Minister relied on in forming a view that the mill could be viable and therefore justified financial assistance from the Government.

- (5) (a) What tests were made of these forecasts; (b) who undertook the tests; and (c) did the tests conclude that the assumptions in the forecast level of operation by the mill were realistic.

563 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Minister meet with the Board of the mill, cane growers and representatives of Queensland CANEGROWERS on 2 June 2000.
- (2) At that meeting did the Minister offer to underwrite the mill through Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the 2000 crush to proceed.
- (3) When was the formal offer to underwrite the loan made and when was the underwriting facility finalised.
- (4) Did the Minister seek an independent financial assessment of the state of the mill prior to formalising the underwriting agreement; if so, who undertook that assessment and what were the findings of that assessment; if not, what was the basis on which the Minister satisfied himself that he had an accurate picture of the financial state of the mill.
- (5) Was a condition of the offer a commitment by growers supplying the mill to contribute a 5 per cent levy of their proceeds for the following 2 seasons' supply.
- (6) (a) Who represented growers in the negotiations relating to the provision of a 5 per cent levy on growers' mill payments; and (b) when were levy payments agreed to by growers.
- (7) Who signed the above agreement and what was the form of the agreement.
- (8) Was the provision of a plan to rationalise the structure of the sugar industry in the South Johnstone district a further condition of the Government underwriting a loan from the National Australia Bank (NAB) to the mill.
- (9) (a) When was that plan lodged; (b) who assessed the plan; (c) when was the plan accepted as satisfactory by the Government; (d) when was the implementation of the plan to commence; and (e) when was the implementation completed.
- (10) Can the Minister provide a copy of the plan and any reports on its implementation and effectiveness.
- (11) Was the offer to underwrite the loan from the NAB to Queensland CANEGROWERS conditional on the loan being used solely for the purpose of allowing the 2000 crush to proceed to enable the mill to either refinance or to be sold.
- (12) Was the offer made on the basis that the Commonwealth was able to satisfy itself that the suppliers' agreements to repay the loan were exclusively for that purpose and did not form any part of the assets of suppliers available to any other creditor or supplier of the mill.

564 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill: Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth paid the National Australia Bank (NAB) \$2 587 717 on 13 March 2001 as part of its financial assistance to the mill; if so, what was the basis on which the actual amount paid to the NAB was calculated.

565 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Minister agree to provide a guarantee to the National Australia Bank (NAB) by 5 pm on 3 July 2000 in relation to a loan to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.
- (2) Did the Minister meet that deadline; if not, what were the outstanding issues that caused the provision of the guarantee to be delayed.
- (3) When was the guarantee provided to the NAB in relation to the above loan.
- (4) What were the reporting requirements imposed on the mill by the Commonwealth as part of the loan underwriting arrangements.
- (5) Were the requirements complied with in full; if not: (a) what breaches of these conditions occurred; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to these breaches.

566 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the mill, the National Australia Bank (NAB), Queensland CANEGROWERS and the Board of the mill agreed to withhold consent for growers to transfer to a mill other than the South Johnstone Sugar Mill unless certain conditions were met.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that one of the conditions was that transferring growers would continue to forego 5 per cent of payments from the mill to meet the cost of the guarantee if required.
- (3) What was the required form of that agreement by which transferring growers would continue to meet their obligations to the Commonwealth.
- (4) Was this condition fully met; if so, when and in what form was the condition met; if not, what action did the Minister take in response to the failure of the responsible parties to meet that obligation.
- (5) What other conditions were placed on the NAB, Queensland CANEGROWERS and the mill in relation to the transfer of growers to other mills.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth relied on an undertaking from Queensland CANEGROWERS that farmers would enter into a binding agreement to provide 5 per cent of mill payments to repay a loan from the Commonwealth, if the guarantee was exercised, until that loan was fully paid.
- (7) Did the Government write to Queensland CANEGROWERS in January 2001 seeking confirmation that that organisation had secured an agreement with growers to incorporate the 5 per cent repayment obligation in any new cane supply and processing agreement that might be required if the ownership of the mill was transferred to Bundaberg Sugar.
- (8) Did Queensland CANEGROWERS give this confirmation in a form that was satisfactory to the Commonwealth and when was the confirmation provided; if not, why not.
- (9) If the response from Queensland CANEGROWERS was not satisfactory, did the Minister seek legal advice as to what action might be available to the Commonwealth to ensure the interests of taxpayers were properly protected; if so: (a) what was the nature of that legal advice; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to that legal advice.
- (10) Was the rescue package for the mill, announced by the Minister in 2000, provided, subject to a number of other conditions, including: (a) the

restructuring of the Board of the mill; (b) the appointment of new mill management; and (c) the appointment of Thiess to manage the mill.

- (11) Were these conditions met to the satisfaction of the Government; if so: (a) when was each of these conditions met; and (b) when and how was the Minister informed they had been met.

567 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the change of ownership of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar required the drafting of a new cane supply and processing agreement with growers.
- (2) Did that change of ownership require growers supplying the mill to recommit to the provision of 5 per cent of their mill payments to meet the conditions of the loan guarantee provided to Queensland CANEGROWERS by the Commonwealth to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.
- (3) Was a new agreement signed by all parties in accordance with the Commonwealth conditions for the above guarantee; if so, when was the new agreement signed; if not, what action did the Commonwealth take to protect its interests.

568 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Government receive advice from solicitors, acting on behalf of the mill, advising that the various undertakings given by the National Australia Bank (NAB) and the mill ceased to apply upon the expiry of the Canegrowers Guaranteed Facility and the enforcement of the security by the NAB.
- (2) Did the Government receive further advice from the solicitors acting on behalf of the mill, undertaking from the NAB and the mill that the receivers and managers of the mill would not be prevented from selling the mill's assets without any provision for the continued deduction of 5 per cent of growers' cane payments or the repayment of those deductions.
- (3) (a) Did the Minister seek legal advice in relation to the above statements; and (b) what was the nature of that legal advice.
- (4) What action did the Minister take following receipt of that legal advice.

569 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Government enter into a Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS in 2001.
- (2) When was the Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS signed.
- (3) Did Bundaberg Sugar also enter into a Deed Poll in favour of the Commonwealth to use its best endeavours to negotiate amendments to the Collective Cane Supply and Processing Agreement to permit Bundaberg Sugar to continue to deduct from payments to growers and to pay that money to Queensland CANEGROWERS for reimbursement to the Commonwealth.
- (4) When was the Deed Poll with Bundaberg Sugar signed.

570 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Bundaberg Sugar made payments to the Commonwealth as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the South Johnstone Sugar Mill.
- (2) (a) When did Bundaberg Sugar commence making payments; (b) what was the value of the payments made by Bundaberg Sugar; and (c) when did Bundaberg Sugar cease making payments.
- (3) When payments ceased how much of the total debt to the Commonwealth was paid out.
- (4) On what basis did Bundaberg Sugar choose not to continue to make payments to the Commonwealth and what action did the Minister take in response to this decision.

571 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) When did the Minister become aware that the South Johnstone Sugar Mill Suppliers Committee had been formally appointed as the Suppliers Committee in September 2001 for the purposes of the Queensland Sugar Industry Act 1999.
- (2) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that discussions between the Suppliers Committee and Bundaberg Sugar relating to the Cane Supply and Processing Agreement, in particular the execution of the Deed of Novation to ensure the debt to the Commonwealth was repaid, were not progressing.
- (3) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that neither Bundaberg Sugar nor Queensland CANEGROWERS were confident that the Deed of Novation would be approved and signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the Deed of Novation was not signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.
- (5) What action did the Minister take to protect the interests of Australian taxpayers following receipt of this advice.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that as a result of the failure of Queensland CANEGROWERS and Bundaberg Sugar to get the Deed of Novation properly endorsed by growers, Bundaberg Sugar placed levy funds from growers in a special trust fund.
- (7) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth advised solicitors representing Queensland CANEGROWERS that unless the endorsement of the Deed of Novation and the amended Cane Supply and Processing Agreement was forthcoming it would take action to recover the outstanding funds from Queensland CANEGROWERS.

572 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did Bundaberg Sugar approach the Minister, or his office, prior to the 2001 election, seeking agreement to provide a grant to growers supplying cane to the mill or to forgive loan monies still owed as part of the arrangements entered into with the Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to the mill in 2000; if so: (a) how was the request made; (b) to whom was it made; and (c) what was the response.
- (2) Did Bundaberg Sugar place payments due to the Commonwealth in a special trust fund while these negotiations took place.

- (3) What was the Minister's response to the request for a special grant to growers or forgiveness of the loan provided by the Commonwealth.

573 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Was the Commonwealth a party to the settlement between cane farmers, Bundaberg Sugar, the mill and others in relation to the Commonwealth loan to the mill in 2000 and the repayment of that debt by suppliers to the mill.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth make an offer to the parties to settle the matter on 7 May 2003; if so: what was nature of that offer and was that offer accepted.
- (3) As a condition of the offer to settle the matter, did the Commonwealth require agreement from all suppliers and that requisite releases be obtained from all parties to the dispute.
- (4) Did all suppliers to the mill agree to the terms of the settlement; if not, how many suppliers did not sign the agreement.
- (5) What impact did the failure of all affected growers to agree to the settlement have on its status.
- (6) Are those suppliers who did not agree to the terms of the settlement entitled to recover funds withheld from their payments from the mill as part of the loan arrangements entered into by the Commonwealth and Queensland CANEGROWERS.

574 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, as a condition of supporting the sale of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar in 2001, the Commonwealth sought and obtained undertakings from Queensland CANEGROWERS, Bundaberg Sugar and the receivers of the mill to ensure that growers would continue to repay the indemnity provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the cane crush in 2000.
- (2) (a) In what form was the assurance from each of the above parties sought; (b) in what form was the assurance from each of the above parties given; and (c) in each case, when was the assurance given.
- (3) (a) What action did the Minister take to ensure that the form of the commitment from each of the above parties protected the interests of the Commonwealth by legally requiring that suppliers repaid monies owed to the Commonwealth; and (b) in each case, when was that action taken.

575 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

- (1) Did the Minister offer to forgive any part of a loan provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS as part of an assistance package for the mill; if so: (a) when did the Minister make the offer; (b) what was the amount of debt owed to the Commonwealth at the time the offer was made; and (c) what was the reason for the offer to forgive a debt to the Commonwealth.
- (2) If an offer was made by the Minister to forgive the above debt, what conditions were attached to the offer.
- (3) Was the payment of funds collected from cane growers but held in a solicitor's trust account by Bundaberg Sugar to the Commonwealth a condition of the offer to forgive the debt to the Commonwealth; if so, what

actions did the Minister take, or what advice did he seek, in relation to the legality of the withholding of the funds from payments to cane growers supplying cane to the mill.

- (4) If the Minister sought advice about the legality of collecting the payments, from whom did he seek advice and what was the form of that advice.
- (5) What action did the Minister take in response to that advice.

Notice given 28 April 2005

576 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can the Minister provide details of expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net as follows:

- (1) For the period 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005: (a) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the lower threshold; (b) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the higher threshold; (c) what was the proportion of total Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net in relation to what was spent on: (i) specialist services, (ii) diagnostic services, (iii) General Practitioner services, (iv) pathology services, and (v) other services; and (d) what was the breakdown, by federal electorate, of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, what was the projected cost of the Medicare Safety Net prior to the announcement by the Prime Minister on 14 April 2005 that the government intends to increase the thresholds.
- (3) In each of the three quarters from 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005, what was the average percentage by which charges exceeded the schedule fee for: (a) specialist services; (b) General Practitioner services; (c) diagnostic services; and (d) pathology services.

577 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the study of medical literature regarding iatrogenesis entitled *Death by Medicine*, reprinted by the World Natural Health Organisation.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Australian authors who have studied the literature relating to iatrogenic harm used the term 'epidemic' to describe the extent of that harm.
- (3) With relation to the following categories of the iatrogenic spectrum, what are the Government's estimates of annual fatalities arising from: (a) adverse reactions to prescribed drugs; (b) medical error; (c) deaths occurring as a result of unnecessary procedures; and (d) surgery-related deaths.
- (4) What measures has the government undertaken to ensure appropriate risk assessment and risk management by medical practitioners and that patients are adequately informed of the risks associated with medical procedures.

Notice given 3 May 2005

579 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) how many vehicles attracted conversion grants under the Alternative Fuels Conversion Program; (b) at what value; and (c) what is the average total cost of total conversion in each class of vehicle.
- (2) For the past 4 financial years, how many dual fuel vehicles (diesel/gas and petrol/gas) were imported to Australia.

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

- (1) Over the past 3 years: (a) how many detainees have sought treatment for mental health problems in each of the detention centres, including those offshore; (b) how many were diagnosed with mental health conditions and what treatment was provided in each case; (c) how many mental health staff were provided in each immigration detention centre and what were their qualifications; (d) what was the ratio of mental health staff to detainees; (e) for each immigration detention centre, what has been the range and average waiting time for people to be assessed by a mental health professional; (f) within each immigration detention centre: (i) how many mental health consultations and treatment sessions have been provided to each client, and (ii) how many consultations and treatment sessions were provided to detainees outside detention centres; and (g) what range and quantity of drugs have been administered to people in immigration detention centres for mental health conditions.
- (2) (a) What are the protocols and policies of screening for, and treatment of, the mental health problems of people in immigration detention centres; and (b) can copies of these policies be provided.
- (3) Over the past 8 years, what percentage of detainees, who have spent more than 6 months in immigration detention, were prescribed drugs for mental health conditions.
- (4) Can the Government provide a list of all staff, contractors and consultant psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists, social workers, counsellors and others providing mental health services to people in immigration detention centres, including their qualifications, hours and conditions of employment, state of registration (where applicable), and location of service.
- (5) Which of these mental health workers have specific training in the needs of refugees and training in working with people who have experienced trauma.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm recent reports suggesting that some people working under the title of psychologist in immigration detention centres are not registered with the appropriate professional board in their state; if so, what has the Government done to investigate these reports.
- (7) What has the Government done to ensure that staff providing mental health services to people in immigration detention services have the necessary qualifications to provide adequate treatment.
- (8) Will the Minister take any action to examine and evaluate the performance of immigration detention centres with regard to the mental health and welfare of people in detention.
- (9) In how many instances have detainees presenting with mental health problems been advised by mental health workers to return to their country of origin.

- (10) Have mental health workers advised detainees that they should agree to return to their country of origin; if so, have they done this on the instructions, written or verbal, of the officers of the department, or centre managers.

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

- (1) When will a report resulting from the review of the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992* be made publicly available.
- (2) Can the Minister account for the delay in the production of this report.
- (3) Can a list of the groups and organisations that made submissions to the review be made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (4) Will copies of submissions to the review be made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (5) What advice was contained in the submissions on the need for changes to the Act.
- (6) (a) Can a copy be provided of the evidence used to determine that ‘gains made by making amendments to the Act would be insignificant’, as stated in the media release by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing on 7 April 2005; if not, why not; and (b) who provided this evidence and/or advice.
- (7) Given that the Government has indicated it will not make any changes to the Act, how does the Government intend limiting public exposure to tobacco advertising through new and emerging forms of tobacco promotion such as the internet, text messaging, via vending machines, within movies etc.

583 **Senator George Campbell:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the Commonwealth Fleet Management Agreement:

- (1) Can a break-down be provided of all vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth Government under the Fleet Management Agreement, including: (a) the total number of vehicles; (b) vehicle type (e.g. sedan, wagon etc); and (c) user (e.g. department, authority etc).
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the Fleet Management Agreement.
- (3) Under the Fleet Management Agreement, does the Commonwealth have any say over the type of vehicles that are used.
- (4) Can full details be provided of any vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth which are not covered by the Fleet Management Agreement.

584 **Senator George Campbell:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to the road works at Anzac Cove and other work/maintenance at the Gallipoli Peninsula:

- (1) Has the Government contributed any funding for the upkeep, maintenance or construction work at Gallipoli since 2001; if so, can details be provided of the amounts and the purpose of the expenditure.
- (2) Did the Government offer to contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans’ Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government.

- (3) Did the Government contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government; if so: (a) how much was spent and what was it spent on; and (b) where was the funding drawn from and who approved its expenditure.

Notice given 4 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 585-615)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) how many consultants were engaged by the department and/or its agencies to conduct surveys of community attitudes to departmental programs and what was the total cost; and (b) for each consultancy: (i) what was the cost, (ii) who was the consultant, and (iii) was this consultant selected by tender; if so, was the tender select or open; if not, why not.
- (2) Were any of the surveys released publicly; if so, in each case, when was the material released; if not, in each case, what was the basis for not releasing the material publicly.

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 601 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
 602 Minister for Justice and Customs
 603 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
 604 Minister for the Communication, Information Technology and the Arts
 605 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
 606 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
 607 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
 608 Special Minister of State
 609 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
 611 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
 612 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

- 613 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 614 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 615 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 616-646)—

- (1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, how many mobile phones has the department and/or its agencies, provided to: (a) a minister, including the name of the minister or ministers; (b) staff of a minister employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act (MoPS Act); (c) a departmental liaison officer in a minister's office; (d) a parliamentary secretary, including the name of the parliamentary secretary or secretaries; (e) the staff of a parliamentary secretary employed under the MoPS Act; and (f) a departmental liaison officer in the office of a parliamentary secretary.
- (2) What was the total cost of the provision of mobile phones to the abovementioned categories for the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date.

- 616 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 617 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 618 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 619 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 620 Minister for Defence
- 621 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 622 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 623 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 624 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 625 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 626 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 627 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 628 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 629 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 630 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 631 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 632 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 633 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 634 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 635 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 636 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 637 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 638 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 639 Special Minister of State
- 640 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 641 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 642 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 643 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

- 644 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 645 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 646 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 647-677)—For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can the following information be provided for the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) What were the base and top level salaries of Australian Public Service (APS) level 1 to 6 officers and equivalent staff employed.
- (2) What were the base and top level salaries of APS Executive level and Senior Executive Service officers and equivalent staff employed.
- (3) Are APS officers eligible for performance or other bonuses; if so: (a) to what levels are these bonuses applied; (b) are these applied on an annual basis; (c) what conditions are placed on the qualification for these bonuses; and (d) how many bonuses were paid at each level, and what was their dollar value for the periods specified above.
- (4) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with motor vehicles; and (b) what has been the cost to date.
- (5) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with mobile phones; and (b) what has been the cost to date.
- (6) How many management retreats or training programs have staff attended.
- (7) How many management retreats or training programs have been held off-site.
- (8) In the case of each off-site management retreat or training program: (a) where was the event held; and (b) what was the cost of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.
- (9) How many official domestic trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this domestic travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.
- (10) How many official overseas trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.
- (11) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used; and (b) on how many occasions was aircraft chartered, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

- 647 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 648 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 649 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 650 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 651 Minister for Defence
- 652 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 653 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 654 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 655 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 656 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 657 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 658 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 659 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 660 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 661 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 662 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 663 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 664 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 665 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 666 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 668 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 669 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 670 Special Minister of State
- 671 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 672 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 673 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 674 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 675 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 676 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 677 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 678-708)—

- (1) In relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Minister's portfolios, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; and (c) the Minister's staff.
- (2) In relation to all air charters engaged and paid for by the Minister and/or the Minister's office and/or the department and its agencies, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

- 678 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 679 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 680 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 681 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 682 Minister for Defence
- 683 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 684 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 685 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 686 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 687 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- 688 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 689 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 690 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 691 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 692 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 693 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 694 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 695 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 696 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 697 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 698 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 699 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 700 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 701 Special Minister of State
- 702 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 703 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 704 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 705 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 706 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 707 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 708 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

709 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) With reference to each individual minister, and in relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the minister; (b) the minister's family; and (c) the minister's staff.
- (2) In relation to all air charters engaged by the minister and/or the minister's office and/or the department and its agencies and met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 710-740)—For each financial year since 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date:

- (1) (a) What overseas travel was undertaken by the Minister; (b) what was the purpose of the Minister's visit; (c) when did the Minister depart Australia; (d) who travelled with the Minister; and (e) when did the Minister return to Australia.
- (2) (a) Who did the Minister meet during the visit; and (b) what were the times and dates of each meeting.
- (3) (a) On how many of these trips was the Minister accompanied by a business delegation; and (b) can details be provided of any delegation accompanying the Minister.

- (4) Who met the cost of travel and other expenses associated with the trip.
- (5) What total travel and associated expenses, if any, were met by the department in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; (c) the Minister's staff; and (d) departmental and/or agency staff.
- (6) What were the costs per expenditure item for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; and (c) the Minister's staff, including but not necessarily limited to: (i) fares, (ii) allowances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) hospitality, (v) insurance, and (vi) other costs.
- (7) What were the costs per expenditure item for each departmental and/or agency officer, including but not necessarily limited to: (a) fares; (b) allowances; (c) accommodation; (d) hospitality; (e) insurance; and (f) other costs.
- (8) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used by the Minister or his/her office or department; and (b) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

710 Minister representing the Prime Minister

711 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

712 Minister representing the Treasurer

713 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

714 Minister for Defence

715 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

716 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

717 Minister representing the Attorney-General

718 Minister for Finance and Administration

719 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

720 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

721 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

722 Minister for Family and Community Services

723 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

724 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

725 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

726 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

727 Minister for Justice and Customs

728 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

729 Minister for the Arts and Sport

730 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

731 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

733 Special Minister of State

734 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

735 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

736 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

737 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

- 738 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 739 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 740 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 741-771)—For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2002-03 can the following information relating to advertising be provided:

- (1) (a) What advertising campaigns were commenced; and (b) for what programs.
- (2) In relation to each campaign: (a) what was its total cost, including a breakdown of advertising costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs with brochures, and (v) research on advertising; and (b) what was the commencement and cessation date for each aspect of the campaign placement.
- (3) For each campaign: (a) on which television stations did the advertising campaign screen; (b) on which radio stations did the advertising campaign feature; and (c) in which newspapers did the advertising campaign feature.
- (4) Which: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, were engaged for the campaign.
- (5) In the event of a mail out, what database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (a) What appropriations did 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) in which financial year will these appropriations be made; (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.
- (7) Was a request 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.
- (8) Did the Minister for Finance and Administration issue a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (7); if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (9) 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.

- 741 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 742 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 743 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 744 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 745 Minister for Defence
- 746 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 747 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 748 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 749 Minister for Finance and Administration

- 750 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 751 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 752 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 753 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 754 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 755 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 756 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 757 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 758 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 759 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 760 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 761 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 762 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 763 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 764 Special Minister of State
- 765 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 766 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 767 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 768 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 769 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 770 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 771 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 772-801)—

- (1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what boards, councils, committees and advisory bodies fall within the responsibilities of the Minister.
- (2) For each body referred to in paragraph (1): (a) who are the members; (b) when were they appointed; (c) how were they appointed and what mechanism was used in the selection process; (d) how long is their term and when does their term expire; (e) what fees, allowances and other benefits are enjoyed by the members; (f) have these fees, allowances and other benefits varied since 2000; if so, what was the reason for each variation, and what was the quantum of each variation.
- (3) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the members' publicly-funded travel.
- (4) (a) When have these appointees/boards provided formal reports to the Minister; and (b) can a copy of these reports be provided; if not, why not.

- 772 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 773 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 775 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 776 Minister for Defence
- 777 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 778 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 779 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 780 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 781 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 782 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 783 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 784 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 785 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 786 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 787 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 788 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 789 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 790 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 791 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 792 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 793 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 795 Special Minister of State
- 796 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 797 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 798 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 799 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 800 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 801 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 802-832)—

- (1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what sum has the department and/or its agencies spent on consultants.
- (2) In relation to each consultancy: (a) what was the name of the consultant employed; (b) what was the cost; (c) what was the purpose; (d) what was the period during which the consultant was engaged; (e) what role did the Minister and/or his/her office have in the engagement of the consultant; and (f) was the consultancy subject to a tender process; if not, why not; if so, was it an open tender or a select tender.

- 802 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 803 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 804 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 805 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 806 Minister for Defence
- 807 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 808 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 809 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 810 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 811 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 812 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 813 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 814 Minister for Family and Community Services

- 815 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 816 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 817 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 818 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 819 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 820 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 821 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 822 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 823 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 824 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 825 Special Minister of State
- 826 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 827 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 828 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 829 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 830 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 831 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 832 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 833-863)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a list be provided of customer service telephone lines, including: (a) the telephone number of each customer service line; (b) whether the number is toll free and open 24 hours; (c) which output area is responsible for the customer service line; and (d) where this call centre is located.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the cost of maintaining the customer service lines.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a breakdown be provided of all direct and indirect costs, including: (a) staff costs; (b) infrastructure costs (including maintenance); (c) telephone costs; (d) departmental costs; and (e) any other costs.
- (4) How many calls have been received, by year, in each year of the customer service line's operation.

- 833 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 834 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 835 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 836 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 837 Minister for Defence
- 838 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 839 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 840 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 841 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 842 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 843 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

- 844 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 845 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 846 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 847 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 848 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 849 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 850 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 851 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 852 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 853 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 854 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 855 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 856 Special Minister of State
- 857 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 858 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 859 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 860 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 861 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 862 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 863 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- 864 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Will the Minister provide the eligibility criteria used by the Government to determine media attendance at the 2004 and the 2005 Budget lock-up.
 - (2) Will the Minister provide a definition of mainstream media, taking into account the following extract from Mr Peter McGuaran's second reading speech, for the Broadcasting Services (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 on 21 March 2003:

Technological progress and globalisation are changing the structure of the Australian media market and patterns of media consumption—undeniably Australian media organisations are responding to these changes by investing in new technology enterprises and forming broader strategic partnerships, but the regulation of ownership and control of Australian media has been largely static. This creates ongoing tension between the trend towards convergence in the communications market and a regulatory framework which is based on sector-specific regulation and an assumption that influential sources of news and opinion are limited to the traditional domestic media outlets...The government is committed to the need for ongoing diversity of opinion and information in the Australian media.
 - (3) Will the Minister provide a list of media outlets attending the 2005 Budget lock-up.
 - (4) Will the Minister provide a list of press gallery members, that is those members with press gallery accreditation, who have been excluded from the 2005 Budget lock-up.

- (5) Will the Minister provide an explanation why some staff members of crikey.com.au gained accreditation to attend the 2004 Budget lock-up, but none have been granted access to the 2005 Budget lock-up.

Notice given 6 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 868-898)—For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of all privately or commercially sponsored travel, including cost and sponsor for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; (c) the Minister's personal staff; and (d) officers of the Minister's department.

- 868 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 869 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 870 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 871 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 872 Minister for Defence
- 873 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 874 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 875 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 876 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 877 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 878 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 879 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 880 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 881 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 882 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 883 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 884 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 885 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 886 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 887 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 888 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 889 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 890 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 891 Special Minister of State
- 892 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 893 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 894 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 895 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 896 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 897 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 898 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Notice given 10 May 2005

899 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—In relation to access to free breast screening for all Australian women:

- (1) How many Australian women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are eligible for free screening mammograms through the BreastScreen Australia program.
- (2) (a) Can figures be provided on the proportion of eligible women in the Indian Ocean Territories who have used the BreastScreen Australia program in each of the past 5 years; and (b) how does this compare to the proportion of eligible women in mainland Australia who have accessed the BreastScreen Australia program.
- (3) What arrangements does the Government have in place to provide local access to the necessary equipment and staff so that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories have the same access to screening mammograms as women living in mainland Australia.
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are able to access the BreastScreen Australia program.

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

- (1) (a) What data does the Government have on the incidence of episiotomy in uncomplicated vaginal births in Australian hospitals; and (b) what data does the Government have on the incidence of adverse health outcomes resulting from the use of episiotomy.
- (2) Is the Government aware that according to a review of scientific evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (4 May 2005), the routine use of episiotomy does not achieve any of the goals it is commonly believed to achieve.
- (3) Is the Government aware that this review found that when providers restricted their use of episiotomy, women were more likely to give birth without perineal damage, less likely to need suturing, and more likely to resume intercourse earlier.
- (4) Is the Government aware that the review also found that women who experienced spontaneous tears without episiotomy had less pain than women with episiotomies and that the evidence showed that episiotomy did not protect women against urinary or faecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse or difficulties with sexual function in the first 3 months to 5 years following delivery.
- (5) What plans does the Government have to put in place arrangements so that many women with uncomplicated births avoid a procedure that is of no benefit to them.

904 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Before approving the proposal to develop a brickworks on land at Perth Airport, Western Australia, will the Government ensure that an environmental impact study has demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact upon: (a) native bushland on the site; (b) the air quality in nearby urban areas; and (c) traffic congestion in roads leading to the site.

905 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the upcoming joint United States of America (US)-Australia military exercise ‘Talisman Sabre 2005’:

- (1) Will any depleted uranium munitions be used.
- (2) What representations to the US military has the Government made on the issue.
- (3) What assurances has the Government received from the US Government that no such munitions will be used.

Notice given 11 May 2005

906 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to organisations that receive public funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to impose caps on the amount of funding that can be provided to non-government organisations that are involved in advocacy or awareness-raising.
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to prohibit organisations that are involved in advocacy or awareness-raising from receiving public funding.

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee report, *Report of the Working Party on the Registration of Drugs for Use in Children* was completed in 1997 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- (2) Can the Minister provide an outline of the recommendations made by the working party.
- (3) What action is planned and what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the working party.
- (4) Has the working party been discontinued; if so, has any follow-up study been established.

908 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to in vitro fertilisation (IVF) services and proposals to restrict access:

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any investigation of the factors that have contributed to the increase in government rebates for IVF services over the past 10 years; if so, can a copy be provided of any information or report resulting from investigations.
- (2) What groups, if any, were consulted prior to May 2005 regarding possible restrictions on access to Medicare rebates for IVF procedures.
- (3) What data does the Government have on: (a) the proportion of Australian women accessing IVF services; (b) changes in the proportion over the past 10 years; and (c) the range and average number of IVF cycles undertaken by an infertile woman.
- (4) Can information be provided on the average out-of-pocket costs experienced by women for a single cycle of IVF for the past 10 years.

Notice given 12 May 2005

910 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the withdrawal of the arthritis drug Vioxx:

- (1) When did the Government become aware of possible increased risks associated with the use of Vioxx.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) alerted doctors in October 2003 to some evidence of increased risk of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease associated with the use of this drug.
- (3) (a) What other options did the TGA have to protect community safety; and (b) were these options taken; if not, why not.
- (4) (a) How many reports of adverse drug reactions did the TGA receive in relation to Vioxx; and (b) what proportion of these reports were considered serious adverse events.
- (5) How do the answers provided in 4(a) and 4 (b) above compare with those relating to Travacalm which led to the Level 1 Pan Pharmaceuticals recall.
- (6) Why did the Government not institute a Level 1 recall in the case of Vioxx.

Notice given 19 May 2005

- 912 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many participants were there in the Community Development Employment Projects Scheme and of those participants how many were: (a) Indigenous; and (b) non-Indigenous.
- 914 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date:
- (1) What was the average actual Adjusted Taxable Income (ATI) of families who received Family Tax Benefit Part A via: (a) Centrelink lump sum; (b) Australian Taxation Office lump sum; and (c) Centrelink fortnightly payments.
 - (2) What is the distribution of all Family Tax Benefit Part B and Part A customers' ATIs in: (a) \$5000 bands between \$0 and \$100 000 per annum; (b) \$10 000 bands between \$100 000 and \$200 000 per annum; and (c) in \$100 000 bands between \$200 000 and \$1 million or more per annum.
- 915 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For each of the financial years since 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a list be provided of all administered programs in the department, including: (a) the level of funding allocated to each program; (b) the actual expenditure for each program and, if possible, by federal electorate; (c) funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for each program; and (d) the date on which each program is scheduled to end.

Notice given 24 May 2005

- 916 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Better Outcomes in Mental Health initiative:
- (1) When will the full evaluation report of the initiative be made available: (a) to the Better Outcome Implementation Advisory Group; and (b) publicly.
 - (2) Can the Minister explain the delay in the release of the report.

Notice given 31 May 2005

- 917 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister aware the NECWG gave unanimous support to the development of a short flyer to be given to every person who buys a mobile phone explaining the proper use of 000 for mobile phones.
- (3) Has the Minister received correspondence from state or territory ministers in relation to the development of these codes; if so: (a) from which state or territory minister; (b) when did the Minister receive such correspondence; and (c) when did the Minister reply.
- (4) Can a copy of the Minister's replies to the correspondence of state and territory ministers be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Minister and/or the department had meetings with NECWG in relation to these codes; if so: (a) when did the meetings occur; (b) who attended the meetings; (c) what was discussed at the meetings; and (d) can the written records of these meetings be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

918 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, would the Minister advise the number of instances that persons in Australia have dialled 911 instead of 000 when seeking emergency assistance by telephone.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.
- (3) Is the Minister aware the NECWG gave unanimous support to the development of a short flyer to be given to every person who buys a mobile phone explaining the proper use of 000 for mobile phones.
- (4) Has the Minister received correspondence from state or territory ministers in relation to the development of these codes; if so: (a) from which state or territory minister; (b) when did the Minister receive such correspondence; and (c) when did the Minister reply.
- (5) Can a copy of the Minister's replies to the correspondence of state and territory ministers be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Minister and/or the department had meetings with NECWG in relation to these codes; if so: (a) when did the meetings occur; (b) who attended the meetings; (c) what was discussed at the meetings; and (d) can the written records of these meetings be provided; if not, why not.
- (7) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

919 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister

for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of \$2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

- (1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of the program; and (d) the projected completion date.
- (2) By financial year, what amount of funding is projected to be made available from: (a) the Natural Heritage Trust; and (b) the National Landcare program.
- (3) When and who in the South Australian Government did the Minister approach to: (a) negotiate the South Australian Government's contribution to this program; (b) invite the South Australian Government to jointly announce this program; and (c) negotiate the South Australian community's contribution of an estimated \$2.74 million to this program.
- (4) (a) Who made the estimate that the community's in kind support for this program would be equivalent to \$2.74 million; (b) how was this estimate made; and (c) can a copy of the modelling used to make this estimate be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) When and in what form did the Member for Grey make representations to the Minister in relation to this program.
- (6) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to \$4 000 to be made available to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (7) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to \$4 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (8) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to \$10 000 to be made available to assist landholders to implement property management plans.
- (9) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to \$10 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.
- (11) How many requests for information about grants for property management plans and on-ground works have been received by Landcare and the Sustainable Industries section of the department on the telephone number 02 6272 5196.
- (12) Has a freecall number or some other low cost facility been installed to deal with long distance inquiries from South Australia; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (13) How many requests for information about this package have been received by the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay on 08 8688 2922.
- (14) (a) What extra resources were provided by the Commonwealth to the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay to assist the service to cope with the number of inquiries generated by this package; and (b) over what period of time were these resources made available.

920 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005

(reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of \$2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

- (1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of this program; and (d) the projected completion date of this program.
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- (4) (a) Who made the estimate that the community's in kind support for this program would be equivalent to \$2.74 million; (b) how was this estimate made; and (c) can a copy of the modelling used to make this estimate be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) When and in what form did the Member for Grey make representations to the Minister in relation to this program.
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- (9) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to \$10 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.
- (10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.

921 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of \$2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

- (1) (a) When was the Minister briefed on the operation of this program and the requirement for Centrelink and the department to administer the program; and (b) on each occasion, who briefed the Minister.
- (2) What changes were required to Centrelink's normal operating procedures for the Farm Help Program in relation to the package announced in the media release.
- (3) When were Centrelink staff briefed regarding the package announced in the media release.
- (4) (a) How many applications have been received to date for grants of up to \$4 000 to assist landholders to develop property management plans; (b) how many applications have been approved; (c) how many applications

have been received to date for grants of up to \$10 000 to assist landholders to implement property management plans; and (d) how many applications have been approved.

Notice given 2 June 2005

922 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) (a) Would the Minister advise: (i) the term of the Managing Director's appointment, (ii) the Managing Director's annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the Managing Director by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the Managing Director and Tourism Australia be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a motor vehicle; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what type of motor vehicle; (b) where the vehicle is garaged; (c) the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.
- (3) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with an expense account; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a credit card; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the credit card be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a mobile telephone; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) the total actual monthly cost to Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 13 December 2004.

923 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia since 13 December 2004, including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the Managing Director was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the Managing Director, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the Managing Director, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travelling with the Managing Director.
- (2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, would the Minister advise: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and

accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the Managing Director; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

924 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Would the Minister advise from whom and on what dates: (a) Korn Ferry International sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; (b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and (c) the Minister or any member of the Minister's staff sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.
- (2) Would the Minister advise: (a) who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when the nominated referees were contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.

925 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) how Korn Ferry International was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what was the total cost to the Commonwealth of Korn Ferry International's services in this matter; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by Korn Ferry International; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Korn Ferry International; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Minister, and (iii) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; and (g) when the final decision was taken.
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.
- (3) Can the Minister advise in which media outlets the advertisement was placed and the date of each placement.

926 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) When was the Intelligent Island program first announced.
- (2) At the time of announcement, what was the projected Commonwealth expenditure profile for this program for each financial year of its projected duration.
- (3) For each financial year since its announcement, what has been the actual expenditure by the Commonwealth under this program.
- (4) Can a list be provided of recipients of Intelligent Island funding including: (a) name of applicant; (b) amount of funding applied for and date of application; (c) amount of funding provided by the Commonwealth, date of approval and date of payment; and (d) use of funds specified in the application.

927 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Minister's media statement 036/05 dated 18 April 2005, would the Minister advise: (a) what meetings the Minister or the department has attended since 1 September 2004 to pursue other viable alternatives to invest the \$20 million Intelligent Island funding within

Tasmania; (b) who convened each meeting; (c) where and when each meeting was held; (d) who attended each meeting and in what capacity they attended; and (e) whether a copy of the written record of each meeting can be provided; if not, why not.

928 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Minister's media statement 036/05 dated 18 April 2005:

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the original business plan for the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence submitted by the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health in September 2003; if not, why not.
- (2) What key changes to the ethical framework were requested by the University of Tasmania and how did these differ from the Intelligent Island board's decisions with regard to the Centre and its position on the Centre's ethical framework.
- (3) (a) What modelling the department has undertaken or commissioned to assess the impact on the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence of the application of the various proposed ethical frameworks; and (b) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

929 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Intelligent Island Board announced on 1 March 2000, would the Minister advise:

- (1) The published role of the Board.
- (2) The process by which the Board was selected.
- (3) How many persons were considered for appointment to the Board.
- (4) How many and which persons were appointed to the Board.
- (5) Who made the final decision.
- (6) The stakeholder groups that each Board member was appointed to represent.
- (7) The term of each Board member, including the commencement and conclusion of each Board member's term.
- (8) The total amount of remuneration, sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses paid by the Commonwealth to each member of the Board.
- (9) Which, if any, of the original Board members had their term extended; if so: (a) what was the nature of the extension; and (b) who made the final decision.
- (10) When the Board was disbanded.
- (11) Who undertook the published role of the Board after it was disbanded and under what authority.

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

- (1) What environmental impact assessment was conducted prior to the introduction of salmon to a number of Tasmanian streams and inland waterways.
- (2) What is the potential impact of the introduced salmon on these waterways in the World Heritage areas and other protected areas in Tasmania.

931 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to freshwater protected areas within the National Reserve system: In view of the Commonwealth's commitment to the protection of freshwater

ecosystems as described within the National Water Initiative and the National Reserve System: (a) is the Government preparing to undertake a comprehensive national assessment of the conservation status of freshwater ecosystems with the cooperation of state governments; and (b) will the Government make an appropriate financial commitment to support such a study.

932 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the proposed Port of Airlie Marina Development Project:

- (1) Has the Government accepted the recommendations contained in the Environmental Impact Statement and Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement published by the Queensland Coordinator-General that the project be approved subject to strict conditions relating to the construction and operation of the proposed marina.
- (2) Has a project plan been submitted by the developers in which they indicate how they will meet the above condition; if so, is the Government satisfied that there will be no significant environmental damage, particularly to the Great Barrier Reef.

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

- (1) Can the Minister provide information on: (a) the alleged progressive killing of genocide survivors in Rwanda due to their potential to witness against genocide perpetrators; (b) the alleged lack of treatment of 67 per cent of genocide widows in Rwanda infected with HIV due to systematic rape during the genocide, given that the level of HIV infection in the general population is 13 per cent; and (c) the alleged lack of secondary education for genocide orphans in Rwanda.
- (2) With reference to the post-genocide period in Rwanda: (a) how are the bona fides of refugees wanting to come to Australia, who are claiming Tutsi ethnicity, verified by reliable referees; and (b) what support and assistance is Australia giving to achieve reconciliation within Rwanda by reducing the barriers which exist such as removing injustices still experienced by genocide survivors by: (i) removing from positions of authority known genocide perpetrators, (ii) use of independent Gacaca judiciary, (iii) restoring of property and possessions stolen from Tutsi during the genocide, (iv) addressing the huge backlog of Hutu prisoners awaiting trial on genocide related crimes, and (v) other measures.

934 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Will the Minister consider establishing a special category of refugees for genocide survivors from Rwanda which: (a) receives priority for processing by the department; (b) can be applied for on an in-country basis; (c) treats individuals on the same basis of families as far as eligibility to apply for entrance to Australia and financial support getting to and in Australia; (d) does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of physical and mental illness; and (e) enables applicants to prioritise their preferred refugee destinations to ensure: (i) family reunion, and (ii) establishment of sustainable communities of genocide survivors.

Notice given 6 June 2005

935 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Prime Minister's statement dated 8 September 2004 headlined: 'Increased Funding for Bushfire Preparedness', in which the Prime

Minister announced \$6 million over 3 years towards the establishment of a Bushfire Awareness and Preparedness Day:

- (1) Would the Minister advise: (a) what is the projected expenditure profile for each financial year; (b) what has been the actual expenditure to date under this program; (c) which Commonwealth department and/or agency is the lead agency for this program; and (d) from which departmental and/or agency budget will the \$6 million over 3 years be provided.
- (2) (a) How will relevant bodies apply for funding under this program; (b) can a copy be provided of the application form and the program guidelines; and (c) can the Minister advise how and when both were made available to the public.
- (3) Since 1 September 2004: (a) which departments or ministers have been involved in discussions and/or consultations regarding the proposed date of Bushfire Awareness and Preparedness Day; (b) who attended each meeting and in what capacity did they attend; (c) when and where was each meeting held; and (d) can the written record of each meeting be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Since 1 September 2004: (a) how many dates have been proposed for Bushfire Awareness and Preparedness Day; (b) who proposed each date; (c) which dates have been discarded and why; and (d) who made the final decision on each discarded date.
- (5) When is Bushfire Awareness and Preparedness Day to be held.

936 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Since July 2003, on what date(s) has the Immigration Detention Advisory Group (IDAG) visited the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island.
- (2) On each occasion, which member(s) of the IDAG participated in the visit.

937 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—For each month since July 2003: (a) how many detainees held at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island have been subjected to constant observation and/or have had their movement restricted; and (b) how many of these detainees were children aged 17 years or younger.

938 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Government's response to concerns raised in the Immigration Detention Advisory Committee report about the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island relating to the provision of desk lamps for children detained at the centre:

- (1) (a) What relevant Australian standards were applied as justification for denying the installation of reading lamps in detainees' rooms; and (b) can a copy be provided of the relevant design standards.
- (2) (a) Who approved the room specifications allowing one power point per room; and (b) can double adaptors be used to facilitate the use of a reading lamp and another electrical appliance in detainees' rooms up to the safe amperage rating; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the department held discussions with its immigration detention service provider about options to upgrade lighting in detainees' rooms; if not, why not; if so: (a) when did those discussions commence; (b) who participated

in those discussions; (c) what options were discussed; and (d) how were detainees consulted.

- (4) Was lighting upgraded; if so, when and how was it upgraded; if not, why not.
- (5) Does the Minister stand by the claim that ‘for safety reasons electrical appliances may only be introduced into detention centres with prior approval and after a successful electrical test and tagging.’
- (6) Can a schedule be provided, by year since commencement of the IRPC, of all electrical devices introduced into the temporary IRPC on Christmas Island, including but not necessarily limited to desk lamps, air-conditioners, electric fans, computers, printers, scanners, photocopiers, electric staplers, mobile telephone chargers, telephone answering machines, toasters, electric jugs, microwaves, video players, CD players, DVD players and refrigerators for use by: (a) the department; (b) the department’s immigration detention service provider; and (c) subcontractors engaged by the department’s immigration detention service provider.
- (7) (a) For each item (in 6 above), would the Minister advise: (i) the date of approval, (ii) the name of the responsible decision-maker, (iii) the date of electrical testing, (iv) the business name of the tester, (v) the cost of the test; and (b) will the Minister: (i) identify who met that cost, and (ii) disclose whether a tag is attached to the electrical item.
- (8) Can a schedule be provided of all electrical items sought to be admitted into the detention centre that have not been admitted due to the failure to obtain prior approval, and/or failure to produce evidence of successful electrical testing and certification for use by: (a) the department; (b) the department’s immigration detention service provider; and (c) subcontractors engaged by the department’s immigration detention service provider.
- (9) Can a schedule be provided of all electrical items sought to be admitted into the detention centre that have not been admitted due to the failure to obtain prior approval and/or failure to produce evidence of successful electrical testing and certification for use by detainees or visitors.

939 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—When were children detained at the temporary Immigration and Reception Processing Centre on Christmas Island provided with desks for homework.

940 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) On how many occasions have children detained at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island been denied the opportunity to participate in a school excursion.
- (2) For each occasion, would the Minister identify: (a) the date of the excursion; (b) the nature of the excursion; (c) the reason permission was denied; and (d) the responsible decision-maker.

941 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Does the department, or the department’s immigration detention service provider, maintain a record of visitors refused entry to the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island, and a record of the reasons for the decision.

- (2) (a) If a record is maintained, by month: (i) how many individual visits have been refused since the centre commenced operation, and (ii) for what reasons have such visits been refused; and (b) if no record is maintained, why not.
- (3) On what dates, and for what reasons, have visiting sessions at the IRPC been: (a) cancelled; (b) curtailed; and (c) rescheduled.

942 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the departmental policy document that prohibits access to e-mail by detainees at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island.
- (2) What risk and security issues arise with respect to e-mail access that do not arise with respect to telephone access.

943 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Government's response to concerns raised in the Immigration Detention Advisory Committee report about the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island relating to orders to destroy garden beds:

- (1) Which garden beds have been removed due to the department's concerns about 'safety and security', not including garden beds removed to facilitate emergency vehicle access.
- (2) What 'safety and security' risk did the 'destroyed' garden beds pose to detainees, visitors, the department's immigration detention service provider, the department, or the Christmas Island community.

944 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Have limits been placed on the gifting of garden produce by detainees held at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island; if so: (a) what limits have been imposed; (b) when were they imposed; (c) who was the decision-maker; and (d) how were detainees consulted.

945 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the published rules that govern the receipt of gifts by children detained at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island.
- (2) Would the Minister advise who is responsible for making decisions about the admission of individual gifts for children.
- (3) Can a list be provided of all gifts denied admission to the IRPC.

Notice given 8 June 2005

946 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service *Quarantine Matters!* public awareness campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the budgeted and actual expenditure for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.

- (2) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, can budget details be provided for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.
- (3) What campaign funding has been expended to date on: (a) metropolitan television; (b) non-metropolitan television; (c) metropolitan radio; (d) non-metropolitan radio; (e) metropolitan newspapers; (f) non-metropolitan newspapers; (g) metropolitan cinema; (h) non-metropolitan cinema; (i) outdoor billboards; (j) airport advertising; and (k) all other media.
- (4) What moneys have been expended to date on campaign tracking research.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what amounts have been paid to: (a) Killey Withy Punshon Advertising Pty Ltd; (b) other companies for advertising services; (c) the Best Picture Show Company Pty Ltd; (d) other companies for production services; (e) Mr Steve Irwin; and (f) Australia Zoo.
- (6) How many shooting days were required to film the phase III campaign television/cinema advertisements.
- (7) What was the total cost of the phase III campaign launch at Australia Zoo on 13 May 2005.

Notice given 9 June 2005

947 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia since 29 March 2005 including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the General Manager of Corporate Affairs was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the General Manager, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the General Manager, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travel with the General Manager.
- (2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the General Manager; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

948 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':

- (1) From whom and on what dates did:
 - (a) Talent 2 seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally;
 - (b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and

- (c) the Minister or any member of the Minister's staff seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.
- (2) (a) Who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when were the nominated referees contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.
- 949 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':
- (1) (a) Can information be provided on: (i) the term of the General Manager's appointment, (ii) the General Manager's annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the General Manager by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the General Manager be provided; if not, why not.
 - (2) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a motor vehicle; if so: (a) what type of vehicle; (b) where is the vehicle garaged; (c) what is the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) what is the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.
 - (3) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with an expense account; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.
 - (4) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a credit card; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the credit card be provided; if not, why not.
 - (5) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a mobile telephone; if so: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) what is the total actual monthly cost to Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 29 March 2005.
- 950 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member': What background in tourism has the successful candidate had besides the 4 year role as a senior advisor to the former Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey).
- 951 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: 'Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member':
- (1) Can information be provided on: (a) how Talent 2 was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what the total cost was to the Commonwealth of Talent 2's services; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by

Talent 2; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Talent 2; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Managing Director of Tourism Australia, (iii) the Minister, and (iv) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; (g) when the final decision was taken; and (h) when the announcement made.

- (2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.
- (3) Can information be provided outlining: (a) in which media outlets the advertisement was placed; and (b) the date of each placement.

952 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) By federal electorate, what is the current location and address of each Medibank Private office.
- (2) For each of the past 3 financial years and for the 2004-05 financial year to date, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office which has been closed.
- (3) For the 2005-06 financial year, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office scheduled for closure.

953 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Prime Minister's media statement of 29 July 2004 headlined: 'Reforms to the Family Law System':

- (1) Can information be provided on: (a) the proposed location of the 65 community-based Family Relationship Centres by: (i) state or territory, (ii) city/town/suburb, and (iii) federal electorate; and (b) the scheduled opening date of each centre.
- (2) What modelling is being conducted, or has been conducted, to determine the needs of particular communities and thereby the location of each Family Relationship Centre.
- (3) (a) When will the modelling begin and when will it conclude; (b) who will conduct the modelling; (c) how were they selected; (d) who made the final decision; and (e) can the modelling be made available; if not, why not.
- (4) For each financial year of the program's projected existence, can information be provided on the profile of total projected Commonwealth expenditure to: (a) establish; and (b) provide running costs for the community-based Family Relationship Centres.

Notice given 14 June 2005

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 954-955)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, 'Securing and Policing Australia's Major Airports', announcing a range of security measures:

- (1) (a) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Minister, or the department, to determine the impact on regional tourism of any extra costs these measures will pass onto passengers on regional air routes.
- (2) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

954 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

955 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 956-958)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, 'Securing and Policing Australia's Major Airports', announcing a range of security measures:

- (1) Can information be provided: (a) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per domestic airline ticket these measures will impose; (b) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per inbound international airline ticket these measures will impose; and (c) on the Minister's departmental estimates on the additional cost per outbound international airline ticket these measures will impose.
- (2) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Commonwealth to determine these estimates.
- (3) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

956 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

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959 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the article: 'Flying visit for elite airport police team', in the *Adelaide Advertiser* on 9 June 2005:

- (1) Can information be provided on: (a) whether the reported visit was a visit by the Melbourne-based Aviation Rapid Deployment Team (ARDT); (b) how did the team travel to Parafield Airport; and (c) what time and from where did the team depart and what time did it arrive at Parafield Airport.
- (2) In the event of the need to conduct a short notice, intelligence-driven and threat-based operational deployment to Parafield Airport to pre-position a Counter Terrorist First Response capability, what is the expected minimum time between the summoning of the ARDT and its arrival at Parafield Airport.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 960-962)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on undertakings given to fund the Australian School of Fine Furniture (ASFF) in Tasmania and the relevant program(s) under which they were given.
- (2) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on actual funds provided to the ASFF and the relevant program(s) under which they were made available.
- (3) When was each undertaking to provide Commonwealth funding to the ASFF announced and who made the announcement.
- (4) For each undertaking by the Minister or the department to make Commonwealth funding available to the ASFF can information be provided on: (a) what due diligence or other examination of the project was carried out to ensure the financial viability of the project and to ensure Commonwealth funds would be effectively used prior to making the undertaking to make funds available to the ASFF; (b) who conducted the due diligence or other examination of the project and how were they selected; (c) when did the due diligence or other examination of the project commence and when was it completed; (d) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the due diligence or other examination of the project;

(e) when was the due diligence or other examination of the project made available to the Minister; and (f) can a copy of the due diligence or other examination of the project be provided; if not, why not.

960 Minister representing the Prime Minister

961 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

962 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

963 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Minister's visit to Launceston on 21 April 2005:

- (1) When did planning for the visit commence and when was it finalised.
- (2) Was the visit initiated by the department or the Minister's office.
- (3) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament were advised that the visit was to occur; and (b) when and in what manner were they made aware.
- (4) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament were invited to attend the function(s) with the Minister; and (b) when and in what manner were they invited.
- (5) Who accompanied the Minister and in what capacity did they accompany him.
- (6) What was the total cost to the Commonwealth of the visit.
- (7) How much Commonwealth funding was spent on each of the following: (a) alcohol; (b) food and catering; (c) room hire; (d) ministerial travel; and (e) ministerial accommodation.

964 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the Minister's media release of 18 April 2005 headlined, 'Tasmanian visit kicks off for Australian Minister':

- (1) (a) When did planning for the visit commence and when was it finalised; (b) was the visit initiated by the department or the Minister's office; (c) what was the cost of the visit to the Commonwealth; (d) which federal Members of Parliament were advised the visit was to occur; (e) when and in what manner were they made aware; and (f) who attended the visit with the Minister and in what capacity they attended.
- (2) (a) Who arranged the tourism roundtables in East Devonport and Hobart; (b) what was the total cost and the cost to the Commonwealth of each event; (c) which federal Members of Parliament were invited to each event with the Minister; and (d) when and in what manner were they invited.

Notice given 16 June 2005

965 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Government's plans to introduce a policy framework for the introduction of digital radio:

- (1) (a) Will the Government's framework: (i) provide equitable access to the digital radio VHF and L band spectrum; (ii) promote modern spectrally efficient audio encoding; (iii) ensure more program choice, and promote effective competition; (iv) ensure that all Australians, including those in rural and remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high fidelity digital radio technology services; and (b) what safeguards will be incorporated in the new policy framework to achieve these objectives.
- (2) Does the Minister agree that in planning for the introduction of digital radio, it is important that all Australians, including those in rural and

remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high quality digital radio technology.

- (3) In developing the new policy framework for digital radio will the Minister ensure that both satellite and terrestrial digital radio delivery platforms will be available to all Australians.
- (4) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the Government allowed the Australian digital radio satellite (DBStar) orbit reservation to lapse in 2004; and (b) if so, can the Minister explain why the Government failed to take steps to preserve the orbit reservation.

966 **Senator Carr:** To ask the President of the Senate—With reference to the Department of the Senate and the Department of Parliamentary Services (and its predecessor departments):

- (1) Can details be provided on the same basis as asked for in question on notice no. 1577 of 24 June 2003 concerning overseas travel by: (a) the secretary and each senior executive service (SES) officer or SES-equivalent officer for the period 1 June 2003 to 31 May 2005, and in each case, where a spouse or partner accompanied the officer, the costs paid out of departmental funds for the spouse or partner; and (b) officers below the SES level, including departmental costs of any accompanying spouse or partner.
- (2) Can the President request the Speaker to provide answers to the above questions in respect of the Department of the House of Representatives.

967 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) For each financial year since 1996, how much funding has been provided by the department to Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (TECC): (a) under what programs; and (b) for what purpose.
- (2) When and in what manner was the Minister made aware that the Commissioner of Taxation had deemed TECC not to be a charitable institution.
- (3) (a) What did the Commissioner of Taxation deem to be the total taxation liability of TECC to the Commonwealth; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this.
- (4) How much funding has been approved for payment to TECC by the department since the Commissioner of Taxation deemed TECC not to be a charitable institution.
- (5) What provision has been made in the forward budget estimates to meet TECC taxation liabilities in the event that the Commissioner of Taxation's determination of TECC as a non-charitable institution stood.

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

- (1) (a) When did the Commissioner of Taxation determine that Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (TECC) was not a charitable institution; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this decision.
- (2) (a) What did the Commissioner of Taxation deem to be the total taxation liability of TECC to the Commonwealth; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this decision.

- (3) What has been the total cost to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) of proceedings in this matter: (a) before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; and (b) before the Federal Court of Australia.
- (4) What legal and court costs has the ATO been ordered to pay on behalf of TECC.

Notice given 17 June 2005

- 969 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the intention of Barrick Gold and ICI to transport cyanide from Gladstone in Queensland to the proposed gold mine at Lake Cowal in New South Wales: What safeguards are in place to ensure: (a) the health and safety of the residents of the 12 major regional and rural town centres along the proposed route, including the capacity of the local emergency services to deal with an accident or spillage; (b) the security of the cyanide whilst on route; and (c) the protection of the environment of the Lake Cowal area.
- 970 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister's statement A76/2005 issued on 15 June 2005, in which he relies on departmental and advisory committee support for funding to support his allocation of \$500 000 to the Atherton Hotel project under the Sustainable Regions program: Will the Minister identify all Sustainable Regions and Regional Partnerships funding allocations where he has not accepted the recommendation from his department and/or local advisory committee; if not, why not.

Notice given 21 June 2005

- *971 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to early access to superannuation funds under the financial hardship provisions:
- (1) Why are full-time students who receive the Youth Allowance not eligible to access their funds to assist them to meet their study and other living expenses.
 - (2) Can this anomaly be addressed by reclassifying the Youth Allowance (for tertiary students), including it in the list of income support payments which would entitle a recipient to early access to superannuation funds for essential living expenses.
- *972 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What input does the Government provide to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to seek an increase in their lending for microfinance, and increased targeting of this lending to the poorest people.
 - (2) Does the Government have any information on annual lending levels for microfinance by the Asian Development Bank, as well as its total portfolio for microfinance.
 - (3) In 2004, the President of the Asian Development Bank wrote to parliamentarians indicating the bank was undertaking a review of its microfinance strategy; has this review been completed.

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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 Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 23 June 2005, from 9.30 am to 11 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude.

(Agreed to 15 June 2005.)

3 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.)

4 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.)

5 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Finance and Public Administration References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 23 June 2005, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program.

(Agreed to 16 June 2005.)

6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 6 December 2004.)

7 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on 16 June, 20 June, 21 June and 22 June 2005 from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with China.

(Agreed to 15 June 2005; amended 21 June 2005.)

8 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.)

9 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 22 June 2005, to take evidence for the committee's inquiries under standing order 25(2)(b):

- (a) from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm—administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak; and
- (b) from 4.30 pm to 5 pm—corporate governance issues arising from the committee's report on Australian Wool Innovation Ltd and other matters.

(Agreed to 20 June 2005.)

Meeting of Senate

10 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.)

11 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.)

12 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.)

13 Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

That—

- (1) On Thursday, 16 June 2005:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm, and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) not be proceeded with;
 - (c) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be government business only;
 - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (2) On Monday, 20 June 2005:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm, and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm; and
 - (b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (3) On Tuesday, 21 June 2005:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 6 pm to 11 pm shall be valedictory statements; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (4) On Wednesday, 22 June 2005, the routine of business from 9.30 am till not later than 2 pm and from not later than 4 pm till not later than 6.50 pm shall be valedictory statements.

(Agreed to 16 June 2005; amended 21 June 2005.)

Orders for production of documents**14 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.)

15 Foreign Affairs—Gallipoli—Road works—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than Thursday, 12 May 2005, all briefings to the Minister and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, on the matter of road works at Gallipoli over the past 4 years, and all internal minutes and file notes, including records of meetings between the Office of Australian War Graves and officials of the Government of Turkey on the same subject.

(Motion of Senator Bishop agreed to 11 May 2005.)

16 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents

(1) That the Senate:

- (a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and
- (c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.

(2) That this order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)

17 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on 16 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 12 May 2005.)

18 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than 3.30 pm on 22 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Prime Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 14 June 2005.)

19 Family and Community Services—Pregnancy counselling and family planning—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 21 June 2005, copies of all reports, including financial statements, provided as part of their reporting requirements for the past 5 years by all agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing, other than those already provided in the past month.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 15 June 2005.)

20 Law and Justice—Airport security—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Justice and Customs, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 20 June 2005, copies of all reports prepared by the Australian Customs Service since 1 January 2004 which refer to issues of airport security, including the report completed in September 2004, referred to on page 1 of *The Australian* on 31 May 2005 ('Airport staff "smuggling drugs"'), other than material specifically relating to current ongoing investigations.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 20 June 2005.)

***21 Taxation—Deductible gift recipient status—Environment groups—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 June 2005, all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups.

(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 21 June 2005.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister
19.06.2002	Mining—Christmas Island	
24.06.2002	Superannuation system	
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	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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
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	

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

Parliament

22 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.)

23 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.)

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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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Administration of Indigenous Affairs
Lindeberg Grievance
Mental Health
Scafton Evidence

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 Account
Public Accounts and Audit
Public Works

Joint Committees

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

N.B. Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.



COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

(appointed 16 June 2004; reappointed 17 November 2004; final report tabled 8 March 2005)

Members

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

Reports presented

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

After ATSIC – Life in the mainstream? (tabled 8 March 2005)

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

Reports presented

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

42nd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2005-05 (tabled 11 May 2005)

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Ferguson, Sandy Macdonald and Ray and Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

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)

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 16 June 2005)

Reports presented

Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations (tabled 7 March 2005)

Review of administration and expenditure for ASIO, ASIS and DSD (tabled 14 March 2005)

Annual report of committee activities 2004-05 (tabled 14 June 2005)

Review of the listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (tabled 14 June 2005)

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*)

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

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, 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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

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 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, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

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*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge—Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

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*)

Reports presented

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

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Inquiry into the exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*tabled 16 June 2005*) and erratum (*tabled 16 June 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 and Wong

Current inquiries

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*referred 9 March 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 22 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 5 September 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*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

- * Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

Economics References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

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

Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit

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, 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 2005*)

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*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members

Senator Troeth (*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 Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005*)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 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*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Members

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

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 Collins for matters relating to education

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: 21 June 2005*)

Student income support (*referred 11 March 2004; readopted 8 December 2004; reporting date: 22 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*)

Indigenous education funding—Interim report (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

* Unfair dismissal and small business employment (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

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

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*)

Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Cherry (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*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, Stephens and Watson

Current inquiries

Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (*referred 14 March 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (*referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: 13 October 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*)

A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (*tabled 10 March 2005*)

Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's energy white paper—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 18 April 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2005*)

Lurching forward, looking back: Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 16 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2005*)

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, Watson and Webber

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*) 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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), May 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

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

Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Bartlett to replace Senators Heffernan and Ridgeway, respectively, for the committee's inquiry into the Gallipoli Peninsula

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, 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 and Webber

Current inquiries

Government advertising (*referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 10 November 2005*)

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

Gallipoli Peninsula (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 18 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*)

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 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 CP Thompson, Mr Turnbull, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

Review of the Department of Defence annual report 2003-04 (*under resolution of appointment*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States (*adopted 26 November 2003; readopted 17 January 2005*)

Australia's human rights dialogues (*adopted 25 March 2004; readopted 2 December 2004*)

Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula (*referred 7 April 2005*)

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority (*referred 14 June 2005*)

Report presented

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

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 and Watson

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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

Senators Evans and Faulkner to replace Senators Hutchins and Mackay for the committee's inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

Senator Kirk to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with China

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 and Watson

Current inquiries

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

Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (*referred 8 March 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases (*referred 16 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 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*)

The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (*tabled 16 June 2005*)

House—Standing Committee

Members

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

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Bolkus (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Greig, Kirk, 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, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Watson

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 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*)

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 10 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005*)

Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 17 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 June 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

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

Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Greig for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*

Senator Mason to replace Senator Scullion for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*

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 and Watson

Current inquiries

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

- * Administration of the Migration Act (referred 21 June 2005; reporting date: 8 November 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)

They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian expatriates (tabled 8 March 2005)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

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

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)

Mental Health—Select Committee

(appointed 8 March 2005; reporting date: 6 October 2005)

Members

Leader of the Australian Democrats (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*) and Senators Forshaw, Moore, Scullion, Troeth and Webber

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members

Mr Randall (*Chair*), Senator Kirk (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston and Tchen and Mr L Ferguson, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Price and Dr Southcott

Current inquiry

Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (referred 19 April 2005)

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 inquiries

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

Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

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*)

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account—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; name amended 22 February 2005 pursuant to Schedule 1, items 208 and 210 of the Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*)

Members

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

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

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

Current inquiry

Whether there have been any failures by Senator Lightfoot to comply with the Senate's resolution of 17 March 1994 relating to registration of interests, and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 16 June 2005*)

Reports presented

120th report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of private deliberations or draft report of Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

121st report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft reports of Community Affairs References Committee (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

* 122nd report—Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

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

Current inquiry

Adequacy and appropriateness of the Register of Senators' Interests (*referred 20 June 2005*)

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*)

Report presented

Nomination of a new Commonwealth Auditor-General, pursuant to subsection 8A(7) of the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951* (*statement made, by way of a report, 10 March 2005*)

Committee document presented

Statement on the Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

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*)

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (*referred 16 February 2005*)

New offices for the Australian Consulate-General in Bali, Indonesia (*referred 15 March 2005*)

Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian Embassy in Vietiane, Laos (*referred 15 March 2005*)

Operational upgrade of the Darwin detention facility, Northern Territory (*referred 26 May 2005*)

CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Reserve Bank of Australia Business Resumption Site at Baulkham Hills in Sydney, NSW (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Holsworthy Program—Special Operations Working Accommodation and Base Redevelopment Stage 1, Holsworthy, NSW (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland (*referred 11 May 2005*)

Upgrade of Patrol Boat Facilities, Darwin Naval Base, NT (*referred 11 May 2005*)

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*)

Sixty-eighth annual report, March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT (First report of 2005) (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

New housing for Defence Housing Authority at McDowall, Brisbane, Queensland (Second report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Provision of facilities for Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre additional accommodation and related works, Maribyrnong, Victoria (Third report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Development of on-base housing for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (Fourth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Defence Science and Technology Organisation Ordnance Breakdown Facility, Port Wakefield, South Australia (Fifth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

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

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

2nd report (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

3rd report (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

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

Documents presented

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February to December 2004 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2004, dated February 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

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, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 27 May 2005*)

Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005* (*referred 16 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

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, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

The operation of the wine-making industry (*referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2006*)

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*)

Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers (*tabled 16 June 2005*)

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*)

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*)

No. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 2005*)

No. 3 of 2005 (*presented 16 March 2005*)

No. 4 of 2005 (*presented 12 May 2005*)

No. 5 of 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2005*)

No. 6 of 2005 (*presented 15 June 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*)

Second report of 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Third report of 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Fourth report of 2005 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

Fifth report of 2005 (*tabled 15 June 2005*)

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*)

Report no. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 2005*)

Report no. 3 of 2005 (*presented 16 March 2005*)

Report no. 4 of 2005 (*presented 11 May 2005*)

Report no. 5 of 2005 (*presented 15 June 2005*)

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*)

Report presented

Report 1/2005: Annual report 2004 (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

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

Reports presented

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

Report 63—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Report 64—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (2) (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

Report 65—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (3) and 8 February 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America (US) relating to the surrender of US nationals to the International Criminal Court (*statement made, by way of a report, 20 June 2005*)

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

Senator Faulkner (*appointed 27 June 2002 for a period of 3 years; reappointed 20 June 2005, with effect from 27 June 2005, for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Brandis (*appointed 14 March 2005 for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

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

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Robert Hill <i>Minister for Defence</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (Nick) <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
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone <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
Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson <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
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell <i>Minister for the Environment and Heritage</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (Chris) <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Attorney-General
Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (Rod) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Special Minister of State</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Small Business and Tourism Minister for Workforce Participation
Parliamentary Secretary	
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <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.

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