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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 5 October 2005*

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

Australia's future oil supply, with particular reference to:

- (a) projections of oil production and demand in Australia and globally and the implications for availability and pricing of transport fuels in Australia;
- (b) potential of new sources of oil and alternative transport fuels to meet a significant share of Australia's fuel demands, taking into account technological developments and environmental and economic costs;
- (c) flow-on economic and social impacts in Australia from continuing rises in the price of transport fuel and potential reductions in oil supply; and
- (d) options for reducing Australia's transport fuel demands.

*Notice given 12 October 2005*

- \*2 **Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee (Senator Marshall):** To move—That, because of the Government's failure to provide a short and reasonable extension of time of only 7 sitting days to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee to complete its current inquiry on industrial agreements, the following matter be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for further inquiry and report by 1 December 2005:

Whether the objectives of various forms of industrial agreement-making, including Australian Workplace Agreements, are being met and whether the agreement-making system, including proposed Federal Government changes, meet the social and economic needs of all Australians, with particular reference to:

- (a) the scope and coverage of agreements, including the extent to which employees are covered by non-comprehensive agreements;
- (b) the capacity for employers and employees to choose the form of agreement-making which best suits their needs;
- (c) the parties' ability to genuinely bargain, focussing on groups such as women, youth and casual employees;
- (d) the social objectives, including addressing the gender pay gap and enabling employees to better balance their work and family responsibilities;
- (e) the capacity of the agreement to contribute to productivity improvements, efficiency, competitiveness, flexibility, fairness and growing living standards; and
- (f) Australia's international obligations.

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

- 2 **Economics Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005.
- 3 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 4 **Economics References Committee**  
Report to be presented on possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit.

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).
- 2 **Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005**  
**National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).  
(*Bills exempted on 17 August 2005 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)
- 3 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 4 **Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 5 **Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 September 2005*).  
(*Bill exempted on 10 October 2005 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)
- 6 **Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 March 2005*).

- 7 **Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005**—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 14 September 2005*).
- 8 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005**—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 August 2005*).
- 9 **Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005**—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Patterson, 7 September 2005*).  
(*Bill exempted on 6 September 2005 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)
- 10 **Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 11 **Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004**—(Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 15 September 2005*).
- 12 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Bill 2005**—(Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).
- 13 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 14 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005**—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Colbeck)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 12 September 2005*).
- 15 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2005**—(Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).
- 16 **Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Colbeck)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005*).

- 17 **Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005**  
**Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Bill 2005**  
**Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Bill 2005**  
**Offshore Petroleum (Repeals and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005**  
**Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Bill 2005**  
**Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Colbeck*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005*).
- 18 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).
- 19 **Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005**  
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 214 from the House of Representatives (*12 September 2005*).
- 20 **Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).
- 21 **Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 22 **Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Colbeck*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005*).
- 23 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 24 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 25 **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 26 **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*).

**27 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).

**28 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).

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

**Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses**

**1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—The 2004 federal election—Report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mason—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Brandis, in continuation, 10 October 2005).

**2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bishop, in continuation, 11 October 2005).

**3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Regional Partnership and Sustainable Regions programs**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Forshaw)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Johnston, in continuation, 6 October 2005).

**4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Interim report—The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 6 October 2005).

**5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (adjourned, Senator Kirk, 6 October 2005).

**6 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Quality and equity in aged 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, 6 October 2005*).

**7 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer**

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 6 October 2005*).

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

**1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2005-06—Business support process audit—The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (calendar year 2004 compliance)**

Consideration (*5 October 2005*).

**2 Auditor-General—Report for 2004-05**

Consideration (*5 October 2005*).

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 9 December 2004*

- 56 **Senator Bob 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 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.

*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 16 June 2005*

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

*Notice given 17 August 2005*

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

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) Friday, 26 August 2005 is the 4th anniversary of the rescue of 433 asylum seekers by the MV *Tampa*, and
  - (ii) 4 years later, 32 asylum seekers remain on Nauru as part of the Government's cruel Pacific Solution; and
- (b) calls on the Government to bring the remaining asylum seekers still on Nauru to the Australian mainland.

*Notice given 6 September 2005*

240 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator McLucas:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) recognises that the United Nations (UN) Secretary General's report on achieving the Millennium Development Goals, *In larger freedom*, calls on governments to ensure universal access to reproductive health services;
- (b) acknowledges that in January 2005 the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) reaffirmed the vision of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) for human development, social justice, economic progress and environmental preservation and called on the international community, national governments and private philanthropic organisations to prioritise the ICPD Program of Action; and
- (c) recognises that access to sexual and reproductive health is also a critical strategy towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, the third of the Millennium Development Goals.

*Notice given 8 September 2005*

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

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) based on longstanding bipartisan policy as announced by the then Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, in May 1997 (Uranium—Australia's Decision, Fraser Government, 24 May 1977), export of uranium from Australia is permitted, in the case of non-nuclear weapon states, only to those which are party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and with which Australia has a bilateral safeguards agreement, and
  - (ii) India is not a signatory to the treaty; and therefore
- (b) calls on the Government to immediately rule out the export of uranium from Australia to India in order to uphold our international obligations as a signatory to the treaty.

*Notice of motion altered on 12 September 2005 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Notice given 4 October 2005*

- 268 **Senator Carr:** To move—That the Senate supports the maintenance of compulsory voting for federal elections.

*Notice given 10 October 2005*

- 283 **Senator Bob Brown:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the recent deportation of long-standing performer with the Sydney Dance Company and Australian citizen Xue-Jun Wang from China where he was due to perform in the week beginning 16 October 2005, and
  - (ii) that China is a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and that Article 18 of the covenant protects the right to religious freedom and freedom of expression;
- (b) calls on the Chinese Government to ratify the ICCPR and to uphold human rights including freedom of speech; and
- (c) calls on the Australian Government to make representations to the Chinese Government on behalf of Xue-Jun Wang so that he can visit China in the future.

*(As amended on 12 October 2005.)*

*Notice given 11 October 2005*

- 286 **Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee (Senator Marshall):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee on industrial agreements be extended to 30 November 2005.

- 288 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) that illegal shark fishing is a major factor driving illegal fishing in Australian waters,
  - (ii) that most shark species are effectively extinct in the Indonesian archipelago and that this increases the pressure on Australian shark fisheries, and
  - (iii) with concern the declining shark numbers in Australian waters; and
- (b) calls on the Government to demonstrate leadership by taking action to protect sharks in Australian waters and address illegal trade by:
- (i) banning the export of shark fin products from Australia,
  - (ii) initiating the development of a international plan of action for sharks,
  - (iii) removing the exemption under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* of Western Australian fisheries that target large sharks for finning, and banning long-lining in western and southern fisheries,
  - (iv) closing tropical shark fisheries until numbers return to sustainable levels, and

- (v) providing more resources for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority in joint authority fisheries in the north in order to ensure that onshore and offshore inspections are being carried out by fisheries officers and not the Northern Territory Police.

*Notice given 12 October 2005*

- \*290 **Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Humphries):** To move—That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 13 October 2005, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiries into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005, the provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 and the provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005.
- \*291 **Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Humphries):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the following reports of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be extended to 7 November 2005:
  - (a) provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005;
  - (b) provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005; and
  - (c) provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005.
- \*292 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
  - (a) notes that:
    - (i) there are 45 million blind people and a further 135 million people with serious visual impairment in the world today,
    - (ii) if urgent action is not taken these numbers will double over the next 20 years,
    - (iii) cost-effective interventions are available for all major blinding conditions,
    - (iv) the resources available are insufficient to tackle the problem, particularly in developing countries where nine out of 10 of the world's blind live, and
    - (v) there is a lack of trained eye personnel, medicines, ophthalmic equipment, eye care facilities and patient referral systems; and
  - (b) urges the Government to assist the Vision 2020 international partnership of organisations and individuals in its aim to prevent an additional 100 million people from being blind by 2020.
- \*293 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—
  - (a) notes:
    - (i) that on 24 October 2005 Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will have spent a total of 10 years in detention,
    - (ii) the Joint Action Committee for a Democratic Burma will conduct a candlelight vigil to pray for the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all remaining political prisoners, and
    - (iii) the continued suffering of the Burmese people at the hands of the Burmese military regime; and

(d) urges the Government to increase pressure on the regime.

\*294 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the second week in October is national Weedbuster Week; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
  - (i) list the infestation of introduced gamba grass (*Andropogon gayanus*) across the top end of the Northern Territory as a key threatening process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*,
  - (ii) list the infestation of introduced buffel grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*) in central Australia as a key threatening process under the Act, and
  - (iii) to include gamba grass and buffel grass on the list of Weeds of National Significance due to their severe adverse impacts on ecosystems.

\*295 **Senator Bob Brown:** To move—That the Senate offers its great sympathy and condolences to the people of Pakistan following the catastrophic earthquake.

\*296 **Senator Bob Brown:** To move—That the Senate offers its great sympathy and condolences to the people of India following the catastrophic earthquake.

\*297 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 24 October is United Nations Day, which marks the 60th birthday of the United Nations (UN);
- (b) commends the principles and ideals of the UN, including continued support for the principles of multilateralism;
- (c) recognises that the UN is only as good as its member nations' efforts and commitment; and
- (d) calls on the Government to work with other UN members to:
  - (i) further international cooperation to reduce hunger and poverty as agreed by world leaders in the 2000 UN Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit,
  - (ii) act on all Millennium Development Goals,
  - (iii) strengthen efforts to quickly and efficiently define terrorism,
  - (iv) make renewed efforts towards preventing nuclear proliferation,
  - (v) secure further agreements on preventing climate change,
  - (vi) incorporate a definition of environmental refugee into the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and
  - (vii) reform the UN Security Council.

## Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

- 1 ***Ombudsman Act 1976—Inquiry into the circumstances of the Vivian Alvarez matter—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman of an inquiry undertaken by Mr Neil Comrie, AO, APM (Report no. 3 of 2005)***

**Reports to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) from the Secretary, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—**

**Implementation of the recommendations of the Palmer report of inquiry into the circumstances of the immigration detention of Cornelia Rau, dated September 2005**

**Response to the recommendations of the report of the Commonwealth Ombudsman of the inquiry into the circumstances of the Vivian Alvarez matter, dated October 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 6 October 2005*).

- 2 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report—Weapons of mass destruction: Australia's role in fighting proliferation: Practical responses to new challenges**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 3 ***Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the 2003 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Kirk, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 4 **National Water Commission—Report for the period 17 December 2004 to 30 June 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 5 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Kirk, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 6 **Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2002-03**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 7 **Employment Advocate—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

- 8 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, done at New York on 25 May 2000**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Kirk, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

\*9 **Australian Broadcasting Authority—Online content co-regulatory scheme—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 12 October 2005*).

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(Senate bill)**  
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)**  
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*)  
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*)  
Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 20 **Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)  
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 Bob 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 Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob 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)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*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 (*12 May 2005*).



- 34 **Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005**  
**Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bills*)—  
 (*Senators Nettle and Bob Brown*)  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 16 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*).
- 37 **Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 23 June 2005*).
- 38 **Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [2005]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bob Brown*)  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp), in continuation, 15 September 2005 (restored pursuant to resolution of 11 August 2005)*).
- 39 **Employment—Skills shortages—Training policies**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—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 (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).
- 40 **Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Ministerial responsibility**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate expresses its deep concern that the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) has failed to take responsibility for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs despite the ongoing revelations and rising financial and human cost of the portfolio mismanagement (*18 August 2005*).
- 41 **36th Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, APIA, Samoa, 11 to 15 July 2005 and ancillary meetings—Report by Deputy President Senator John Hogg and Deputy Speaker the Honourable Ian Causley MP, dated August 2005**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferguson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ferguson, in continuation, 6 September 2005*).
- 42 **Parliament—Senate—Processes and procedures**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate condemns the Government's arrogant abuse of its Senate majority in subverting the Senate's processes and procedures (*Senator Santoro, in continuation, 8 September 2005*).

**43 Enhancements to the Australian Defence Force military justice system, 5 October 2005—Ministerial statement**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 5 October 2005*).

**44 Australian electoral system**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate opposes attempts by the Government to restrict the franchise and reduce the transparency of the Australian electoral system (*Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 6 October 2005*).

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**BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**On 28 October 2005**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 31 October 2005**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on industrial relations.

**On 1 November 2005**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**2 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

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

**3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

### Next day of sitting (7 November 2005)

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

**1 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities 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 Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005.

#### Government Business—Orders of the Day

**1 Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005—**  
(*Parliamentary Secretary (Trade), Senator Sandy Macdonald*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*11 October 2005*).

**\*2 Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 October 2005*).

**\*3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 October 2005*).

**\*4 Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 October 2005*).

**\*5 National Health Amendment (Immunisation Program) Bill 2005—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 October 2005*).

### On 8 November 2005

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

*Notice given 6 September 2005*

**1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move—That Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts – Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEST], dated 17 May 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, be disallowed.

Three sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

**2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move—That Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts – Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEWR], dated 29 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, be disallowed.

Three sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

- 3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move—That Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts – Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [FACS], dated 26 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, be disallowed.

Three sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

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

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

\*1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005.

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

\*1 **Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 12 October 2005*).  
(*Bill exempted on 10 October 2005 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)

### On 9 November 2005

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

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities.

### On 10 November 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 22 November 2005

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

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005. (*Referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives.*)

### **Six sitting days after today (29 November 2005)**

#### Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 13 September 2005*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Australian Passports Determination 2005, made under section 57 of the *Australian Passports Act 2005* and section 8 of the *Australian Passports (Application Fees) Act 2005*, be disallowed.  
Seven sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*
  - 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 125 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, be disallowed.  
Seven sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*
  - 3 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Foreign Passports Determination 2005, made under section 24 of the *Passports Act 1938*, be disallowed.  
Seven sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*
  - 4 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Public Accounts and Audit Committee Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 127 and made under the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*, be disallowed.  
Seven sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*
- \*\* *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Determinations and Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **By the first sitting day of December 2005**

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

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on workplace exposure to toxic dust.

### **On 1 December 2005**

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

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the administration of the Migration Act.
- 2 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**  
Report to be presented on government advertising.

### Ten sitting days after today

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

*Notice given 5 October 2005*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Health Insurance (Allied Health and Dental Services) Determination 2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed.

Eleven sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

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

### By the last sitting day of 2005

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

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

Report to be presented on matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases and any related matters.

### By the first sitting day of 2006

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

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

### By the second sitting day of 2006

#### 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.

### Thirteen sitting days after today

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

*Notice given 11 October 2005*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Health Insurance (Obstetric Item 15999) Determination HS/02/2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed.

Fourteen sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That Variation to Licence Area Plan for Scottsdale Radio – No. 1 of 2005, made under subsection 26(2) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, be disallowed.

Fourteen sitting days remain for resolving.\*\*

\*\* *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Determination and Variation to Licence Area Plan will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **On the tenth sitting day of 2006**

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

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005.

### **By the Thursday of the second sitting week in March 2006**

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

1 **Mental Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

### **By the last sitting day in March 2006**

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

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

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

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

Report to be presented on water policy initiatives.

### **By the last sitting day in June 2006**

#### Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

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

Report to be presented on the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Order of the Day

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

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



## **BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

### **Bills currently referred†**

#### **National Animal Welfare Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date varied 10 August 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*).

### **Provisions of bills currently referred†**

#### **Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 7 September 2005; reporting date varied 11 October 2005; reporting date: first sitting day in 2006*).

#### **Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 7 November 2005*).

#### **Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 1 November 2005*).

#### **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005‡**

#### **Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 12 October 2005; reporting date: 7 November 2005*).

#### **Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 1 November 2005*).

#### **National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 1 November 2005*).

#### **Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 14 September 2005; reporting date varied 5 October 2005; reporting date: 13 October 2005*).

#### **Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 12 October 2005; reporting date: 8 November 2005*).

#### **Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 7 September 2005; reporting date: 28 October 2005*).



**Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 12 October 2005; reporting date: 22 November 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.

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**BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED**

**Government Bill**

**Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005**

Second reading negatived, 15 June 2005.

Restored to *Notice Paper* pursuant to resolution of 10 August 2005 and passed.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 1219 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 Bob 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.

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.

167 Minister for Defence

168 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

*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*

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

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

*Notice given 23 December 2004*

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.

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

- (1) Has the Prime Minister's office had any involvement in the Government's response to legal claims against the Commonwealth by Mr Mark McMurtrie of New Italy, New South Wales; if so, what involvement has the Prime Minister's office had in relation to this matter.
- (2) Has the Prime Minister's office convened any meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Sydney, or any other location,

with Mr McMurtrie and/or any other party to discuss a resolution to Mr McMurtrie's claims; if so, for each meeting:

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

*Notice given 10 March 2005*

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 17 March 2005*

**Senator Bob 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



*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 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.

*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.

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.

*Notice given 20 April 2005*

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.

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.

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 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.

*Notice given 3 May 2005*

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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**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.

- 648 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 649 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 650 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 652 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 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
- 662 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 664 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 665 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 666 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 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
- 674 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 675 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

**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
- 680 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 681 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 683 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 686 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 687 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 694 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 696 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 698 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 700 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 701 Special Minister of State
- 703 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 706 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 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

712 Minister representing the Treasurer

716 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

718 Minister for Finance and Administration

719 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

721 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

723 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

726 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

727 Minister for Justice and Customs

728 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

730 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

- 732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 733 Special Minister of State
- 734 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 735 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 738 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

**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.

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- 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
- 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
- 770 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

**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.

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**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.

- 834 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 835 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 839 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 840 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 841 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 846 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 849 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 850 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 853 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 855 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 856 Special Minister of State

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

861 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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

870 Minister representing the Treasurer

871 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

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

881 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

884 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- 886 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 888 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 890 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 891 Special Minister of State
- 893 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 894 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 896 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

*Notice given 11 May 2005*

- 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 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.

*Notice given 6 June 2005*

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.



*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 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

**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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**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 Education, Science and Training

962 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

*Notice given 17 June 2005*

- 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 23 June 2005*

- 977 **Senator Kirk:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Since March 1996, how many unauthorised asylum seekers have arrived in Australia, and of those, how many: (a) are currently in immigration detention centres; (b) have been judged as genuine refugees; (c) have been given permanent visas; (d) are on Temporary Protection Visas; and (e) are awaiting deportation.

*Notice given 24 June 2005*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 982-1011)—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, has the Minister, the department or any agency or statutory authority for which the Minister is responsible, made grants or other payments to business organisations and/or associations, including but not necessarily limited to peak employer groups; if so, can information be provided for each grant or other payment including: (a) the name and address of the recipient organisation; (b) the quantum and purpose of the payment; (c) the name of the program under which the grant or other payment was funded; (d) who approved the grant or other payment; and (e) whether the grant or payment was successfully acquitted; if so, when; if not, can details be provided, including action taken to recover the grant or other payment.

- 982 Minister representing the Prime Minister  
984 Minister representing the Treasurer  
988 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing  
989 Minister representing the Attorney-General  
990 Minister for Finance and Administration  
991 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
995 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources  
996 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
997 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
999 Minister for Justice and Customs  
1000 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
1001 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
1004 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer  
1005 Special Minister of State  
1008 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism  
1011 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

*Notice given 11 July 2005*

- 1024 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What is the department's role in negotiating the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers.
  - (2) (a) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that residents, staff and community are consulted about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) can information be provided to describe the nature of these consultation mechanisms.

- (3) (a) What mechanisms exist to enable residents, staff and the community to provide feedback to the department about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; (b) how does the department handle any feedback of this nature; and (c) what part does this feedback play in the department's decisions regarding these sales.
- (4) Does the department investigate and approve the sale of aged care places and facilities.
- (5) Can a description be provided of the nature of the approval process, for example, what area of the department considers the sales, who in the department signs off on sales, is Ministerial sign-off required etc.

*Notice given 19 July 2005*

1030 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the aviation industry:

- (1) How does the Minister account for the fact that the number of general aviation operations, aircraft parts, manufacturers and maintenance organisations has halved since 1996.
- (2) Does the Minister accept that the decline of 100 000 jobs in the sector is in any way due to: (a) CASA's aggressive application of aviation laws; (b) the increasing cost and complexity of complying with restrictive regulatory and administrative processes; (c) the lack of harmonisation of general aviation legislation with the United States Federation Aviation Association or the European Aviation Safety Authority; (d) the loss of trust and respect once held for CASA by the sector; and (e) the restructure of CASA into Compliance and Regulatory Services Divisions.
- (3) Does the Minister agree that correcting deficiencies in maintenance regulations in recent years has not removed unnecessary and ambiguous requirements and practices.
- (4) Will the Government consider the proposal by Aviation Maintenance Repair Overhaul Business Association to: (a) close down the 'Safety Forum' and other civil aviation committees recently formed and replace them with an Aviation Review Board to oversee proposed legislation, procedures and practices proposed by CASA for the sector; (b) staff the Board with leaders from all sectors of the industry including business associations; (c) provide funding for the Board for Industry/Government working groups on regulatory requirements, industry procedures and practices; (d) make the Board responsible for allocating the aviation safety promotion budget; and (e) provide the Board with a permanent secretariat from within the Department of Transport and Regional Services.
- (5) If not, what steps does the Minister propose to take to restore the viability of general aviation in Australia.

1031 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What are the most recent figures available for expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
- (2) How many people have registered for the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
- (3) How many people have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.

- (4) Can information be provided on: (a) when, by electorate, the next Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; (b) how frequently Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; and (c) how frequently, by electorate, Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available.

1032 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What data does the Australian Bureau of Statistics have on national trends in suicide, for the past 10 years.
- (2) What changes were made in the late 1990s to the coding and classification of deaths in Australia and how have these changes affected the collection of suicide data.
- (3) Given that national levels of, and trends in, suicide are based on the way that deaths are coded, are reported reductions in suicide rates in Australia simply a result of changing the way that the death data is coded and classified.

*Notice given 21 July 2005*

1037 **Senator Forshaw:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the current and proposed advertising campaign on the Government's proposed changes to workplace laws:

- (1) For the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years, what is the total budget for the campaign.
- (2) For each of the financial years in (1), can information be provided on the budgeted advertising costs, including: (a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.
- (3) Which creative agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.
- (4) Which research agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.
- (5) How were the creative agencies and research agencies selected for the campaign.
- (6) During the campaign to date, what research reports have been supplied to the department by the creative agencies and research agencies.
- (7) To date, what payments have been made to each agency used in the campaign.
- (8) If there is to be a mail out to taxpayers as part of this campaign: (a) to how many households and businesses will information be sent; and (b) what databases will be used to select the addresses.
- (9) (a) What appropriations have the department been using to pay for the advertising campaign; and (b) from what appropriations will future expenditures be drawn.

*Notice given 28 July 2005*

1040 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article in the 18 July 2005 issue of the *Medical Journal of Australia* by Dr Ken Harvey calling for drug advertising to be banned on prescribing software.

- (2) Will the Government consider this and/or other recommendations made in the article that: (a) spending caps be introduced on prescription pharmaceutical advertising; and (b) fines be imposed for individual marketing and sales staff involved in campaigns found to have breached the Medicines Australia code of conduct.
- (3) Does the Government accept the results of the survey conducted by the University of South Australia which assessed 60 advertisements that made a promotional claim and found that 57 appeared not to comply with one or more requirements of the Medicines Australia code of conduct.
- (4) Does the Government accept Dr Harvey's conclusion that in terms of pharmaceutical promotion, industry self-regulation has failed; if not, why not.

*Notice given 3 August 2005*

1044 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Would the banning of Australian investors from obtaining majority ownership in Chinese steel mills, be accepted in an Australia-China free trade agreement; if so, would Australia reciprocate.
- (2) Does a free trade agreement entail restrictions on ownership or investment; if so, to what degree.

1047 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can information be provided on directives, guidelines or other instructions, issued or developed by the department or the wider Australian Defence Organisation (ADO), regarding the procurement and contracting of transport services by the Commonwealth for either the department or wider ADO, including the Australian Defence Force.
- (2) Can information be provided on: (a) when contracts were agreed to; (b) the entity with which the Commonwealth has contracted; and (c) the total costs of the contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.

*Notice given 4 August 2005*

1054 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to evidence on the Tomson case given to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee during additional estimates on 14 February 2005, (*Hansard* reference L&C p.182):

- (1) Has compensation been finalised; if so, what is the offer and when will it be submitted to Mr Tomson; if not, can details be provided on the outstanding matters under consideration that are delaying the finalisation of this matter.
- (2) For the outstanding matters identified in paragraph (1), can information be provided on how these matters will be progressed.

1059 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the matters that were referred to the Director of International and Operations:

- (1) For each of the years 2001 to date: (a) how many matters were referred; and (b) to which countries did these matters relate.
- (2) What action was taken on these matters.
- (3) Of these matters, how many were referred to: (a) the Minister for Justice and Customs; and (b) the Attorney-General.

- (4) Of those matters referred to the Minister for Justice and Customs and the Attorney-General, what action was taken.
- (5) Was the Bali 9 case referred to: (a) the Director of International and Operations; (b) the Minister for Justice and Customs; or (c) the Attorney-General; if so, what action was taken in relation to that specific matter.
- (6) (a) Can a copy be provided of the current mutual assistance manual used to cover informal police-to-police assistance rendered before charge; (b) when was this manual last revised; (c) are any revisions currently being undertaken; and (d) are any revisions planned.
- (7) Are the mutual assistance procedures different in countries with the death penalty to those countries without the death penalty; if so, what is the difference; if not, why not.

1061 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can a breakdown of costs be provided for the total cost of Missing Persons Week.
- (2) How many posters were: (a) printed; and (b) distributed.
- (3) What was the cost of the printing and distribution of the posters.
- (4) To whom were the posters distributed and was there any cost to the persons requesting the posters.
- (5) How many pamphlets were: (a) printed; and (b) distributed.
- (6) What was the cost of the printing and distribution of the pamphlets.
- (7) To whom were the pamphlets distributed and was there any cost to the persons requesting the pamphlets.
- (8) (a) Who was invited to the launch of National Missing Persons Week; and (b) who attended.
- (9) What events did the Minister or his representative attend throughout the week.
- (10) Can information be provided on the nature of the agreement between the National Missing Persons Unit (NMPU) and Foxtel's Crime and Investigation network and what resources of the NMPU will be devoted to the agreement.
- (11) Prior to Missing Persons Week commencing, was it advertised: (a) on television; (b) on radio; or (c) in newspapers; if so, which medium and what was the cost of these advertisements; if not, why not; and (d) can a copy be provided of the advertisements.
- (12) What books were launched during the week.
- (13) (a) Does the Australian Federal Police, or any other body, conduct any media monitoring as to the number of mentions and stories; if not, why not; if so, what is the cost of this monitoring; and (b) can information be provided on the outcome of the monitoring.

*Notice given 8 August 2005*

1065 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When will an announcement be made on the successful tenderer for the Defence Headquarters Joint Operations Command in Bungendore, New South Wales.

- (2) Can information be provided on the updated time frame for the design process, including: (a) the construction phase; (b) the installation of internal fit-out; and (c) occupation.
- (3) (a) What was the original announced cost of the project; and (b) what is the current estimated cost of the project, including: (i) construction, (ii) infrastructure, and (iii) installation of internal fit-out.
- (4) What funding commitments will be made by the Commonwealth Government to assist local communities which will be affected by: (a) the construction process; and (b) a fully-operating headquarters.
- (5) What funding estimates have been made for road upgrades to: (a) Kings Highway through Queanbeyan and Bungendore; (b) Canberra Avenue, Queanbeyan; (c) other roads in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory which will have increased traffic use due to commuters from the Canberra area; and (d) in particular, the four rural intersections at Weetalabah, Captains Flat Road, the Ridgeway and Regents Drive.
- (6) (a) On how many occasions have meetings been held with the Australian Capital Territory Government; and (b) what funding is expected to be provided by the Australian Capital Territory Government for road access from the Australian Capital Territory.
- (7) What commitments for road funding have been obtained from the New South Wales Government.
- (8) Are the costs of all road funding, transport and community assistance included within the total current estimated cost; if not, why not.
- (9) (a) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Australian Public Service (APS) personnel are estimated to be housed in the new complex; and (b) what proportion of these personnel will be required to undertake shift work.
- (10) How many ADF personnel employed at the current operations headquarters sites will be required to relocate.
- (11) What is the estimated travel time by road from: (a) Canberra Airport compared with the same travel to Russell Hill; and (b) between Russell Hill and the new site.
- (12) Given the likely significant relocation of ADF families to the shire, what planning and funding has been allocated to Palerang Council to assist with improvements to local services, including: (a) sporting and leisure facilities; (b) childcare facilities; (c) preschool facilities; and (d) school places.
- (13) What plans exist for the purchase and/or construction of housing in the shire by the Defence Housing Authority.
- (14) What planning and funding has been allocated for the introduction of a public transport system to service the new headquarters site.
- (15) Will ADF and APS personnel who will work at the new site be provided with a transport allowance.
- (16) (a) What studies have been completed to investigate claims by the University of Sydney's Molonglo Radio Observatory that radio frequency interference from the new headquarters will impact negatively on its operations; and (b) what were the findings.
- (17) (a) What landscaping of the headquarters site has recently been completed; (b) what types of plants were included; (c) what is the purpose of the trees included in the landscape design; (d) what was the cost; and (e) does the



cost of landscaping form part of the overall cost of the project or is it a separate expenditure.

- (18) Was recent landscaping undertaken to form a buffer for the increased radio frequency interference from the headquarters; if so: (a) how many years will it take for the trees to adequately provide a buffer to protect the operations of the project; and (b) what other actions have been taken.
- (19) (a) What studies have been completed to investigate the impact of aerial spraying by neighbouring properties on the headquarters when it is fully operational; and (b) what are the findings.

*Notice given 9 August 2005*

1067 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of an e-mail sent to the office of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services on 25 May 2005 on behalf of a former Trans Air pilot, known as Pilot B, who raised serious questions about aspects of Trans Air Papua New Guinea's safety and operational practices with the Papua New Guinea (PNG) authorities in 2002.
- (2) Did that e-mail: (a) contain advice that Pilot B had reiterated his warnings about Trans Air directly to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) by telephone in October 2004; and (b) strongly criticise the lack of action by CASA and the ATSB in investigating those allegations against Trans Air, made in October 2004.
- (3) Did ATSB state to Pilot B, as claimed in the e-mail, that it could not act on his information unless it was put in writing.
- (4) Is it the case that the ATSB has repeatedly stated that in-confidence telephone reports remain an acceptable means of whistle-blowing and that all that is required is a name and contact details.
- (5) Did the e-mail state that: (a) CASA had failed 'to deal with systematic breaches of the regulations' by Trans Air 'over a long period of time'; and (b) Pilot B had made ATSB aware by telephone in October 2004 of Trans Air's 'attitude towards rules and regulations', and the likelihood 'of dire consequences unless the relevant authorities acted'.
- (6) Is it the case that, at no stage, did Pilot B claim knowledge of the events immediately surrounding the Lockhart River accident.
- (7) Is it correct that Pilot B claimed knowledge of a prior history of safety and operational failings by Trans Air and inaction by the authorities when they were, or should have been, aware of those failings.
- (8) Did Pilot B telephone Mr John Robbins, the ATSB's Confidential Aviation Incident Reporting System manager, at 11am on 20 October 2004 to discuss aspects of Trans Air's safety and operational conduct in PNG.
- (9) (a) Did Mr Robbins refer Pilot B to CASA's legal counsel, Mr Jonathon Aleck; and (b) is it the case that Mr Aleck and the pilot had a long discussion about this matter.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm that during this conversation Pilot B repeated his allegations against Trans Air.
- (11) Is it correct that, despite both CASA and ATSB knowing of these serious allegations against Trans Air 7 months prior to the Lockhart River tragedy,

no action was taken by either organisation by way of investigation of Trans Air.

- (12) Did Mr Alan Stray, ATSB Deputy Director of Aviation Safety Investigations, telephone another former Trans Air pilot, Pilot A, on the morning of 20 May 2005 to ask Pilot A to go on the record with similar allegations about Trans Air.
- (13) Why is it necessary for the allegations by these two pilots specifically to be 'on the record' when making a call to CASA or the ATSB hotline, giving personal particulars and providing details of allegations, is enough to trigger an investigation.
- (14) Did ATSB legal counsel, Mr Pat Hornby, also speak to Pilot A and tell him that he had the power to call him for a formal interview.
- (15) Does Mr Hornby have this power and did he use it; if not, why not.
- (16) Did the ATSB's Lockhart River investigator, Mr William Fry, receive an e-mail from Pilot A about noon on 20 May 2005 repeating his willingness to take part in an off-the-record interview at a venue suitable to both parties and subject to the inclusion of a witness of Pilot A's choosing.

1068 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is it correct that at least one set of allegations against Trans Air, made verbally by a third pilot known as Pilot C, was investigated a matter of months before the Lockhart River crash and that 'nothing was found'.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) investigated a series of allegations made by Pilot C about the operating practices of Trans Air such as 'inappropriate procedures, not appropriate training and checking arrangements for pilots and inexperience of co-pilots'.
- (3) Is it correct that Pilot C contacted CASA three times before the Lockhart River crash with serious allegations against Trans Air and its Big Sky operations in New South Wales.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that interview notes taken by CASA in September 2004 state that the pilot 'expressed his concerns clearly and sincerely. There is no reason to doubt the veracity of his information'.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the interview notes contained the following entries or issues:
  - (a) 'A pilot told to fudge the figures on a load sheet of an overloaded aircraft';
  - (b) 'the interviewed pilot was faced with attempted coercion when told of other pilots' agreement to fly an aircraft with unserviceable landing light/s when the Minimum Equipment List (MEL) does not permit operation of the aircraft at night without landing lights and told to fly the aircraft';
  - (c) 'poor training of first officers illustrated by them not knowing how to complete an aircraft walk-around';
  - (d) 'a Maintenance Controller does not encourage the writing up of aircraft defects';
  - (e) 'a 'cost cutting culture' articulated by describing an event that had an aircraft descending below steps of an instrument approach in order to save time by not flying overhead the airfield';

- (f) 'as Captain he was required to take control of the aircraft from first officers on a number of aircraft landing occasions. This event description was to re-enforce a statement that he thought the training of first officers was very poor';
- (g) 'he alluded to the possibility of false experience being recorded';
- (h) 'when joining the company he had no access to regulatory documentation because the computer was down';
- (i) 'no CAO 20.11 training given';
- (j) 'no dangerous goods training given';
- (k) 'no instrument rating check undertaken/or check of instrument proficiency before revenue operations';
- (l) 'no examination of aircraft knowledge prior to being released to line operations';
- (m) 'described his check and being released for line operations as being minimal. He expressed he had expected more checking';
- (n) 'during a CASA line check (audit), no check of aircraft documentation or licences by the CASA Freedom of Information'; and
- (o) 'loading of passengers when the 'offside' engine is still running (Metro Operation)'.
  - (6) Did Pilot C also state that Trans Air's Big Sky Express operation had a cost-saving culture that extended to short-cutting.
  - (7) Will the Minister provide full details of the investigation conducted as a result of Pilot C's allegations.
  - (8) Is it the case that despite finding no evidence to sustain the allegations, CASA increased its surveillance of Trans Air, and then carried out a "fairly fulsome audit" of the airline earlier in 2005.
  - (9) Can the Minister give precise details of the 'fairly fulsome audit', and state whether it covered the same ground as the earlier investigation.
  - (10) Has Trans Air conducted ground school for the pilots it has trained on its larger aircraft such as the Fairchild Metroliner and Cessna Citation types over the past 2 years; if so, who conducted the ground school, and how extensive was it.
  - (11) Can a copy be provided of the written examinations completed by these pilots and required to be kept on file by the airline.
  - (12) In relation to the allegations made to CASA and the ATSB about Trans Air's performance in Papua New Guinea, is it correct that CASA does not monitor, or is not required to monitor, Australian-registered aircraft and Australian-licensed pilots when they are operating overseas.
  - (13) Is it correct that CASA is not required to be informed by its overseas counterparts in relation to Australian-registered aircraft and Australian-licensed pilots operating overseas when a regulatory breach is found to have occurred overseas, or when such a pilot is disciplined by his employer.

1069 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the quality and level of monitoring and surveillance of the aviation industry in North Queensland, in particular with

regard to safety, and the performance of those charged with air transport safety.

- (2) Can the Minister detail any changes in personnel, or positions, in the North Queensland CASA office in the 3 months ending 9 August 2005.
- (3) What action, if any, has the department, or any statutory authorities for which the Minister is responsible, taken to reduce North Queensland's tragic record of 52 aviation fatalities in the past 5 years.
- (4) Has the Minister, or his predecessor, requested any report, analysis, study or other information that might help to explain North Queensland's aircraft fatality record; if so, can details be provided.

1070 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is it the case that the tender documents for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Search and Rescue (SAR) contract for Cairns, ask whether the tenderer, in this case Trans Air's partner airline Aero Tropics, has achieved in Australia or New Zealand appropriate quality system certification to AS/NZS9000, ISO9000, AS/NZS1400 or ISO1400 series standard.
- (2) Did Aero Tropics have the above accreditation at the time the contract was let; if not, has Aero Tropics made progress towards appropriate quality system certification to the above series standards.
- (3) Has the company been able to nominate a firm time table for future implementation of a quality process; if so, can details be provided; if not, can details be provided of any other quality management systems accreditation held by Aero Tropics.
- (4) Is it a requirement of the contract that the holder have the accreditation mentioned above.
- (5) What is the minimum quality accreditation for an SAR contract acceptable to the Minister and the department.
- (6) Has the holder of the contract demonstrated a satisfactory level of commitment to quality issues; if so, can details be provided, and how was any such commitment demonstrated.

1072 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Can a list be provided of airlines operating in North Queensland that complied with the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* as at 10 March 2005, the date on which new security provisions came into effect.
- (2) (a) Can the list specify which airlines have not complied, in particular in relation to the purchase and use of wheel clamps, control locks or padlocks connected to permanent tie-down points; and (b) which of those airlines hold Commonwealth contracts.
- (3) Can details be provided of the actions the Minister and the department took to ensure compliance with the Act in this respect by 10 March 2005.
- (4) Can details be provided of the security arrangements required for North Queensland airport buildings occupied by secondary airlines, in particular, in relation to alarm systems, and what action the Minister and the

department have taken to ensure that security measures are adequate and comply with the Act.

- (5) Can details be provided of the checks carried out on individual airlines in North Queensland to see that the building security and airport perimeter provisions of this Act were complied with by the due date.

1074 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the department investigating whether there was an incident in mid-March 2005 in which an aircraft flying the Cape York Mail Run landed at a closed and disused strip at Holroyd Station north of Cairns.
- (2) (a) Was that incident reported; and (b) was it required to be reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or any other transport authority.
- (3) Is the department investigating: (a) whether the aircraft became bogged; and (b) if help from the nearby Strathmay Station had to be sought to lighten its load for take-off; if so, was that also reported, and was it required to be reported.
- (4) Is the department investigating whether a second aircraft from the same company flew in to render assistance and became bogged, and was that also reported or required to be reported.
- (5) What are the penalties for failing to report incidents of this nature.

1075 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the Minister or the department aware of a facsimile received by the Safety and Security Manager at Cairns Airport on 31 March 2005 in relation to the operation of Fairchild Metroliner VH-TFU at the airport.
- (2) Is the Minister or the department aware of the following allegations contained in the facsimile:
  - (a) ‘that the aircraft is taxied through lines of parked aircraft at “relatively high speed”’;
  - (b) ‘that this poses a potential risk to people, other aircraft and buildings and equipment’;
  - (c) ‘that the aircraft is parked outside its designated position, causing obstruction to taxiing aircraft’;
  - (d) ‘that the airline’s luggage tug has been seen operating in reverse, towing baggage trolleys within 5 metres of this aircraft while the aircraft was moving’; and
  - (e) ‘that this aircraft is not fitted with the required locking devices while unattended’.
- (3) (a) Is the department investigating these claims; and (b) can details be provided on the outcome.

1076 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to general aviation matters in North Queensland:

- (1) Is the department investigating whether there was an incident at Horn Island Airport in early April 2002 in which a Piper Navajo aircraft experienced a landing gear problem.
- (2) Is it the case that: (a) the aircraft circled the airport for approximately one hour, escorted by another aircraft from the same company; (b) no emergency was declared; and (c) the staff of the airline in question used their own vehicles and fire extinguishers from the airport terminal to provide a de-facto fire-fighting service.
- (3) Were there any breaches of aviation regulations in this instance.
- (4) (a) Was this incident reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or any other authority; and (b) was it required to be reported.

*Notice given 10 August 2005*

1078 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to inbound tourism:

- (1) Has the Government received any representations from the inbound tourist industry, the Transport Worker's Union or other bodies regarding: (a) a breach of visa conditions by persons from overseas who are working as guides in the Australian inbound tourist industry; (b) the exploitation of such guides through their being paid below award wages and being on sub-standard Australian Workplace Agreements; and (c) the abuse of driver safety regulations with respect to hours of driving.
- (2) Has the Government implemented any measures to prevent such abuses.
- (3) Is regulation of the use of tour guides and drivers from overseas within the terms of reference of the Tourism Accreditation Working Group.

*Notice given 11 August 2005*

1080 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—What are the: (a) registered schools; (b) registered training organisations; and (c) other partners in each of the successful consortia which will operate the Australian Technical Colleges in the locations announced on 15 July 2005.

1081 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) For the year 2006, what is the expected number of students to be enrolled at each Australian Technical College (ATC).
- (2) For each of the proposed ATCs, what is the expected number of enrolled students when each college is operating at full capacity.

*Notice given 16 August 2005*

1085 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that international students are experiencing delays of up to 3 months between their payment to the universities of private health insurance premiums (as a condition of their visa) and receiving private health coverage.
- (2) Will the Minister investigate the situation and urge universities to arrange cover as soon as possible after payment of the premium is received.

1086 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Which new oral contraceptives have been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) since 1996; if none are listed: (a) why is this the case; and (b) can details be provided of the applications that have been made to list new oral contraceptives on the PBS in that time and the reason why they were not listed.
- (2) How many and which lowest dose (20 microgram) oral contraceptives, are currently listed on the PBS; if none have been listed: (a) why is this the case; and (b) can an explanation be provided for why the oral contraceptives Diane 35 Ed (Brenda, Celeste, Juliette, and Estelle), Femoden Ed, Minulet, Trioden Ed, TR-Minulet, Marvelon 28, Microgynon 20 Ed, Loette and Yasmin are not listed on the PBS.
- (3) Which low progesterone oral contraceptives are currently listed on the PBS.
- (4) For each of the oral contraceptives listed on the PBS, how many doses were funded, by year, from 1996 to date.
- (5) Is it the case that Postinor is not listed on the PBS; if so, can details be provided of the reason that it is not listed.
- (6) What research has been conducted into patient preferences and reproductive health outcomes for: (a) oral contraceptives on the PBS; and (b) those that are not listed.
- (7) What research has been conducted to determine the rate of unwanted pregnancies that arise due to inability to afford oral contraception.

1087 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) When conducted in day procedure centres, why can a Medicare rebate not be claimed for both a dilation and curettage (D&C) (item number 35640) and the insertion of an inter-uterine contraceptive device (IUD) (item number 35503) when the attending doctor determines that a D&C is necessary prior to insertion of the IUD.
- (2) Can information be provided on the reason for the difference in the Medicare rebate for a D&C of \$85.90 when performed by a general practitioner in a day procedure centre and \$116.50 when performed by a specialist.
- (3) (a) Can data be provided on the level of the Medicare rebate over the past decade on item number 35640; and (b) how does this compare with average Medicare rebate increases over the same period.
- (4) (a) Can information be provided on the reason for the change in Medicare rebates for terminations of pregnancies post-12 weeks gestation performed in day procedure centres whereby the day one procedure lamtent (item no. 35500) and the day two procedure (item no. 35643) were combined as item no. 16525; and (b) why has this now resulted in no rebate being available for anaesthetist procedures (item nos 17603, 20940 and 23021) used in the day one procedure in termination of pregnancies post-12 week gestation.
- (5) Can information be provided on the reason ultrasounds at: (a) less than 12 weeks gestation (item no. 55703) and ultrasounds at 12 to 16 weeks (item no. 55705) have separate item numbers when the rebate is the same (\$29.75); and (b) 17 to 22 weeks gestation (item no. 55709) and ultrasounds

at 22 plus gestation weeks (item no. 55723) have separate item numbers when the rebate is the same (\$32.30).

1088 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flights requisitioned by the Hon. I Macfarlane on: (i) 4 July 2004 from Canberra to Oakey and Oakey to Canberra, (ii) 11 July 2004 from Canberra to Oakey, and (iii) 12 July 2004 from Oakey to Canberra; (b) did the VIP CL604 aircraft remain at Oakey overnight on 11 July 2004; and (c) what was the cost of these flights.
- (2) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. Dr D Kemp which commenced at Canberra 5 July 2004 and terminated at Canberra 8 July 2004; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight from Melbourne to Canberra for what appears to be a lone staff member.
- (3) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. J Hockey on 6 July 2004 from Canberra to Kununurra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for what appear to be two staff members.
- (4) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. J Lloyd on 25 July 2004 from Norfolk Island to Darwin to Bali; (b) why did the VIP CL604 aircraft remain in Bali for 6 days; (c) what was the cost of the flight, including travel allowance paid to flight and cabin crew for this period; and (d) why did the aircraft return to Canberra on 31 July 2004 without passengers.
- (5) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Abetz on 31 July 2004 from Canberra to Hobart to Williamstown to Hobart to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP 737 flight and a commercial flight for the two people listed on the manifest.
- (6) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 5 August 2004 from Canberra to Melbourne; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and Mr Vanstone and one other person listed on the manifest.
- (7) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. M Vaile on 13 August 2004 from Canberra to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for three persons from Sydney to Canberra as listed on the manifest.
- (8) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 25 August 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person from Adelaide to Sydney.
- (9) (a) What was the purpose of a VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 27 October 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person from Canberra to Adelaide.
- (10) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Hill on 30 October 2004 from Canberra to Melbourne to Alice Springs to Adelaide to Canberra; (b) as the Minister joined the flight on the Melbourne to Alice Springs leg and was joined by his wife on the Alice Springs to Adelaide leg, was the purpose to take Mrs Hill home; (c) how was the Adelaide to Alice Springs travel for Mrs Hill funded; and (d) what was the cost



differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and Mrs Hill from Alice Springs to Adelaide.

- (11) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by Senator Vanstone on 17 November 2004 from Canberra to Sydney to Canberra; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight for the senator and one other person for this flight.
- (12) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. I Macfarlane on 3 December 2004 from Canberra to Oakey; (b) what was the cost of that flight; and (c) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and the other travel options.
- (13) (a) Why was it necessary for a VIP flight to be dispatched from Canberra to Adelaide at the request of Senator Minchin on 5 December 2004 for travel from Adelaide to Canberra with four other people; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.
- (14) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. M Vaile on 9 December 2004 from Canberra to Coolangatta; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.
- (15) (a) What was the purpose of the VIP flight requisitioned by the Hon. A Downer on 14 December 2004 from Canberra to Adelaide to Sydney with one passenger on the Canberra to Adelaide leg and the Minister and his wife travelling from Adelaide to Sydney; and (b) what was the cost differential between the VIP CL604 flight and a commercial flight.

*Notice given 18 August 2005*

1093 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Australia-United States of America (US) Free Trade Agreement:

- (1) Did the Prime Minister discuss changes to the PBS with US officials during his recent visit to the US; if so, what changes were discussed.
- (2) Has the Prime Minister agreed to any changes to the PBS.

1094 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) For each of the last 3 years of operation of the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Scheme: (a) how many new claims were made; (b) how many claims for increase were made; and (c) what was the average lump sum payment made in each year.
- (2) With reference to (1) above, what was the acceptance rate of all claims in each year.
- (3) For each of the years in question: (a) how many internal reviews were sought; (b) how many decisions were amended as a result; (c) how many rejected claims were appealed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT); and (d) how many AAT applications were: (i) upheld, (ii) rejected, (iii) withdrawn by applicant, and (iv) settled before hearing.
- (4) For each of the years in question: (a) in how many: (i) primary decisions, (ii) internal reviews, and (iii) applications to the AAT, was external legal advice sought; (b) what was the total cost in each year, and (c) how much was paid to each external provider in each year.

- (5) In relation to (1) above, can the Minister provide answers in relation to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme which commenced 1 July 2004.

1095 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For each of the past 3 years and for 2005-06 to date: (a) how many Australian Defence Force personnel were discharged medically unfit from each of the services; (b) what was the medical condition of these discharges grouped by general type including mental health disorders; and (c) how many were classified A, B and C for the purposes of incapacity pay and other benefits.
- (2) In 2004, what was the average time taken for discharge once the initial decision was made.
- (3) With reference to Table 5.6 on page 264 of the department's annual report 2003-04, what part of the \$451 million shown for compensation was for: (a) disability lump sum payments; (b) incapacity payments; (c) medical costs; (d) other; and (e) what increase was made in each category as recommended by the actuary.

1096 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) How many former Australian Defence Force personnel are currently in receipt of incapacity pay under each category A, B, and C; and (b) what is the fortnightly and annual rate of pension paid.
- (2) (a) What was the annual reduction in outlays resulting from reduction in pensions following review in 2004; and (b) what is the estimated reduction in future liability.
- (3) In how many of the reviewed cases where reductions occurred, was the primary disability related to mental illness.
- (4) In 2004, how many cases of payments were suspended due to non-compliance with terms and conditions; and (b) of those cases, how many had payment restored.

1097 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many claims for redress and compensation (excluding disability compensation) from Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel past and present are currently: (a) in active litigation before the: (i) courts, and (ii) tribunals, both state and federal; (b) in preparation for possible litigation; and (c) under consideration short of litigation and subject to negotiation and discussion between the parties.
- (2) With reference to (1) above for the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date: (a) how many cases before those courts and tribunals were concluded; (b) how many were decided in favour of the applicant; (c) how many were decided in favour of the Commonwealth; (d) how many applications were withdrawn; (e) how many were settled prior to conclusion of hearing; (f) what was the sum of all payments made in settlement and the average payment; (g) from what budget allocation were payments made; (h) in how many cases was outside legal advice and representation retained; (i) what was the total cost of external legal advice and representation, and the average cost per case; (j) what total payments were made to each individual law firm; (k) in how many cases was independent mediation attempted; and (l) how many confidentiality clauses were signed with respect to all settlements.

- (3) With reference to (2) above, in how many cases did legally qualified advocates employed by the department: (a) appear without external assistance; and (b) assist outside representatives.
- (4) (a) On how many occasions in 2004 was legal advice provided to ADF personnel seeking redress of grievances by: (i) Legal Division staff, (ii) reservist lawyers, and (iii) external commercial law firms; and (b) at what average and total cost.
- (5) How many class actions, involving how many parties in each case, and in relation to which matters, are currently underway in any form against the Commonwealth, brought by ADF personnel, past and present, including dependants.
- (6) (a) How many staff are currently employed within the Legal Division; and (b) what proportion have legal qualifications.
- (7) (a) How many claims for defective administration have been made by: (i) ADF personnel past and present, (ii) dependants, and (iii) civilian personnel, against the department in each of the past 3 years; (b) how many payments were made and of what total and average value; and (c) from what budget item were these payments made.
- (8) (a) How many applications have been made by female ADF personnel in each of the past 3 years to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission; (b) in how many of these cases was external legal representation retained; (c) in how many cases was settlement reached; and (d) in how many cases was compensation paid, and what was the average amount.

1098 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the relaunched National Security advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.
- (7) 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.

- (8) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in (7) above; 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.

1099 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues—With reference to the relaunched Domestic Violence 'Australia says No' advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (4) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (5) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2004-05 or 2005-06 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.
- (6) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.
- (7) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in (6) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
- (8) Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

1100 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Super Choice advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.

- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) As of 17 August 2005, how many phone calls had the Super Choice Infoline (13 28 64) received.
- (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.

1101 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the relaunched Superannuation Co-Contribution advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.
- (7) 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.

- (8) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in (7) above; 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.

1102 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Industrial Relations advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in (7) above; 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.

*Notice given 19 August 2005*

1103 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the past 5 years, can the Minister provide the following details for all foreign flagged ships that have operated on the Australian coastline under single and/or continuous voyage permits: (a) the name of the ship; (b) the date(s) that the ship operated on the Australian coastline; (c) the cargo carried; (d) the country of origin of the ship; (e) details of the nationality of the crews of each ship; and (f) the type of permit under which each ship operated.

- (2) (a) Which of these ships carried ammonium nitrate; (b) when; and (c) between which ports was this cargo carried.
- (3) (a) Which of these ships carried other high consequence dangerous goods; (b) when; (c) what were these cargoes; and (d) between which ports were they carried.

*Notice given 29 August 2005*

1108 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the committee of the whole debate in the Senate on 17 August 2005 in relation to the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and, in particular, the advice provided by the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) (Senate *Hansard*, 17 August 2005, pp 17-18):

- (1) With reference to Minister Kemp's statement that 'all money appropriated under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 goes to the states and territories': What audit mechanism does the Government have in place to supervise this process.
- (2) By what mechanism does the 'ministerial council ... reallocate some of the money back to the Australian government'.
- (3) By what statutory authority does the Ministerial Council 'reallocate some of the money'.
- (4) Of the money which is reallocated 'back to the Australian government': (a) on what basis does the Government receive this money; (b) by what authority does the Government then expend this money; and (c) how and where is that receipt and expenditure reported and audited.
- (5) (a) What is the statutory authority for the subsequent disbursement of funds for 'projects under strategic national initiatives'; (b) what are strategic national initiatives; and (c) where are they defined, listed and reported on.
- (6) With reference to the statement 'any advertising campaign ... would need to be endorsed by the state and territory governments': (a) where are those 'endorsements' notified; and (b) by what means are these 'endorsements' reported to Parliament.
- (7) (a) Who will audit the kind of expenditure foreshadowed by Minister Kemp ('may decide to reallocate' and 'any advertising campaign ... would need to be endorsed'); and (b) where will those audit reports be published.

1111 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into the affordability and availability of housing for families and individuals wishing to purchase their first home for which the terms of reference noted that 'the Government appreciates that home ownership is highly valued by Australian families and individuals' and that 'the ability to achieve home ownership continues to be of vital importance in maintaining family and social stability':

- (1) Did the Government, in referring the matter to the Productivity Commission, consider that housing affordability was a matter of national importance to the Government; if so, why did the Government then conclude in its response in June 2004 that, 'the majority of the Commission's recommendations relate to the supply side of the housing market and are therefore directed at State and local governments'.
- (2) What was the cost of the Productivity Commission inquiry.
- (3) Does the Government intend to proceed with any further action on the problem of housing affordability; if so, what action.

- (4) Does the Government agree with the recent suggestion made by the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia to the effect that young people should leave Sydney because housing affordability is so bad.
- (5) (a) What was the result of the recent meeting of Housing Ministers in Adelaide; and (b) can details be provided of the framework agreed to at that meeting.
- (6) What does the framework commit the Government to in regard to public housing.
- (7) What does the framework commit the Government to do about housing affordability in the private rental and home ownership markets.
- (8) Has the Government considered: (a) indexing the First Home Owners Grant to rising house prices; (b) abolishing the practice of tax on tax (stamp duty on the Goods and Services Tax); (c) adjusting stamp duty scales for property to account for rising house prices; and (d) establishing a task force of federal and state governments, community and industry, to review the report of the Productivity Commission and make specific recommendations to governments to be applied consistently across Australia.

1112 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the reduction of the Government vehicle fleet by 1 500 vehicles since 2001:

- (1) How was this reduction achieved.
- (2) Are efforts being made to achieve further reductions; if so, what are these efforts.

**Senator Allison:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1113-1115)—

- (1) Will the Government, as part of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APPCDC), introduce new industry development mechanisms to accelerate the generation of wind power, as proposed on 17 August 2005 by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), whose members include the American Wind Energy Association, Australian Wind Energy Association, Canadian Wind Energy Association, Japanese Wind Power Association, Chinese Renewable Energy Industries Association, European Wind Energy Association, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association and Japanese Wind Energy Association.
- (2) Does the Government agree with GWEC's prediction that Australia's wind energy industry will be brought to a standstill in 2007 if market measures remain unchanged.
- (3) Does the Government agree that Australia is well-placed to become the renewable energy hub of the Asia-Pacific region, resulting in billions of dollars of investment and export income, and hundreds of new jobs, especially in rural and regional Australia.
- (4) Does the Government acknowledge that the cost of wind energy has dropped 50 per cent in 15 years and on current trends in major markets is on course to be cost-competitive with conventional fuels within a decade.
- (5) Does the Government agree that it is desirable to remove the obstacles and market distortions that currently constrain the wind industry's potential; if so, what action is proposed to ensure the continued development of wind power generation beyond 2007.
- (6) In recognising the importance of addressing climate change under the APPCDC, what evidence is there that suggests that 'clean coal'



technologies and nuclear power are ‘practical ways that promote economic development’, as quoted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) in a joint statement with the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, dated 11 August 2005.

- (7) Does the inclusion of nuclear power and clean coal in the suite of technologies to be included as examples of technology cooperation with other members of the APPCDC, indicate that these technologies are likely to be as cost-competitive and readily implemented as wind power; if so, what evidence does the Government rely on in forming this view.
- (8) (a) What criteria will be used to assess the technologies to be funded under the Low Emissions Technology Fund; and (b) if the criteria are yet to be established, what is the process to do so and over what time frame.
- (9) Will short term abatement be one of those criteria; if not, why not.
- (10) If there is to be ‘no setting of arbitrary goals or timelines’, are any goals or time frames proposed to be developed under the APPCDC.

1115 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

1116 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the department prepared plans for military engagement in either North Korea or Iran.
- (2) Have any personnel from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) or the department been consulted in relation to CONPLAN 8022-02.
- (3) Has the department received a copy of the 2005 version of the Joint Publication 3-12, Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations by the United States (US) Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- (4) Has any section of the ADF ever participated in training with US submarines of the SSBN Ohio Class; if so, which training exercises.
- (5) Do SSBN Ohio Class submarines enter Australia’s exclusive economic zone; if so, can details be provided for when and where.
- (6) Is the US Navy required to advise the Australian Government if an SSBN submarine wishes to enter Australian territorial waters; if so: (a) what procedures are followed by the US Navy; (b) who do they notify; and (c) what procedures does the Government then follow.
- (7) Are there any bilateral agreements between the US and Australian Governments that allow the entry of an SSBN submarine into an Australian port.
- (8) Is the Government aware of which SSN submarines are certified to carry nuclear weapons; if so, can details be provided.
- (9) Have Australian forces conducted any training with US forces that include scenarios involving the use of nuclear weapons; if so, can details be provided.

1117 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) monitoring of nuclear-powered submarines and warships to Australia: Can the department provide details of all radiation monitoring data collected since 1996 by ARPANSA in relation to the monitoring of nuclear-powered submarines and warships to Australia.

*Notice given 30 August 2005*

- 1120 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to a letter from WMC Resources Ltd to South Australian Member of Parliament, Mr Kris Hanna, dated 6 July 2005 and located at <http://www.anawa.org.au/greenhouse/Roxby.pdf>, in which WMC identify CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions of 1 018 128 tonnes from its Roxby operations for the 2004 calendar year: Can the Minister provide a breakdown of those CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions from those operations by the commodities of copper and uranium for the 2004 calendar year; if not, why not; if so, how do the CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions of the uranium production component of the Roxby mine compare with the CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions of the Ranger and Beverley uranium mines.
- 1121 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) Who are the members of the Tasmanian Federal Road Black Spot Consultative Panel.
  - (2) (a) When did the panel last meet; and (b) when will the panel next meet.
  - (3) Can a schedule of meetings be provided for the 2005-06 financial year; if not, why not.
  - (4) Can the minutes of the past 3 meetings be provided; if not, why not.
  - (5) What, if any, remuneration, travel reimbursement, sitting fees or other entitlements are available to members of the panel as a result of their activities on that panel.
- 1122 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) (a) On what date was Mr Stephen Salter appointed to the Tasmanian Federal Road Black Spot Consultative Panel; (b) how was Mr Salter selected; (c) how many candidates for the position were: (i) identified, (ii) interviewed either formally or informally by the Minister, and (iii) interviewed either formally or informally by the Chair of the Consultative Panel; (d) who made the final decision; (e) on what date was the announcement made; and (f) can a copy be provided of the media statement announcing the appointment; if not, why not.
  - (2) When did the vacancy, filled by Mr Salter, arise and which former member of the panel created the vacancy.
  - (3) Can the Minister provide a copy of the advertisement for the position.
  - (4) Can the Minister advise: (a) in which media outlets was the advertisement placed; and (b) the date of each placement.
- 1123 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) (a) On what date was Mr Brendan Blomeley appointed to the Tasmanian Federal Road Black Spot Consultative Panel; (b) how was Mr Blomeley selected; (c) how many candidates for the position were: (i) identified, (ii) interviewed either formally or informally by the Minister, and (iii) interviewed either formally or informally by the Chair of the Consultative Panel; (d) who made the final decision; (e) on what date was the announcement made; and (f) can a copy of the media statement announcing the appointment be provided; if not, why not.

- (2) When did the vacancy, filled by Mr Blomeley, arise and which former member of the panel created the vacancy.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a copy of the advertisement for the position.
- (4) Can the Minister advise: (a) in which media outlets the advertisement was placed; and (b) the date of each placement.

1126 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 964 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 August 2005, p. 171):

- (1) (a) When did planning for the visit commence and when it was finalised; (b) what was the total quantum of cost (including travel) of the visit to the Commonwealth; (c) which federal members of Parliament were advised the visit was to occur; (d) when and in what manner were they made aware; and (e) who attended the visit with the Minister and in what capacity did they attend.
- (2) (a) Which federal members of Parliament were invited to each tourism roundtable event with the Minister; and (b) when and in what manner were they invited.

1127 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—With reference to an article in the *Newcastle Herald* of 2 August 2005 headlined, 'Link road in doubt over cost' relating to the New England Highway - F3 to Branxton project:

- (1) Has this or a similar project always been considered by the Commonwealth to be an AusLink project; if not: (a) when was the Commonwealth first approached for funding for this or a similar project; (b) at that time: (i) what was the total cost of the project, and (ii) when was the project due to commence and when was it due to be completed; (c) when and in what quantum was Commonwealth funding first approved for this or a similar project.
- (2) (a) When was funding for this project approved under AusLink; (b) at that time: (i) what was the total cost of the project, (ii) when was the project due to commence and when was it due to be completed, and (iii) what was the quantum of Commonwealth funding approved for each financial year over the life of the project.
- (3) (a) What is the current estimated total cost of this project; (b) when and in what manner was the Minister made aware of the change in the total project cost; (c) when is construction of the project now expected to commence and when is it expected to be completed; and (d) what is the quantum of Commonwealth funding approved for each financial year over the life of the project.

*Notice given 1 September 2005*

1130 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) To date, how many compensation payments have been made to nuclear test veterans and what were the amounts paid.
- (2) How many of these veterans were on the nominal roll.
- (3) Why is it necessary for veterans to sign secrecy agreements about the amounts of compensation.

- (4) Is there a restricted list of lawyers who are eligible to handle these claims for compensation; if so, which lawyers are eligible.
- (5) How much has been paid to the lawyers of successful claimants.
- (6) How much has been paid for medical opinions in relation to these cases.
- (7) What progress has been made on the Nuclear Participants Health Study.
- (8) (a) When was the last Consultative Forum meeting conducted and can copies of the minutes be provided; and (b) when is the next Consultative Forum meeting to be held.
- (9) Has the Consultative Forum considered the documents submitted by Major Alan Batchelor (Retired), namely 'Observations on Dosimetry Panel Considerations', the Imperial War Museum DVD 'Films on Hurricane, Totem and Buffalo' and 'Material prepared by Mr Johnstone for an aborted review by Professor Robotham'.
- (10) What progress has been made by the Dosimetry Panel.

*Notice given 5 September 2005*

1131 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the process for the assessment of species proposed for inclusion on the live import list.
- (2) In relation to (1) above, does a proponent who wishes to amend the list of species approved for live import prepare: (a) terms of reference; (b) an environmental impact assessment; (c) a draft report; or (d) any other research which is used in the department's examination of the proposal.
- (3) Does an agent of the proponent who wishes to amend the list of species approved for live import prepare: (a) terms of reference; (b) an environmental impact assessment; (c) a draft report; or (d) any other research that is used in the department's examination of the proposal.
- (4) What independent assessment does the department conduct of any such proposal and the information provided by the proponent.
- (5) What facility exists for the review of any decision to amend the live import list.
- (6) What is the cost for a proponent seeking to amend the list of species approved for live import.

1132 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Arts and Sport—With reference to the Federal Coalition's 2004 election promise to contribute up to \$70 000 to assist the Bridport Bowls Club install a synthetic all weather bowling green:

- (1) (a) On what date was the decision taken to make the grant; and (b) by whom was the decision taken.
- (2) On what date was the announcement made and by whom.
- (3) (a) On what date was the Tasmanian Government made aware that matching funding would be required; (b) who within the Tasmanian Government was advised; and (c) in what manner were they advised.

1133 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many and which Australian airports are served by control towers where at any time under standard operating procedures only one full performance controller may be rostered.

- (2) For each such airport can the Minister advise: (a) the location of the control tower and the airports it controls; (b) the hours of each day that only one full performance controller is rostered at each control tower; and (c) the procedures in place in the event that the full performance controller becomes incapacitated due to, for example, illness or is otherwise unable to attend work as rostered.

1134 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the article in *The Canberra Times* of 1 September 2005 entitled, 'Plane left in air as traffic controller sleeps in':

- (1) For each of the past 5 financial years, on how many occasions have domestic regular passenger transport flight landings been delayed at Australian airports due to the inability of Airservices Australia to adequately staff control towers.
- (2) For each instance can the following details be provided: (a) the control tower affected; (b) the circumstance in which Airservices Australia was unable to adequately staff the affected control tower; (c) the flight number of the affected flight; (d) its departure point; (e) the number of passengers and crew on board; (f) the scheduled landing time; (g) the actual landing time; (h) the scheduled airport of arrival; (i) the actual airport of arrival; (j) whether the affected airline claimed some form of compensation from Airservices Australia; (k) the value of compensation sought; (l) the value of compensation made; and (m) the date on which compensation was made.

1135 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the article in *The Canberra Times* of 1 September 2005 entitled, 'Plane left in air as traffic controller sleeps in': (a) when did the Minister become aware of this issue; (b) who advised the Minister; and (c) in what manner was the Minister advised.

1136 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the article in *The Canberra Times* of 1 September 2005 entitled, 'Plane left in air as traffic controller sleeps in':

- (1) What financial or other compensatory recourse exists for Qantas against Airservices Australia in this matter.
- (2) What is the maximum value of potential compensation Airservices Australia may have to pay Qantas in this matter.

1138 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to a recent announcement that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will target the recruitment of 300 defence force personnel from overseas: (a) what is the estimated cost of promoting this recruitment; (b) which agencies will be responsible for funding the promotion; (c) how many people from those agencies will be so employed and at what cost; (d) in which countries and cities will promotions occur; and (e) which private sector employment companies will be engaged and at what cost.
- (2) How many serving personnel, currently engaged, were recruited from overseas, by country of origin.
- (3) (a) What is the time frame for the recruitment drive; and (b) when is it expected that the target of the recruitment of 300 personnel will be reached.
- (4) Will a recruitment team personally interview applicants; if so: (a) who will comprise the recruitment team; and (b) what budget has been allocated for: (i) airfares and accommodation, (ii) advertising, and (iii) other items.

- (5) What critical skill shortages within the ADF are being sought through this process.
- (6) (a) What terms of appointment are to be offered to potential applicants, and (b) will they include family transfers and repatriation.

*Notice given 6 September 2005*

1139 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the department has not paid at least four bridging visa recipients \$100 per week as promised; if so, why have the payments not been made.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that a mother and her son, who were released from Baxter Detention Centre on a bridging visa E one month ago, have not received Medicare or Centrelink benefits.
- (3) Why have the remaining two Sri Lankan detainees in Baxter Detention Centre, who were invited to apply for the Removal Pending Bridging Visa, not been released despite signing more than 2 months ago on 28 June 2005, given the fact that the first Sri Lankans were released on 14 July 2005.

1141 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to Burrup Peninsula:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that on 10 March 2005, the Australian Heritage Council (AHC) was given an extension of time for it to complete its assessment of the national heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago Rock Art Site and Burrup Peninsula, Islands of the Dampier Archipelago and Dampier Coast until 4 September 2005.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the reasons for the extension included 'delays in submission of reports by consultants and the need to respect customary law time for male traditional owners'.
- (3) Have the consultants, referred to in the Minister's reasons for the extension, submitted their reports; if so, when were they submitted; if not, when is it expected that the reports will be submitted.
- (4) Which consultants were commissioned to prepare the reports referred to in the Minister's reasons for the extension.
- (5) Were the consultants referred to in the Minister's reasons for the extension directed only to evaluate whether the places have national heritage values; if not, what other issues were the consultants asked to address.
- (6) Have any other consultants been commissioned to undertake work for either the department or the AHC in relation to these places in the past 3 years; if so, can details be provided of the names of the consultants and the nature of the work commissioned.
- (7) Has the customary law time for male traditional owners referred to in the Minister's reasons for the extension ended; if so, when.
- (8) What is the status of the consultations with the traditional owners.
- (9) Can the Minister confirm that on 25 August 2005, the AHC was given a further extension of time to complete its assessment of the national heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago Rock Art Site and Burrup Peninsula, Islands of the Dampier Archipelago and Dampier Coast until 4 September 2006.

- (10) Can the Minister confirm that the reasons for the extension included a need for further consultation processes and evaluation of the case for national heritage listing.
- (11) Can details be provided of the consultations that the AHC and the department have carried out in relation to the assessment of the national heritage values of these places, including consultations carried out on behalf of the AHC or the department.
- (12) Can details be provided of the consultations that the AHC and the department intend to undertake or commission for the purpose of the assessment of the national heritage values of these places, including the names of the people and organisations that will be consulted and what they will be consulted about.
- (13) Can details be provided of all outstanding work that needs to be completed in order for the AHC to finalise and submit its assessment of the national heritage values of these places.
- (14) Has the AHC, the department or anybody acting on behalf of the AHC or the department, carried out any consultations or discussions, including meetings and telephone conversations, for the purpose of the assessment about any issues that do not relate to the question of whether the places have national heritage values; if so, can details be provided of the consultations or discussions including: (a) the names of the people and organisations involved; (b) when the consultations or discussions occurred; (c) what was discussed on each occasion; and (d) where appropriate, details of the people who carried out the consultations or discussions on behalf of the AHC or the department.
- (15) Has anybody acting on behalf of, or under the directions of, the AHC, the department or the Government, other than the consultants referred to in (1) above, carried out any consultations or discussions, including meetings and telephone conversations, with companies who have interests in the Burrup Peninsula region, people acting on behalf of companies with interests in the Burrup Peninsula region, the Government of Western Australia or other federal government agencies concerning the proposed or possible inclusion of these places on the National Heritage List in the past 3 years; if so, can details be provided of these consultations or discussions including: (a) the names of the people and organisations involved; (b) when the consultations or discussions occurred; (c) what was discussed on each occasion; and (d) details of the people who carried out the consultations or discussions on behalf of the AHC, the department or the Government.
- (16) Will the Minister take the heritage values of Burrup Peninsula into account when making his decision about the Woodside Energy Pty Ltd Pluto Gas Project.
- (17) Has the Government of Western Australia, Woodside Energy Pty Ltd, or any other company with interests in the Burrup Peninsula region, been given any assurances by the Minister, the AHC, the department, or anybody acting on behalf of the Minister, the AHC or the department that the places will not be included on the National Heritage List until controlled action decisions or approval decisions have been made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in relation to projects concerning the Burrup Peninsula.

- 1142 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the Prime Minister’s voluntary target of biofuel production by 2010:
- (1) How does the projected consumption of transport fuel in 2010, on which the 2 per cent biofuel target was based to arrive at a total of 350 million litres (ML), compare with the latest projections.
  - (2) What would be the 2 per cent biofuel target if calculated on those latest projections.
  - (3) Will the Government consider raising the target to that figure; if not, why not.
  - (4) Does the Government agree with AgForce Grains Ltd’s opinion that the 350ML target is inadequate to establish E10 petrol/ethanol blended petrol as a mainstream product.
  - (5) Does the Government agree that: (a) the 350ML target will be met before 2010; and (b) there will be no new developments of ethanol production to come on stream without an increase in the overall target and/or an obligation imposed on petrol companies to sell ethanol-blended petrol.
  - (6) Will the Government consider a mandatory renewable energy target-style system for ethanol; if not, why not.
  - (7) Is the Government aware that the state of Minnesota in the United States of America has met its 10 per cent ethanol mandate and will mandate 20 per cent by 2012 if that target is not met by voluntary measures.
- 1143 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to biofuels:
- (1) Will the Government set a target for Commonwealth fleet vehicles to use ethanol-blended petrol and biodiesel, as the Queensland Government has done; if not, why not; if so, when.
  - (2) Why has the Government not made available to members and senators, fuel cards for independent petrol retailers who sell ethanol-blended petrol, despite requests to do so.
- 1144 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to biofuels: Will the Government consider amending the Fuel Standard (Petrol) Determination 2001, which bans the sale of ethanol blends of more than 10 per cent, in light of the availability of vehicles designed to run on 85 per cent ethanol and the many flexible fuel vehicles now on the market which are designed to run on much higher levels of ethanol than is currently permitted in Australia; if not, why not.
- 1145 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) referred difficult tax avoidance cases against legal professionals to the Law Council of Australia.
  - (2) Is it true that approximately 90 per cent of tax debt in the legal profession is attributed to tax avoidance schemes.
  - (3) What has the ATO done to address the prevalence of these schemes.
  - (4) Why has the ATO allowed late tax returns to slide, given the obvious connection to tax avoidance schemes.
  - (5) Has the ATO investigated tax avoidance in Australia’s judiciary; if so, what were the results.



- (6) When will the ATO recover the taxpayer's money from recalcitrant legal professionals.

1147 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the statement on page 40 of the Treasury's *Economic Roundup*, Winter 2005, that 'many low income earners pay very little tax, if any at all':

- (1) With respect to the tax data for the latest financial year available, and with respect to all those earning less than the tax threshold of \$21 601, can details be provided for: (a) the total number of individual income tax payers, disaggregated by gender; (b) the total income tax paid; (c) the total tax deductions claimed, disaggregated by type of claim; and (d) the total tax rebates paid out.
- (2) Can details be provided, indicating the average time lag between income tax paid and rebates received.

1148 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister clarify a recent statement that the Government will ensure services to customers in areas of 'market failure' after full privatisation of Telstra.
- (2) Are 'areas of market failure' determined by the Government to be in: (a) rural; (b) remote; or (c) metropolitan, areas.
- (3) What is the Government's definition of 'market failure'.
- (4) To what extent and how does the Government consider that the privatisation of the Telstra environment will facilitate competition in areas of 'market failure'.
- (5) Has the Government accepted that areas of 'market failure', however defined, are never likely to attract competition.
- (6) Does the Government agree that the commitment to ensure services to customers in areas of 'market failure' provides a perverse incentive for Telstra to: (a) withhold or diminish services in these areas; and (b) impede efforts by competitors to set up service provision in these areas.
- (7) What is the extent of 'market failure' that has been caused by Telstra's prevention of other businesses from setting up services.
- (8) How will the Government deal with the well-documented cases of Telstra pushing small competitors out of business when they try to establish competing businesses, particularly in regional areas in, for example, Crookwell, Bungendore and Albury-Wodonga.
- (9) How will the Government deal with excessive regulatory gaming by Telstra, whereby it effectively delays or prevents access by competitors to declared services.
- (10) What is the Government's estimation of the effect of the proposed additional regulation on: (a) Telstra's annual profits; and (b) Telstra's share price.
- (11) Does the Government have a conflict of interest in protecting the shareholders from the cost of additional regulation and ensuring consumers receive the benefits of modern telecommunications infrastructure and services; if so, to what extent.
- (12) How will the Government reconcile the mutually exclusive objective of providing for effective regulation of telecommunications and maximising Telstra's share price.

- (13) How will the Government ensure that the operational separation model for Telstra creates an incentive for Telstra to treat its retail arm and its competitors equitably.
- (14) How will the Government ensure that Telstra does not operate its retail arm at a loss by charging high wholesale prices to itself and competitors.
- (15) Will the Government give the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) divestiture powers in case operational separation fails.
- (16) What were the reasons for structural separation of Telstra not being considered in the package.
- (17) Does the Government agree that the fact that Telstra is vertically integrated is the single most important factor in Australia being ranked 21st in broadband penetration in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Communications Outlook, 2005.
- (18) How does Australia compare with other OECD countries in terms of the rate of penetration of broadband, as opposed to the current rate of uptake.
- (19) Does the Government acknowledge that Australia's rate of uptake is relatively high because it starts from a very low base compared with other OECD countries.
- (20) How does the Government's definition of 'broadband' differ from other countries in the OECD.
- (21) What will the Government do about the obvious weakness of the anti-competitive conduct regime in the Trade Practices Act as demonstrated by the ACCCs experience with the Telstra broadband pricing competition notice.
- (22) What will the Government do to make it easier for Telstra's competitors to get access to reasonably-priced backhaul.
- (23) How will the Government ensure that people in regional areas where there is no competition receive better broadband services as standards improve in metropolitan areas.
- (24) What safeguards will the Government put in place to ensure that money put aside for regional areas will: (a) not simply fall back into Telstra's hands so as to cement its monopoly in regional areas; and (b) be applied equitably and not directed to Coalition or marginal electorates.

*Notice given 7 September 2005*

1149 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, what is the estimated number of income support recipients who will complete their second round of Job Network Intensive Support customised assistance and undertake the proposed 'test of genuineness' for very long-term unemployed people in the welfare to work measures announced in the 2005-06 Budget.
- (2) What criteria will be used by Job Network agencies to assess whether very long-term unemployed people pass the 'genuineness test'.
- (3) (a) What weighting will be given to the criteria described in (2) above; and (b) what monitoring, review and appeal processes will apply to these decisions.

- (4) Is there a time limit on the maximum period of 'full time Work for the Dole' people can be required to undertake.
- (5) Under what circumstances could the standard 10 month period of 'full time Work for the Dole' be extended further.

1150 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) finalised its negotiations with Imperial Tobacco in relation to the use of the descriptors 'light' and 'mild'; if not, when is it expected that these negotiations will be finalised; if so, what was the outcome.
- (2) When will Imperial Tobacco stop using the descriptors 'light' and 'mild' on their tobacco products.
- (3) What contribution will Imperial Tobacco make to fund anti-smoking information campaigns and programs concerning low-yield cigarettes.
- (4) If no progress has been made with Imperial Tobacco over misleading descriptors, will legal action be mounted by the ACCC against Imperial Tobacco; if not, why not.
- (5) What actions will the ACCC take to investigate reports that British America Tobacco cigarettes with the descriptors 'light' on their packaging were still available for sale in Australia in August 2005, despite the company agreeing to remove the descriptors from 31 May 2005.
- (6) What is the status of the anti-smoking information campaign funded by British Tobacco and Phillip Morris.

1151 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the 'Quality in Australian Health Care Study' published by Wilson et al in 1995 in the *Medical Journal of Australia* which estimated that 470 000 admissions to hospitals occur annually in Australia because of medical mistakes.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this study also estimated that these admissions were associated with 18 000 deaths and 50 000 patients being permanently disabled to a greater or lesser extent.
- (3) (a) What data is available on the number and/or proportion of patients in Australia that suffer from serious adverse effects or die from medical mistakes each year; and (b) how does this compare with other comparable countries.
- (4) Has the Minister raised this matter with state and territory health ministers; if not, will the Minister do so.
- (5) What other action is the Government taking to reduce the number of adverse events associated with medical interventions.

1152 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can details be provided of the project awarded to Hillsong Emerge Ltd for the Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project for the amount of \$414 479 under the Community Partnership Stream.
- (2) Will religious practice be a feature of this project.
- (3) What 'community enhancement' will be conducted as crime prevention strategies.

- (4) What role, if any, did the Member for Greenway (Mrs Markus) have in the project and decisions about its funding.
- (5) Is it the case that Mrs Markus was previously employed by Hillsong Emerge Ltd.
- (6) What, if any, other projects have been awarded to Hillsong Emerge Ltd under the Community Partnership Stream.

1156 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the technologies, such as speech synthesis, organisational software and voice recognition programs, that are now available and successfully assist students with learning disabilities.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that in 1988, the United States Congress passed the Technology Related Assistance for Individuals Act, the main aim of which was to provide financial assistance to the states to develop programs for people with disabilities.
- (3) Will the Minister consider taking similar action in Australia, given the Government's interest in improving literacy in Australian schools.
- (4) Would the Minister consider funding for systematic screening of students to identify those who benefit from assistive technology in the classroom environment.
- (5) Does the Minister consider that students with disabilities, who would benefit from learning assistive technology, would be entitled to it under the recently gazetted educational standards regulations; if not, why not.

1157 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Are officials from the department currently negotiating with the Maralinga Tjarutja to pay them for taking back the Maralinga site.
- (2) (a) Is it correct that officials offered \$4.4 million; and (b) has the final amount been settled; if so, what is the agreed amount.
- (3) Has money been budgeted for this payment; if so, where is it recorded in the 2005-06 Budget.
- (4) Has any of this money been committed to a resource centre; if so, how much.
- (5) (a) What feasibility studies have been undertaken to maximise the chances of success for such a centre; and (b) can copies of these studies be provided.
- (6) What measures have been taken to ensure that necessary training and management skills are available to the community.

1159 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that at least one Pregnancy Help counselling service advertises that its volunteers undertake an accredited course run by the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) and that this course is funded by the Government; can the Minister advise: (a) with whom is this training accredited; and (b) whether it is possible to obtain a copy of the training program.
- (2) Given that the same Pregnancy Help counselling service also advertises that its volunteers are 'overseen' by trained professionals; can the Minister advise: (a) the names of these trained professionals; (b) their qualifications;

and (c) what this ‘overseeing’ involves, for example, is the ‘overseeing’ done on a weekly, monthly, annual or other basis.

- (3) Are there requirements in place to ensure more regular supervision of volunteers.
- (4) Are there guidelines in place to set out: (a) who the volunteers report to; and (b) how regularly they should report back to the appropriate person/s.
- (5) Can the Minister advise whether volunteers and staff at pregnancy counselling services which receive direct or indirect Government funding, for example through the AFPSS, are required to: (a) abide by accredited guidelines for pregnancy counselling; if so, can details be provided, including which organisation sets out the guidelines and what the guidelines cover; (b) provide information about pregnancy options, that is, pregnancy continuation and pregnancy termination, which is based on reliable research and guidelines provided by such reputable organisations as the World Health Organization or the National Health and Medical Research Council; (c) provide appropriate referral for pregnancy options, that is, pregnancy continuation and pregnancy termination, to women requesting these options; (d) be members of an accredited body, for example the Australian Counselling Association, the Australian Psychological Society, or the Australian Association of Social Workers; and (e) be accredited with a professional body such as the Telephone Support, Information and Counselling Association, the peak body for services which predominantly run their services by phone.
- (6) If applicable, can details be provided of any other training and/or professional development that volunteers and staff are required to undergo, or which is offered to volunteers and staff; for example, is there a requirement that volunteers and staff regularly update their training; if so, how often is training updated.
- (7) If applicable, can copies be provided of the guidelines and/or application forms which assist the department in determining: (a) which pregnancy counselling services should receive government funding; and (b) how much each organisation and/or peak body receives.
- (8) Are there mechanisms in place to address client complaints at those pregnancy counselling services which receive direct or indirect government funding; if so, can details be provided of these complaint processes.

1160 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many applications were made in round 1 in May 2005 and round 2 in August 2005 for funding for the installation of air conditioning under the Investing in Our Schools Program: (a) in Western Australia; and (b) nationally.
- (2) Will these applications be assessed, individually and cumulatively, against their impact on climate change from increasing greenhouse gas emissions; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Government, where appropriate, review the guidelines for the assessment of the funding applications to make express reference to evaluation against environmental impact.
- (4) Will the Government introduce energy audits as part of this process to provide information on energy efficiency or other measures which could be introduced to complement or replace air conditioning systems.

1163 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Government consider that it has a duty to ensure that Mr David Hicks receives a fair trial in accordance with internationally-accepted standards of legal process and justice; if not, why not.
- (2) Does the Government agree with the Law Institute of Victoria's assertion that Mr Hicks will not receive a fair and just trial by the proposed United States of America (US) military commission; if not, why not; if so, what steps have been taken to have Mr Hicks returned to Australia to face charges laid, or to guarantee a fair trial in the US.
- (3) What was the Government's response to criticisms of the military commission by former US military prosecutors Captain John Carr, Major Robert Preston and Australian Defence Force lawyer Captain Paul Willee QC.
- (4) What is the Government's response to the specific criticisms that in the military commission:
  - (a) the rules of evidence will not apply in hearings;
  - (b) any evidence can be heard that would have probative value to a reasonable person including statements obtained from detainees under alleged torture;
  - (c) evidence from former Guantanamo Bay detainees may still be admitted to proceedings in written statements despite being fundamentally compromised and unreliable;
  - (d) former detainee witnesses are unlikely to be willing to return to Guantanamo Bay to be cross-examined or questioned by Mr Hicks' defence team.
  - (e) such cross-examination will be necessary to establish the probative value of the statements provided, interrogation techniques used, and whether or not statements were made voluntarily and without duress.
  - (f) there is a lack of legal qualifications of commission members;
  - (g) the two-thirds majority required to determine Mr Hicks' verdict, given that only three commission members remain following the US Government's decision not to replace the three successfully challenged on the grounds of lack of independence;
  - (h) there is a lack of a reliable, independent inquiry into allegations by Mr Hicks of torture;
  - (i) there is a lack of an independent review of the US Government's procedures and operations at Guantanamo Bay;
  - (j) the US denies requests to visit detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay; and
  - (k) there are accusations of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, arbitrary detention, violation of their rights to health and due process rights, many of which have come to light in declassified US documents.
- (5) Does the Government accept the US classification of Mr Hicks as an 'enemy combatant'; if so, why; if not, what representation has been made to the US Government on the matter.
- (6) Why does the Geneva Convention not apply to Mr Hicks.
- (7) (a) What is the Government's definition of 'harsh interrogation techniques'; and (b) how does this differ from torture under Australian law.

- (8) Has the Government sanctioned the use of the harsh interrogation techniques used on Mr Hicks.
- (9) What advice, if any, did the Government seek or receive on the acceptability of harsh interrogation techniques under the Geneva Convention.
- (10) What are the implications for basic civil rights in Australia from the lack of fairness being afforded to Mr Hicks.

*Notice given 8 September 2005*

1164 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to the editorial and article in the *New Scientist* dated 27 August 2005, referring to post-traumatic stress disorder:

- (1) (a) Has the Government taken any action to offset the deadly impact on returned service men and women; and (b) in particular, what compensation is offered to those who have suffered cancer, cardiovascular disease, or other illness, as a result of exposure to combat, including in Vietnam and Iraq.
- (2) (a) What arrangements are in place to measure and minimise the impact on Australians now serving overseas; and (b) do these include pre- and post-service assessment and counselling.

*Notice given 9 September 2005*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1165-1167)—With reference to the need for foreign ships to notify Australian authorities of crew identities before arrival:

- (1) (a) How many foreign ships have arrived in Australia per year since 2000; and (b) how many of these ships, for each year since 2000, have traded on the Australian coast under a single or continuing voyage permit after they have completed the international leg of their voyage.
- (2) Which Government agencies must be notified of crew lists for foreign ships before these ships arrive in Australia; (b) what level of information must be provided (e.g. name only, passport details, information that would constitute 100 points of identification); (c) does the Government have any ability to check that the names and documentation provided in relation to crew member identities is legitimate; (d) what other information must be provided at the same time (e.g. cargo manifests); and (e) how far in advance of arrival must this information be provided.
- (3) (a) Can a breakdown be provided, for each year since 2000, of the number of foreign ships that have met the pre-reporting requirements for foreign crews; and (b) what sanctions apply if a foreign ship does not meet the pre-reporting requirements for its crew.

1165 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1166 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

1168 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the issuing of continuing voyage permits under the Navigation Act: (a) how many foreign ships have arrived in Australia per year since 2000; (b) how many of these ships, for each year since 2000, have: (i) traded on the Australian coast under a continuing voyage permit after they have completed the international leg of their voyage, (ii) had full port-state control inspections by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), and (iii) been

detained or fined by AMSA or had other sanctions applied; and (c) what are the names of these ships and the nature of the breaches for which they received sanction.

1169 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the issuing of single voyage permits under the Navigation Act: (a) how many ships, for each year since 2000, have traded on the Australian coast under a single voyage permit after they have completed the international leg of their voyage; (b) how many of these ships, for each year since 2000, have: (i) had full port-state control inspections by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), and (ii) been detained or fined by AMSA or had other sanctions applied; and (c) what are the names of these ships and the nature of the breaches for which they received sanction.

1170 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the of carriage of ammonium nitrate by sea as a domestic cargo between Australian ports:

- (1) How many foreign ships operating under continuing voyage permits, for each year since 2000, have carried ammonium nitrate between Australian ports; (b) what are the names of these ships; (c) when was this product carried; and (d) between which ports.
- (2) (a) How many foreign ships operating under single voyage permits, for each year since 2000, have carried ammonium nitrate between Australian ports; (b) what are the names of these ships; (c) when was this product carried; and (d) between which ports.
- (3) How is the Commonwealth implementing the Principles for the Regulation of Ammonium Nitrate agreed to under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreement of June 2004 as it applies to carriage of ammonium nitrate between Australian ports by sea.
- (4) How does the Commonwealth intend to meet the COAG principle that people involved in the storage, transport, use, import and export of ammonium nitrate within Australia should be licensed, including having their background checked by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO).
- (5) In the case of foreign seafarers employed in the domestic shipping trade, what background checks will be undertaken, given that an ASIO check is not possible.
- (6) When ammonium nitrate is carried by sea under a single or continuing voyage permit, is it classified on the permit as 'general cargo'; if not, how is it classified.
- (7) What notification procedures are in place to ensure that waterside workers at Australian ports are given appropriate notice that they will be handling this dangerous cargo.

1171 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the years 1996 to 2005, can figures be provided, disaggregated by: (a) state and territory; (b) tertiary education institution; and (c) by federal electorate, for the number and the proportion of those who, having completed year 12, went on to: (i) higher education; and (ii) technical and further education or other vocational education and training programs, in their first year out of school.



*Notice given 12 September 2005*

1172 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2018 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 February 2005, p. 19747), indicating that the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) no longer undertakes research in the area of diagnostic ultrasound, and that the National Measurement Laboratory was deferring ‘further investigation of the needs of this field pending the establishment of the new National Measurement Institute in July 2004’:

- (1) Has this institute been established; if not, why not; if so, what work is being done in the area of ultrasound measurement by this institute.
- (2) What, if any, safety standards or any other regulatory regime have been developed to monitor the application of ultrasound in obstetrics in Australia.
- (3) Given that work done by the CSIRO in collaboration with centres in Australia and overseas found that, tissue heating to 5 degrees can easily be produced near foetal bone, and such increases can, after only 5 minutes, cause severe brain abnormalities in the developing foetus, embryonic growth is stopped and heat shock (stress) proteins are produced in laboratory exposures to pulsed Doppler ultrasound, and the use of echo-contrast agents can amplify biological effects and cause bleeding at power levels of orders that are orders of magnitude less than that required in the absence of contrast agents, does the Minister consider that the ultrasound regulatory regime is adequate.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that in 2004, Professor Nagel from the University of Stuttgart said, ‘... it has not been verified whether the current regulations for the safe use of ultrasound equipment are valid at these frequencies. The biological effects of low frequency ultrasound have only recently been explored. According to our current knowledge they represent serious health hazards ... possible negative effects of high-intensity ultrasound are hearing loss, impairment of the vestibular system, damage to peripheral sensory receptors, destruction of cells and fragmentation of DNA, and uncontrolled sonoporation’.
- (5) Are there businesses in Australia that provide non-medical ultrasound procedures without a doctor’s referral; if so: (a) are they regulated; and (b) what qualifications are required of these practitioners.
- (6) Does the Minister consider that the Australian medical profession should adopt the advice provided by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine that it, ‘strongly discourage the non-medical use of ultrasound for psychosocial or entertainment purposes. The use of either 2D or 3D ultrasound to only view the foetus, obtain a picture of the foetus, or determine the gender without a medical intervention is inappropriate and contrary to responsible medical practice’; if not, why not.
- (7) Given that the American Food and Drug Administration has banned the non-medical use of ultrasound, will the Government also consider such a ban.
- (8) Given the epidemiological and laboratory evidence from around the world that indicates ultrasound treatment can result in learning difficulties, a significant rise in left-handedness in boys, auditory problems, autism, growth retardation, dyslexia and delayed speech development, will the

medical profession in Australia be advised to warn women of the possible negative bio-effects before ultrasound treatment.

*Notice given 13 September 2005*

1176 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the answer to question no. HS41 provided to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee during additional estimates hearings on 15 February 2005:

- (1) (a) Can Centrelink explain how individuals were targeted for a review of real estate property values; and (b) what criteria did Centrelink use to determine who should be reviewed.
- (2) Can Centrelink explain why, between the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04, the number of reviews of individuals in receipt of a number of allowances and payments declined significantly (e.g. the number of reviews of Newstart Allowance recipients dropped from 731 to 192 and the number of reviews of Disability Support Pension recipients dropped from 622 to 142).
- (3) Can Centrelink explain why, between the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04, the number of reviews of individuals in receipt of the age pension increased from 14 390 to 19 169.
- (4) Can Centrelink confirm that it has no available information on the state or territory of residence of the payment recipients who suffered a cancellation or reduction of payment following a review of property during the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04.
- (5) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many reviews of payment recipients' real estate property values are planned.
- (6) For the 2005-06 financial year to date: (a) how many reviews of payment recipient's real estate property values have been completed; and (b) can a summary of the results of those reviews be provided in the same format as provided in the answer to question no. HS41.

1177 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an article in the *Townsville Bulletin*, dated 3 August 2005, which reported on the inquest into the death of Australian Naval Cadet Nicholas Schumacher of Mackay who died from head injuries following a car accident on 12 September 2004.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Landcruiser troop carrier in which Cadet Schumacher was travelling was purchased by the Commanding Officer of Training Ship (TS) *Pioneer* for a sum of \$3 000.
- (3) Which person or agency: (a) was the registered seller of the Landcruiser at the time of the purchase; and (b) was registered as the new owner of the vehicle.
- (4) Was the Landcruiser used exclusively by the Australian Naval Cadets; if not, which person or agency was permitted to use the vehicle.
- (5) What insurance coverage was taken out on this vehicle and which person or agency paid the insurance premiums.
- (6) Which person or agency was responsible for registration of the vehicle with the Queensland Licensing Centre and which person or agency paid this account.

- (7) Can it be confirmed that one tyre on the vehicle had been fitted with a 12-year-old patched inner tube; if so, was the patched inner tube in the tyre at the time of the sale of the vehicle for \$3 000 to the Commanding Officer of *TS Pioneer*.
- (8) (a) What was the nature of the injuries to the 6 cadets who were also passengers in the vehicle at the time of the accident; (b) what treatment was given to the cadets; and (c) which cadets are receiving ongoing treatment.
- (9) (a) Why was the vehicle sold prior to the commencement of the inquest; (b) to whom was it sold; (c) when did the sale take place; (d) which person or agency arranged the sale; (e) who approved the advertisement of the vehicle; and (f) at what cost.

1178 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a report in *The Age*, dated 6 September 2005, on evidence given to an inquest into the death of Trooper Angus Lawrence who died from heat exhaustion during training exercises at Mt Bundy, near Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory in November 2004.
- (2) During the 8-week training course in November 2004: (a) how many army personnel were treated for heat exhaustion; (b) how many were hospitalised for treatment; and (c) what was the length of hospitalisation in each instance.
- (3) (a) What medical services were available to personnel during this training course; (b) how many staff were available; (c) where were they located during training exercises and; (d) what monitoring of personnel health was conducted.
- (4) What was the severity of health problems suffered by those treated for heat exhaustion and what ongoing health problems are experienced by those affected.
- (5) (a) Since 2002, how many army personnel based at Robertson Barracks have been treated for heat exhaustion; (b) how many were hospitalised for treatment; and (c) what were the circumstances of each incident.
- (6) What changes have been made to training procedures at Robertson Barracks to prevent heat exhaustion to troops during training exercises.
- (7) (a) What types of personnel transport are air-conditioned; and (b) which personnel transports were in use during training at Mt Bundy in November 2004.

1179 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an article in the *Adelaide Advertiser*, dated 29 August 2005, which reported on departmental files found in a public bin in Brompton, South Australia.; if so, when were the files found and by whom.
- (2) (a) When did the department become aware that the files had been found in a public bin; (b) when did the department commence an investigation into the matter; (c) who was charged with leading the investigation; (d) what resources were allocated to the investigation; and (e) what were the findings of the investigation.
- (3) What types of information were contained in the files and what was the level of sensitivity of the information contained in the files.
- (4) What procedures are in place for the disposal of departmental files.

- 1180 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—
- (1) With reference to statements made by the Attorney-General that the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation made a security assessment of American peace activist, Mr Scott Parkin, based on matters relating to ‘politically motivated violence, including violent protest activity’; are there specific guidelines as to what exactly constitutes ‘politically motivated violence’ or ‘violent protest activity’; if so, what are the guidelines and who makes the final judgement.
  - (2) When did the Attorney-General first become aware that Mr Parkin represented a ‘serious threat to Australian national security’.
  - (3) Has Mr Parkin acted in any way contrary to Australian laws while he has been in Australia.
  - (4) If Mr Parkin posed a serious threat to national security why was he granted a visa.
  - (5) What, or who, prompted initial concerns that Mr Parkin may pose a ‘serious threat to Australian national security’ and when did this occur.
- 1181 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—  
With reference to the practice of bottom trawling within Australia’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):
- (1) Can the Minister outline the extent to which the Government is aware of illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) bottom trawling occurring within the Australian EEZ, specifically: (a) the number of vessels apprehended annually; (b) the estimated annual IUU catch; and (c) the estimated number of vessels employing this technique within the Australian EEZ.
  - (2) What measures is the Government employing to deter IUU bottom trawling within the Australian EEZ.
- 1182 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—  
With reference to the practice of unregulated bottom trawling on the high seas:
- (1) Is the Minister aware: (a) of the extent of the damage inflicted on deep sea coral and sponge environments by the practice of bottom trawling; and (b) that nearly all bottom trawling of the high seas is unregulated and the catch unreported.
  - (2) Does the Minister support a United Nations (UN) moratorium on high seas bottom trawling until such time as legal instruments for the long-term conservation and sustainable management of deep ocean ecosystems can be developed; if not, why not.
  - (3) Will the Minister support the resolution for a global moratorium when it is debated in the UN General Assembly in November 2005; if not, why not and what alternatives are proposed for dealing with the damage caused by the practice of bottom trawling.
- 1183 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—  
With reference to the practice of bottom trawling undertaken by Australian-flagged vessels on the high seas:
- (1) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, or the most recent year in which statistics are available, can the Minister outline the number of Australian-flagged vessels undertaking the practice of bottom trawling on the high seas.
  - (2) How, if at all, does the Government regulate these vessels.

- (3) For the financial year 2004-5 to date, or the most recent year in which statistics are available, what is the reported annual catch of such vessels, specifically: (a) for targeted species; and (b) bycatch.

1184 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the practice of bottom trawling within Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):

- (1) Can the Minister outline the extent to which the practice of bottom trawling is allowed within the Australian EEZ, specifically: (a) the number of vessels licensed to use this method of fishing; (b) the approximate tonnage of catch reported for the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05, using this method of fishing; (c) the principal targeted species; (d) the location of fisheries where this practice is carried out; and (e) the proportion of Australian-flagged vessels as opposed to vessels from other countries.
- (2) Can the Minister outline the regulatory framework under which this practice is carried out in Australia, including key legislation and/or regulations and which agencies are primarily responsible for regulation of this practice.

1185 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) How many Federal Government Roads to Recovery signs are currently in each electorate.
- (2) For each of the past 3 financial years, how much has the Commonwealth spent on erecting Roads to Recovery signs in each electorate.
- (3) How many Federal Black Spot program signs are currently in each electorate.
- (4) For each of the past 3 financial years, how much has the Commonwealth spent on erecting Federal Black Spot program signs in each electorate.

1186 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—For each of the past 3 financial years, in the electorate of Curtin, how much has the Commonwealth spent on: (a) Roads to Recovery; and (b) the Federal Black Spot program.

1187 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) For each financial year since its inception, what has been the total cost to the Commonwealth of the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme for each of the following activities: (a) road transport; (b) agriculture; (c) fishing; (d) forestry; (e) mining; (f) marine transport; (g) rail transport; (h) nursing and medical; and (i) generating electricity.
- (2) For each of the next 5 financial years and for each activity listed in (1) above, what is the projected cost to the Commonwealth of the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme.
- (3) What is the current rate of rebate available under the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme.
- (4) For each of the next 5 financial years, what is the projected rate of rebate available under the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme.

1188 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to training courses or workshops provided for each of the past 3 financial years to the department by the Australian Maritime College or AMC Search Limited:

- (1) When and in what locations were training courses or workshops provided to departmental staff.
- (2) Which entity provided the training course or workshop.
- (3) What staff designations attended each training course or workshop.
- (4) How much did each training course or workshop cost the department.
- (5) What was the title of each training course or workshop and can the curriculum of each training course or workshop be provided; if not, why not.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1189-1219)—

- (1) For each of the past 3 financial years, on how many occasions has the Minister, departmental staff or the Minister's personal staff travelled by aircraft between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.
- (2) For each trip can the Minister advise: (a) the date of travel; (b) the purpose of travel; (c) the cost to the Commonwealth of the travel; (d) whether the Minister travelled; (e) the classification of staff travelling; (f) the name of the carrier; (g) whether other carriers provided flights in the same direction on the same day as the travel taken; and (h) the reason the carrier who provided the travel was chosen over other carriers which provided flights in the same direction on the same day as the travel taken.

- 1189 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1190 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1191 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1192 Minister for Defence
- 1193 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1194 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 1195 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1196 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1197 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 1198 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- 1199 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 1200 Minister for Family and Community Services
- 1201 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 1202 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1203 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 1204 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 1205 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1206 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 1207 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 1208 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 1209 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1210 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 1211 Special Minister of State
- 1212 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
- 1213 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

- 1214 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 1215 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 1216 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1217 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 1218 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- 1219 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

*Notice given 14 September 2005*

- 1220 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the use of night vision goggles (NVG) in non-military aviation in Australia:
- (1) Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued a Compliance Management Instruction (CMI) in relation to the use of NVG in non-military aviation in Australia; if so: (a) when was the CMI issued; (b) what minimum training requirements are contained in the CMI for: (i) pilots, and (ii) other crew; (c) how do these minimum training requirements differ from the minimum training requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration in the United States of America; and (d) how do these minimum training requirements differ from the minimum training requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority in New Zealand.
  - (2) Which organisations have submitted modified draft CMI to CASA and when was each draft CMI lodged.
  - (3) What, if any, undertakings were given by CASA or the Minister to those organisations which submitted modified draft CMI regarding: (a) the likely response; and (b) the likely date of that response.
  - (4) Have these undertakings been met; if not, why not.
- 1221 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) With reference to the first 6 months of operations of the new regulations governing random drug testing for Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel: (a) how many random drug tests have been administered; and (b) what is the total number of ADF personnel who have been tested.
  - (2) Who administers the test and what personnel are present during testing.
  - (3) To date, which ADF sites have been targeted in the random drug test program.
  - (4) For the period identified in (1) above, how many ADF personnel were tested in the: (a) army; (b) navy; and (c) air force.
  - (5) How many ADF personnel have tested positive to banned substances from (a) army; (b) navy; and (c) air force.
  - (6) For each of the instances referred to in the answer to (5) above, what types of banned substances have been detected in: (a) army personnel; (b) navy personnel; and (c) air force personnel.
  - (7) What disciplinary action has been taken against personnel who have tested positive for banned substances in the: (a) army; (b) navy; and (c) air force.
  - (8) How many ADF personnel are currently awaiting a determination of disciplinary action for substance abuse.

1222 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) With reference to the Investing in Our Schools Program, to date, how many schools in the Northern Territory have applied for funding under this program.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the schools identified in (1) above, including a breakdown by government and non-government schools.
- (3) Can a list be provided of the successful applications, including: (a) the name of the school; (b) the project details; and (c) the amount of funding.
- (4) Are the schools which applied unsuccessfully in round one reconsidered in any further rounds or are their applications spent.
- (5) With reference to the Parent School Participation Initiative program, to date, how many schools in the Northern Territory have applied for funding under this program.
- (6) Can a list be provided of the schools identified in (5) above, including a breakdown by government and non-government schools.
- (7) Can a list be provided of the successful applications, including: (a) the name of the school; (b) the project details; and (c) the date and amount of the funding.
- (8) For each of the successful cases, what is the amount of funding received by the schools in the past year under the former Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness scheme.
- (9) Are the schools which have been unsuccessful to date reconsidered in any further rounds or are their applications spent.

*Notice given 15 September 2005*

1224 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—  
With reference to an article in the *Northern Territory News*, dated 14 July 2005, page 4, in which it was alleged that, over the next 5 years, funding for fisheries protection patrols in the southern ocean will be \$217 million, while for the northern fishery it will be only \$91.4 million, and that the figure for the northern area includes expenditure on the Darwin Detention Centre; and also to the response of the Minister that the Government spent a lot more in the north when all costs were taken into account, but at that time was unable to provide a breakdown of those costs:

- (1) For each of the northern and southern fisheries areas, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs by specific programs in relation to the following: (a) running Australian Customs Service (ACS) boats in fisheries, including vessel operations and crew costs; (b) navy patrol boats in fisheries protection; (c) running the *Ocean Viking* in the southern ocean; (d) running Coastwatch, for: (i) planes, and (ii) crew costs; (e) maintaining and operating any detention centres used for illegal fishers; and (f) any other costs attributable to fisheries protection (e.g. Australian Fisheries Management Offices).
- (2) For each of the northern and southern fisheries areas, how many illegal fishing boats have been sighted and recorded for the years 2004 and 2005 to date.
- (3) How many have been apprehended.
- (4) What was the type and quantity of the catch they were carrying.



- (5) (a) How many crew did they have in total; and (b) where were the crew detained.
- (6) How many of these boats were fitted with the more sophisticated equipment.
- (7) How many illegal fishing boats have been reported as having actually landed and where did this occur.
- (8) Given that it has been claimed (*Northern Territory News*, dated 13 July 2005) that illegal fishers are coming ashore on northern islands and that caches of shark fin have been found by the authorities, can the Minister confirm these claims; if so, how many such incidents have been reported and where.
- (9) With reference to the Minister's press release of 10 May 2005 (DAFF05/087M) which stated that Australian Fisheries Management Association would be funded with \$1.1 million for a system to positively identify detained fishers to ensure that repeat offenders can be identified: (a) what is this system; and (b) has it been established yet.
- (10) (a) How many boats, ACS or navy, are permanently on patrol in the southern ocean; and (b) how many boats are on patrol in the northern area.
- (11) Can a breakdown be provided of the locations of Australian Fisheries Management Offices around the country.
- (12) With reference to an article on page 1 of the *Northern Territory News*, dated 14 June 2005, in which it was alleged that Chinese mafia were funding illegal fishermen in the top end: (a) is the Minister aware of such stories; and (b) what is being done to follow up and investigate them.
- (13) If evidence of foreign business in illegal fishing exists, from which country or countries does it come.
- (14) With reference to an editorial in the *Northern Territory News*, dated 7 July 2005, in which it was claimed that illegal fishers and some commercial fishermen are plundering Australian waters for sharks, but that while Australian commercial fishermen are legally allowed to sell any by-product, such as shark fin, it is alleged that some are actively fishing for shark, given that it is difficult to distinguish between by-product and actively caught shark: is the Minister aware of these allegations; if so, what is being done to investigate them.

1225 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to a visit to Papua New Guinea by the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese 18th Army to Australian forces: have Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircraft been made available for the Governor-General's visit to Papua New Guinea; if so: (a) what RAAF aircraft have been made available; and (b) over what timeframe were the aircraft available for the visit.
- (2) What is the total cost to the RAAF of providing all aircraft and support staff for the Governor-General's visit to Papua New Guinea.
- (3) What were the names and occupations of all passengers carried on each flight made by RAAF aircraft during the visit to Papua New Guinea.

1226 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How much has the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) paid Ms Valerie Geller, or her company Geller Media International, for her services in 2005 (e.g. fees, airfares, accommodation, book sales etc).
- (2) For each of the past 5 years, how much has the ABC paid Ms Geller or her company.
- (3) How many ABC staff were flown to Sydney to take part in Ms Geller's training sessions in 2005.
- (4) For all ABC staff who flew to Sydney in 2005 to take part in a Geller workshop, what was the cost of airfares, accommodation and travel allowance.
- (5) For each of the past 5 years, what was the cost of airfares, accommodation and travel allowance for all ABC staff who flew to Sydney to take part in a Geller workshop.

1227 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 22 Lithuanian war criminals that were referred to the Government by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in 2002:

- (1) Can an update on the outcome of these cases be provided.
- (2) Were allegations received; if so, when.
- (3) Did the Australian Federal Police (AFP) undertake an investigation into any, or all, of the named persons; if so, what was the outcome of each investigation; if not, why not.
- (4) Were charges brought against any of the individuals; if not, was this decision made by the AFP or the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (5) Has any foreign government formally requested the extradition of any of these persons, either on a charge relating to the information mentioned above, or for any other reason; if so, were any extradition proceedings brought against the 22 persons named and what was the outcome; if not, why not.

1228 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) When did the Australian Federal Police (AFP) receive a formal request from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) for an investigation of Mr Dragan Vasiljkovic.
- (2) (a) When did the AFP begin the investigation of Mr Vasiljkovic as to whether he committed any crimes in flying to Serbia to engage in the Balkan War.
- (3) When did the AFP make the decision to begin the investigation.
- (4) Why was the decision made to begin an investigation after the AFP indicated it would not investigate the matter without a formal request from the ICTY.
- (5) Has the investigation concluded; if so: (a) what was the outcome; and (b) what offences were considered by the investigators.

1229 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) With reference to the claim from Mr Dragan Vasiljkovic that he contacted the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) when he became involved in the Balkans war, when he returned to Australia following the

war and in between: is this claim true; if so: (a) what form of contact did ASIO have with Mr Vasiljkovic; (b) on what dates did ASIO have contact with Mr Vasiljkovic; (c) did ASIO forward any details of Mr Vasiljkovic to foreign agencies or governments; if so, which agencies or governments; and (d) has Mr Vasiljkovic contacted ASIO since his return to Australia.

- (2) (a) On what date was the Attorney-General's office notified of the allegations against Mr Vasiljkovic; and (b) what was the format of the notification (e.g. e-mail, mail etc).
- (3) Did the Attorney-General's office receive formal and informal notification of these allegations; if so, can dates for both be provided.

1230 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Croatian Government formally requested the extradition of Mr Antun Gudjel; if so, when.
- (2) Were the Australian Federal Police, the Attorney-General's Department or the Minister's office advised informally, prior to the formal request; if so, which areas were notified and when.
- (3) Has the Government made an application, on behalf of the Croatian Government, for the arrest of Mr Gudjel; if not, why not; if so: (a) when was the application made; (b) has a magistrate issued a provisional arrest warrant against Mr Gudjel; and (c) did the magistrate issue the arrest warrant.
- (4) Has the Australian Government requested any other warrants regarding Mr Gudjel; if so, what are they.
- (5) Can the Minister advise the stage which the extradition proceedings have reached.

1231 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) For those outages listed as 'over twelve hours' on the Australian Customs Service (ACS) Integrated Cargo System (ICS) website, can the precise length of time for each outage be provided; and (b) can information as noted in (1)(a) be provided for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date.
- (2) (a) What was the cause of the failure in each case referred to in (1) above; and (b) what actions were taken to ensure that the failures did not recur.
- (3) (a) How long does it take to switch from the regular system to the backup (Business Continuity Plan) system in the case of a system outage; and (b) what backup system is in place in case of a system outage.
- (4) What is the format of the backup system, i.e. how does it differ from the regular system in terms of interface, input, speed (e.g. number of exports it can process per hour) and in what other aspects does it differ.
- (5) (a) What hardware is in place for the operation of the backup system; and (b) can specifications be provided for any computer hardware that is used in the system.
- (6) What software is used, and how does each piece of software interact with other ACS software including the ICS when it is back on-line.
- (7) Does the backup system include any non-electronic component (i.e. paper based systems); if so: (a) what is the component; (b) how do non-electronic component/s interact with the software component; and (c) what details are taken non-electronically.

- (8) Is this backup system intended to act as the final backup system for use on the imports side of ICS after 12 October 2005; if not, how will the final system for imports differ.
- (9) Is this backup system intended to act as the final backup system once the Cargo Management Re-engineering project is completed; if not, how will the final system work.

1232 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each of the years 1996 to 2005 to date, how many visas have been cancelled because the holder was deemed to be a threat to national security.
- (2) Can details be provided on the nationality, visa class and visa number of the persons who have had their visas cancelled due to national security reasons, or subsequent security assessments, and the reason those assessments were undertaken.
- (3) Of those persons identified in (2) above: (a) how many had permanent residency; and (b) what were their nationalities.
- (4) For each person identified in (2) above, what was the time between the cancellation of the visa due to security reasons and the exclusion of that person from Australia.
- (5) Can a list be provided of the circumstances in which a person can be subject to a security assessment after being allowed entry into Australia.
- (6) In the situations mentioned in (5) above, is the person informed of why the visa has been cancelled; if so, at what time does this occur and in what format is the information provided; if not, why not.
- (7) What avenues of appeal are available against such a cancellation, both internally in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) and externally; if there are no avenues of appeal available, why not; if there are avenues of appeal available: (a) what are they; (b) how are they used; and (c) for the years 1996 to 2005 to date, what has been the outcome of the appeals.
- (8) For each of the years 1996 to 2005 to date, how many visas have been refused because the applicant was deemed a threat to national security.
- (9) Can details be provided on the nationality, visa class and number of persons who have had visas refused due to national security reasons, or subsequent security assessments, and the reason those assessments were undertaken.
- (10) Has the department received any correspondence, e-mail, cable or telephone call from any government agency of the United States of America regarding Mr Scott Parkin in respect of subject matter that was likely to alter his security assessment; if so: (a) on what date was the information received; (b) from which agency was the information received; and (c) what was the format in which the information was received (i.e. telephone call, written letter, etc.).
- (11) Was the information used in the security assessment of Mr Parkin.
- (12) Were there any discrepancies between the information Mr Parkin supplied on his inbound passenger card to the facts known and by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, DIMIA and the Australian Federal Police.

1233 **Senator Sterle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Has the Minister, or any agency in the Minister's portfolio, engaged or provided any funding or grants to either Mr Kevin Donnelly or to the consulting group, Education Strategies, of which Mr Donnelly is Director; if so, can a list be provided of the instances and quantum of funding or grants.
- (2) Has the Minister appointed Mr Donnelly to any positions or to any Boards in the Minister's portfolio; if so, can a list be provided of these appointments.

*Notice given 16 September 2005*

1234 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Colbeck) (Senate *Hansard*, 15 September 2005, p. 38), that the Government has considered bringing forward the current time frame of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to phase-out single-hulled tankers but, given the threat to the availability of vessels to meet requirements, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority has advised the IMO that it will be maintaining the internationally agreed time frames:

- (1) Can the Minister provide the documents showing that the Government had, before 15 September 2005, given consideration to accelerating the phase out period of single-hulled tankers.
- (2) What economic analysis has been undertaken on the impact of the phasing out of categories 2 and 3 single-hulled tankers in Australia before 2010.

*Notice given 19 September 2005*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1235-1236)—With reference to the Coalition's 2004 Election commitment to contribute \$1.5 million to improve the Tasman Highway between Nunamara and Targa:

- (1) Who made the decision to make this commitment on behalf of Commonwealth and on what date.
- (2) Who made the commitment public and on what date.
- (3) Is the Commonwealth's funding commitment contingent upon the provision of funds from the Tasmanian State Government or other sources; if so: (a) what other sources must contribute funds to this project in order for the Commonwealth to meet its commitment; (b) who decided to make Commonwealth funding contingent upon the provision of funds from other sources and on what date; (c) on what date, in what manner and by whom was the Tasmanian State Government and/or other potential providers of funds made aware that the Coalition's funding commitment to this project was contingent upon the provision of funds from other non-Commonwealth sources; and (d) why is this condition of funding not specified in the Coalition's 2004 Election document entitled *A stronger economy, a stronger Australia: The Howard Government Election 2004 policy: Strengthening Tasmania's economy and building a better community*.

1235 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

1236 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

*Notice given 22 September 2005*

- 1237 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) For which species of sharks, rays and other marine species has the Minister given principal responsibility to the states, under respective Offshore Constitutional Settlement (OCS) agreements.
  - (2) Are the states required to meet any sustainability standards or management guidelines for these species as part of the OCS agreements; if so, what are these standards or guidelines.
  - (3) Can any such standards, guidelines or management plans be provided; if not, why not.
- 1238 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the listing of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna, and threatened ecological communities (TECs) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that there are 24 TECs listed by the Western Australia Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) for the Swan Coastal Plain, and that only 10 of these are listed under the Act.
  - (2) Does the Minister consider that there is some deficiency with CALM's criteria for listing TECs.
  - (3) Why has the Commonwealth's criteria for listing TECs left 14 of these sites without protection under the Act.
  - (4) Is the Minister concerned that the Commonwealth's criteria for listing TECs has left 14 of these sites without protection under the Act.
  - (5) What action will be taken to ensure that these remaining 14 sites are protected under the Act.
- 1239 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1041 (*Senate Hansard*, 5 September 2005, p. 187), in which the Minister refers to research evidence showing that risky and high risk drinking rates for young people under 18 years of age have not changed greatly over the past 5 years, despite the increasing popularity of ready to drink (RTD) products, that often displace the consumption of beer:
- (1) Can a copy be provided of this research evidence; if not, why not.
  - (2) What is the research evidence relating to levels of risky and high risk drinking for young people aged 18 to 24 and 25 to 34.
  - (3) (a) What evidence is available regarding the increasing popularity of RTD products, in relation to other alcoholic beverages; and (b) can this evidence be categorised by age and gender.
  - (4) What research has the Government funded, if any, that specifically investigates: (a) who buys RTD products; (b) why RTD products are being purchased by people of different ages; (c) who drinks RTD products; (d) where RTD products are being purchased; and (e) the level of knowledge among young people of the alcoholic content of RTD beverages in comparison to other alcoholic beverages.
  - (5) Has the Government considered targeting parents and young people with a specific education and awareness campaign on RTD products, including their alcohol content.

- (6) With reference to current work to achieve an industry-wide voluntary national approach to the labelling of alcoholic beverages with graphics that clearly depict the number of standard drinks in the beverage: (a) who is involved in this work; (b) what is the timeline for this work; and (c) how many meetings have been held on this issue and who attended.
- (7) Are discussions on the potential labelling approach considering: (a) clear and prominent indication of the number of standard drinks per product; and (b) pre-vetting of packaging and labelling of alcoholic beverages by an independent watchdog.
- (8) What penalties, if any, are under consideration for a breach of the potential labelling approach.

1240 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the sale or possible sale of Telstra:

- (1) Has the Government opened the tender for the appointment of banks to act as joint global coordinators, to be on an institutional selling panel, or in other selling roles; if so, can an estimate be provided of the full fees and costs likely to be incurred, in aggregate and by bank.
- (2) Has the department exercised its option to extend the scoping study advisers' services; if so: (a) to whom; and (b) can an estimate be provided of the full fees and costs likely to be incurred, in aggregate and by adviser.
- (3) Excluding small or insignificant contracts, are there any other advisers, agents or entities that will receive fees from the sale of Telstra; if so, what are the full fees and costs likely to be incurred, in aggregate and by adviser, agent or entity.

1241 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1014 (Senate *Hansard*, 16 August 2005, p. 205) relating to tobacco products which states that, 'The Australian Government does not have the constitutional power to comprehensively legislate against the manufacture and sale of tobacco products, including flavoured cigarettes':

- (1) Has the Government ratified the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the High Court in *Victoria v Commonwealth* [1996] 187 CLR 416, at 458 found that the 'external affairs' power of the Constitution provides the Commonwealth with power to legislate to fulfil obligations that it has assumed upon entering into a treaty, even if it involves 'the intrusion of Commonwealth law into a field that has hitherto been the preserve of State law'.
- (3) Do the regulatory obligations accepted by parties to the WHO FCTC include: (a) a comprehensive ban on all forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship; (b) packaging and labelling requirements; and (c) the regulation of the contents and emissions of tobacco products.
- (4) Can the Minister indicate whether regulating the contents of tobacco products would include flavourings added to tobacco products; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the department sought any advice on how the 'external affairs' power of the Constitution could be applied by the Commonwealth to legislate to meet its commitments under the WHO FCTC; if so, what was that advice; if not, why not.

*Notice given 26 September 2005*

**Senator Marshall:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1242-1243)—

- (1) For the 2005 calendar year to date, can the names be provided of all legal firms employed by the department to undertake work for the Government on the development or drafting of workplace relations legislation.
- (2) For each of the firms listed in the answer to (1) above, can the following information be provided: (a) when did the contract commence and when will it end; (b) what service is the legal firm providing to the Government; (c) has the legal firm seconded staff to the department; if so: (i) how many staff members have been seconded, and (ii) for how long are the staff members seconded; (d) has the legal firm seconded staff to the Minister's office; if so: (i) how many staff members have been seconded, and (ii) for how long are the staff members seconded; (e) what is the value of the contract; and (f) was there a public tendering process for the contract; if so: (i) when was the process advertised and in which publications, (ii) what details were provided in the tendering advertising and documentation, and (iii) can a copy of the tendering documents and relevant advertising be provided.

1242 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1243 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1244 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2004-05: (a) what is the number, by postcode, of Disability Support Pension recipients in Western Australia; and (b) can the information be provided by age and gender.

1245 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Can a list, by postcode, be provided of: (a) the number of recipients of Carer Payment (Adult) in Western Australia; and (b) the number of recipients of Carer Allowance (Adult) in Western Australia.
- (2) For the period from 1 January 2005 to the present, can a list, by postcode, be provided of the number of recipients of Carer Payment (Adult) in Western Australia who were moved to the Age Pension on turning 65, for males, or the relevant qualifying age for women.
- (3) (a) Are carers who become entitled to the Age Pension able to choose either the Carer Payment or the Age Pension, or are they automatically transferred from the Carer Payment to the Age Pension; and (b) can details be provided of these processes.

1246 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can a list be provided, by postcode, of: (a) the number of recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part A in Western Australia; and (b) the number of sole parent recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part A in Western Australia.
- (2) Can the department identify the number of sole parent recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part A who are carers of a child with a disability; if so, can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of sole parents who have children with a disability and who are in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A in Western Australia.
- (3) Can a list be provided, by postcode, of: (a) the number of recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part B in Western Australia; and (b) the number of sole parent recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part B in Western Australia.



- (4) Can the department identify the number of sole parent recipients of Family Tax Benefit Part B who are carers of a child with a disability; if so, can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of sole parents who have children with a disability and who are in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part B in Western Australia.

1247 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of recipients of Carer Payment (Child) in Western Australia.
- (2) Can the department identify the number of recipients of Carer Payment (Child) who are sole parents; if so, can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of sole parents who are in receipt of Carer Payment (Child) in Western Australia.
- (3) Can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of recipients of Carer Allowance (Child) in Western Australia.
- (4) Can the department identify recipients of Carer Allowance (Child) who are sole parents; if so, can a list be provided, by postcode, of the number of sole parents who are in receipt of Carer Allowance (Child) in Western Australia.

1248 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to federally-funded carer support and emergency respite services available in Western Australia:

- (1) What is the number of facilities in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2004-05, including the facilities that ceased operating.
- (2) What is the total amount of funding received in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2004-05.
- (3) What is the location of each facility in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2004-05, including the facilities that ceased operating.
- (4) What is the number of clients each facility assisted in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2004-05.
- (5) What statistical information is collected by the department regarding carers under the age of 18 in Western Australia.
- (6) (a) What specific services are available to young people who are carers in Western Australia; and (b) can details be provided of the services that are available.
- (7) What statistical information is collected by the department regarding carers over the age of 65 in Western Australia.

1249 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2004-05 Budget measure entitled 'Compliance Reviews – Expand Data-Matching':

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04, how many reviews of income support payments through data-matching of job placement records held by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) with Centrelink customer records were carried out.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04, can the outcomes of these reviews be provided, in terms of: (a) the number of reviews which resulted in no change to the payment; (b) the number of reviews which resulted in a reduction to the payment; and (c) the number of reviews which resulted in an increase to the payment.

- (3) (a) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04, what was the departmental cost of these reviews; and (b) what administrative savings were attributed to these reviews.
- (4) (a) How many reviews of income support payments through data-matching of job placement records held by DEWR with Centrelink customer records were carried out in the 2004-05 financial year; and (b) can the outcome of these reviews be provided, in terms of: (i) the number of reviews which resulted in no change to the payment, (ii) the number of reviews which resulted in a reduction to the payment, and (iii) the number of reviews which resulted in an increase to the payment.
- (5) What was the departmental cost of these reviews in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (6) What administrative savings were attributed to these reviews in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (7) In the context of the costing of this budget measure, for each of the financial years 2004-05 to 2007-08, what is the assumed average cost of each additional review.
- (8) In the context of the costing of this budget measure, for each of the financial years 2004-05 to 2007-08, what were the assumed outcomes of the reviews, in terms of: (a) the number of reviews which will result in no change to the payment; (b) the number of reviews which will result in a reduction to the payment; and (c) the number of reviews which will result in an increase to the payment.

1250 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A payment:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05: (a) what is the total number of clients in receipt of a FTB Part A payment; (b) how many clients were in receipt of the maximum FTB Part A payment; (c) how many clients were in receipt of a FTB Part A payment that was less than the maximum and above the base rate; (d) how many clients were in receipt of the base rate FTB Part A payment; and (e) how many clients were in receipt of a FTB Part A payment that was less than the base rate.
- (2) For the purposes of costing the 2005 Budget measure to increase FTB Part A thresholds: in each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09, what are: (a) the assumed total numbers of clients who will receive FTB Part A payment; (b) the assumed numbers of clients who will receive the maximum FTB Part A payment; (c) the assumed numbers of clients who will receive a FTB Part A payment less than the maximum rate and above the base rate; (d) the assumed numbers of clients who will receive the base rate FTB Part A payment; and (e) the assumed numbers of clients who will receive a FTB Part A payment less than the base rate.

1251 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the payment of rent assistance:

- (1) Why is rent assistance not identified as a line item in the department's Portfolio Budget Statements, along with other payments, e.g. carer allowance.
- (2) Is the cost of rent assistance incorporated into the line item of other payments; if so, which payments.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05, how many clients were in receipt of rent assistance.

- (4) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05, how many clients were in receipt of rent assistance and each of the following payments: (a) Age Pension; (b) Disability Support Pension; (c) Newstart Allowance; (d) Parenting Payment; (e) Carer Payment; (f) Carer Allowance; (g) Youth Allowance; and (h) Family Tax Benefit.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05, what was the average rent assistance paid to clients in receipt of each of the following payments: (a) Age Pension; (b) Disability Support Pension; (c) Newstart Allowance; (d) Parenting Payment; (e) Carer Payment; (f) Carer Allowance; (g) Youth Allowance; and (h) Family Tax Benefit.
- (6) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05: (a) how many reviews were carried out on rent assistance payments, and can the outcome of those reviews be provided (i.e. the number resulting in no change, the number resulting in a reduction in payment and the number resulting in an increase in payment); and (b) can details be provided of that review process.

1252 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2005-06 Budget measure entitled ‘Age Pension and Service Pension Registers – improved integrity’:

- (1) Why do the figures for this measure in the department’s Portfolio Budget Statement differ from the figures for the same measure in Budget Paper No. 2 (p. 159), even allowing for the inclusion of Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) funding.
- (2) What are the assumptions behind the departmental costs and administered savings relating to this measure.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09: (a) how many customers are assumed to have their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (b) what is the assumed average amount of the reduction in each year; and (c) how many customers are assumed to have their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.
- (4) (a) Why are the savings predominantly in the first year; and (b) does this represent the numbers of clients who are currently in the system and who are assumed to be claiming payments from both Centrelink and DVA.
- (5) Currently, how many clients are assumed to be claiming payments from both Centrelink and DVA.
- (6) Do the savings in subsequent years represent the numbers of new clients who will attempt to claim payments from both Centrelink and DVA.
- (7) When did the department first become aware that some people were claiming payments from both Centrelink and DVA.

1253 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2000-01 Budget measure entitled ‘Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Detection’:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04: (a) what were the estimated departmental costs associated with this measure; and (b) what were the estimated administered savings associated with this measure.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05: (a) what were the actual departmental costs associated with this measure; (b) what were the actual administered savings associated with this measure; (c) how many customers had their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (d) what was the

average amount of the reduction in each year; and (e) how many customers had their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.

1254 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2001-02 Budget measure entitled ‘Compliance Package – Detection’:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05: (a) what were the estimated departmental costs associated with this measure; (b) what were the actual departmental costs associated with this measure; (c) what were the estimated administered savings associated with this measure; (d) what were the actual administered savings associated with this measure; (e) how many customers had their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (f) what was the average amount of the reduction in each year; and (g) how many customers had their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.
- (2) How does this measure differ from the 2000-01 measure entitled ‘Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Detection’, given that both claim to generate savings by improved data-matching between government agencies and tip-offs from the public.
- (3) How are the costs and savings generated by this measure different from the costs and savings identified for the 2000-01 measure entitled ‘Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Detection’.
- (4) Are the costs and savings of this measure in addition to the 2000-01 measure entitled ‘Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Detection’.

1255 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2000-01 Budget measure entitled ‘Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Research and Development Projects’:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04: (a) what were the estimated departmental costs associated with this measure; and (b) what were the estimated administered savings associated with this measure.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05: (a) what were the actual departmental costs associated with this measure; (b) what were the actual administered savings associated with this measure; (c) how many customers had their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (d) what was the average amount of the reduction in each year; and (e) how many customers had their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.
- (3) Can a list of the feasibility studies carried out as a result of this measure be provided, including: (a) the date each commenced and finished; (b) the cost of each study; (c) a description of each project; and (d) the result of its evaluation after the first 12 months.

1256 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2001-02 Budget measure entitled ‘Compliance Package – Research and Development’:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05: (a) what were the estimated departmental costs associated with this measure; (b) what were the actual departmental costs associated with this measure; (c) what were the estimated administered savings associated with this measure; (d) what were the actual administered savings associated with this measure; (e) how many recipients had their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (f) what was the average amount of the reduction in each year; and (g) how many recipients had their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.

- (2) How does this measure differ from the 2000-01 measure entitled 'Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Research and Development Projects', given that both claim to generate savings through feasibility studies in data-matching and inter-agency activities.
- (3) How are the costs and savings generated by this measure different from the costs and savings identified for the 2000-01 measure entitled 'Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Research and Development Projects'.
- (4) Are the costs and savings of this measure in addition to the 2000-01 measure entitled 'Measures to Improve Control of Incorrect Payment and Fraud – Research and Development Projects'.
- (5) Can a list of the feasibility studies carried out as a result of this measure be provided, including: (a) the date each commenced and finished; (b) the cost of each study; (c) a description of the project; and (d) the result of its evaluation in the second year.

1257 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2004-05 Budget measure entitled 'Assessment of Income and Assets Held in Trusts and Private Companies':

- (1) For each of the financial years 2004-05 to 2007-08, what are the estimated administered savings relating to the inclusion of income and assets held in trusts and private companies in the means test for pensions and allowances.
- (2) In the 2004-05 financial year, how many people receiving a pension or allowance have income and assets held in trusts and private companies.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2007-08, what is the estimated number of claims involving income and assets from trusts and companies that will be assessed as a result of this measure.
- (4) In the context of the estimated future savings from this measure, for each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2007-08: (a) what is the estimated number of recipients who will have their payment reduced as a result of this measure; and (b) what is the estimated number of recipients who will have their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.

1258 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the 2000-01 Budget measure entitled 'Revised Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts and Companies':

- (1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04: (a) what were the estimated departmental costs associated with this measure; and (b) what were the estimated administered savings associated with this measure.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05: (a) what were the actual departmental costs associated with this measure; (b) what were the actual administered savings associated with this measure; (c) how many claims involving income and assets from trusts and companies were assessed as a result of this measure; (d) how many recipients had their payment reduced as a result of this measure; (e) what was the average amount of the reduction in each year; and (f) how many recipients had their payment cancelled as a result of this measure.
- (3) What is the rationale for including income and assets held in, or derived from, private trusts and companies in the income and asset tests for social security payments.

**Senator Evans:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1259-1260)—With reference to the impact of the budget measure to increase the threshold for the Family Tax Benefit on the cost of the health care concession cards:

(1) In the context of costing this impact for each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09: (a) what are the assumed numbers of people who will become eligible for a health care concession card; (b) what is the assumed cost in each financial year of these people becoming eligible for the health care concession card; (c) what is the assumed average per capita cost for each financial year of the health care concession cards for the years 2005-06 to 2008-09.

(2) For which concessions are health care concession card holders eligible.

1259 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1260 Minister for Family and Community Services

*Notice given 28 September 2005*

**Senator Allison:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1261-1262)—

(1) With reference to the feasibility study into whether or not a health study of the sons and daughters of Vietnam veterans can be conducted; when will the study be completed.

(2) Why has the feasibility study taken so long.

(3) If the study concludes that a full health study of the sons and daughters of Vietnam veterans is feasible, when will the study commence and when will it be completed.

(4) Did the feasibility study include a cost estimate of a full health study; if so: (a) what was that figure; and (b) how will the study be funded.

1261 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

1262 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

*Notice given 29 September 2005*

1263 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—(a) How many marine parks and marine reserves have been declared since 1996 in: (i) Commonwealth waters; and (ii) state waters; and (b) can a list be provided of the marine parks and reserves declared in Commonwealth waters since 1996.

1264 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the exemption of the western rock lobster fishery from export controls under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the listing of the Australian sea lion (*Neophoca cinerea*) as a threatened species under the Act, the placing by the Western Australian Minister for Fisheries (Mr Ford) of a moratorium on the proposed installation of sea lion excluder devices in the pots used in this fishery and the continuing unnecessary mortality of this species:

(1) Is the Minister aware that such excluder devices exist and provide an inexpensive method of excluding sea-lions from craypots.

(2) What action does the Minister plan to take to address this issue.

1265 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What are the total funds in self-managed superannuation funds with a balance of: (a) less than \$50 000; (b) between \$50 000 and \$100 000; (c) between \$100 000 and \$200 000; (d) between \$200 000 and \$300 000; and (e) more than \$300 000.

- 1266 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What are the average total yearly fees and charges for self-managed superannuation funds with a balance of: (a) less than \$50 000; (b) between \$50 000 and \$100 000; (c) between \$100 000 and \$200 000; (d) between \$200 000 and \$300 000; and (e) more than \$300 000.
- 1267 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—For each of the financial years 1995-96 to 2003-04, what were the total collections by the Australian Taxation Office for the superannuation guarantee charge for large business.
- 1268 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—For each of the financial years 1995-96 to 2003-04, what were the total liabilities determined by the Australian Taxation Office for the superannuation guarantee charge for Government organisations.
- 1269 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) When, how much and from which Australian ports has coal been exported to Thailand.
  - (2) Is the Government aware of plans to export more coal to Thailand; if so: (a) from which ports will the coal be exported; and (b) in what quantities.
- 1270 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the 1933 Convention between Australia and Poland regarding Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters:
- (1) Is it the case that, under the Convention, Polish courts will not accept, or send communications to, respondents in court cases in Poland, including the outcome of cases in which they are involved, unless the respondents appoint a representative residing in Poland for the duration of the proceedings.
  - (2) Does the Government agree that this condition could impose a significant burden on some individual respondents.
  - (3) Will the Government negotiate with the Government of Poland to ensure that Australian residents are informed of the terms of the case and of the outcome of proceedings.
  - (4) Are there any other countries which impose similar limitations upon the information made available to respondents to civil proceedings.
- 1271 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the support by the South Australian Department of Primary Industry and Resources (PIRSA) for a large abalone farm adjacent to one of the world's great Australian sea lion colonies at West Waldegrave Island Conservation Park, near Elliston:
- (1) Have any conservation organisations made representations to the Minister requesting that the Government intervene to protect the colonies of sea lions.
  - (2) Given its responsibilities under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, did PIRSA contact the department requesting an assessment of the likely impact of the development on West Waldegrave Island on species listed under the Act.
  - (3) Has the department carried out any such assessment, whether in response to an approach by PIRSA or other representations; if so, did the assessment

consider whether the abalone farm would threaten the survival of this species of sea lion.

- (4) If the impact upon sea lions was considered, did the assessment take into account the effects of: (a) the possible entanglement from buoy lines and structures; (b) the disturbance to nearby island wildlife colonies, particularly during the pupping season; (c) habitat degradation, including the impact upon the food supply of the sea lions; and (d) the impact of wastes released by the abalone farm.
- (5) Given that an assessment was made, was the development approved; if so, what conditions were imposed.

*Notice given 30 September 2005*

1272 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the current Therapeutic Goods Administration warning that the use of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) antidepressant medication in pregnancy is suspected of causing an increase in congenital heart defects in the developing foetus.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that there is no antidepressant medication available that is without a disclaimer regarding its use in pregnancy; if so, will the Government consider providing a Medicare rebate for cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) (a non-drug treatment for depression that has a research based, proven track record, when provided by appropriately trained psychologists) for: (a) pregnant patients with depression; and (b) non-pregnant patients who opt for this non-drug alternative.
- (3) When SSRI antidepressant medication was assessed by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee for inclusion on the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS), was the alternative of CBT taken into account in calculating cost-effectiveness.
- (4) What was the average cost per patient to the PBS of the use of SSRI antidepressant medication over: (a) the past 12 months; and (b) over the past 5 years.

*Notice given 4 October 2005*

1273 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—Can a copy be provided of the Integrated Cargo System's *Current Issues Register* as at 10 September 2005.

1274 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) What is the procedure for continuing security vetting in the event of an Integrated Cargo System exports system outage; and (b) can information be provided on the process and how it differs from the security vetting in normal circumstances.
- (2) Do all users of the vetting system get the same treatment during an outage, that is, do they all follow the same procedures; if not, what other vetting arrangements are there.
- (3) Do the procedures include self-vetting; if so: (a) on what basis is this done; (b) what procedures does the Australian Customs Service have in place to monitor the self-vetting; (c) how are users selected for the self-vetting process and can information be provided on the process; (d) what continuing processes are in place for users to keep self-vetting status; and



(e) can a list be provided of which users are entitled to use the self-vetting process.

*Notice given 5 October 2005*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1275-1276)—

- (1) Since 21 June 2004, how many road accidents have occurred in Australia.
- (2) How many of these accidents resulted in one or more fatalities.
- (3) How many of these accidents resulted in one or more persons suffering some form of permanent injury.
- (4) What is the estimated total cost of these accidents.

1275 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

1276 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

1277 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is the Minister aware of a proposal to operate helicopter flights from the Australia Zoo, Beerwah, Queensland; if so: (a) when and how did the Minister first become aware of the proposal; (b) when and from whom has the Minister received representations in relation to the proposal; (c) what was the nature and the outcome of each representation; (d) if a representation was in writing, can a copy of the representation be provided; if not, why not; and (e) if records of a representation were made, can a copy of such records be provided; if not, why not.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1278-1279)—Is the Minister aware of the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services, entitled *National Road Safety – Eyes on the road ahead: Inquiry into National Road Safety*, tabled in the House on 21 June 2004; if so: (a) when was the Government due to respond to this report; (b) when, in what form and from whom has the Minister received representations regarding the government's response to this report; (c) to date, what action has the Minister and/or the department taken to prepare a government response to this report; and (d) when will the Government respond to this report.

1278 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1279 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1280 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 431 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 June 2005, p. 168) regarding the sinking of the SIEV X vessel:

- (1) What was the evidentiary basis for Senator Vanstone's answer that the vessel sank in 'international waters'.
- (2) What was the evidentiary basis for Senator Ellison's statement, in a media release of 8 June 2005, that the sinking occurred in international waters.
- (3) (a) Why was the answer to the question, noted above, amended on 13 September 2005 to change the location from 'international waters' to 'unknown location'; and (b) on what evidence was this based.
- (4) (a) Why was the press release noted in (2) above amended on 15 July 2005 to change the location from 'international waters' to 'unknown location'; and (b) who authorised the amendment.

1281 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—(a) What are the current cost-recovery charges on the imports side; (b) can details be provided of

the triggering action, form name and number and charge; and (c) can information be provided on the costs for the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05.

1282 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Privacy Consultative Committee:

- (1) (a) Can the dates of committee meetings held in the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05 be provided, together with a list of the organisations that attended each meeting; (b) what was the duration of each meeting; (c) what are the functions, powers and duties of the committee; (d) can minutes for each meeting be provided; if not, why not; and (e) can any outcomes or recommendations arising from the meetings be provided.
- (2) If there were any recommendations arising out of the meetings: (a) what has been done to implement those recommendations; (b) what is the cost of implementation; and (c) what is the status of the implementation of the recommendations.

1283 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Does the department issue best-practice guidelines relating to the development of software.
- (2) Are guidelines changed if: (a) the system is developed entirely for the use of the department or agency; and (b) the system is developed for the public to access a service provided by a department or agency.
- (3) For both instances in (2) above, what is best practice in terms of the development of software and platform and operating system dependency.
- (4) Can a copy of the guidelines be provided.

1284 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to anti-money laundering (AML) laws:

- (1) Are there plans for the proposed AML regime to apply retrospectively.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm whether retrospective application was considered; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that there will be two tranches of legislation – the first to cover financial institutions and the second to cover real estate agents, jewellers and lawyers; if so, when will each tranche be released; if not, why not.
- (4) (a) Will financial institutions, jewellers, real estate agents and lawyers covered by the proposed regime have to perform identity checks for existing customers; if not, why not; if so, how far back will the checks have to be undertaken; (b) what will be the penalties for failure to comply with the retrospective changes; and (c) will these penalties be different to penalties for breaches after implementation.
- (5) Can details be provided of the responsibilities of each government agency outlined in the new regime.
- (6) What input into the laws have government agencies and departments had including: (a) which agencies and departments were consulted; (b) the nature of the consultation; (c) whether: (i) any meetings were held, (ii) the date of those meetings, and (iii) invitees and attendees at those meetings; and (d) what feedback was sought from agencies and departments regarding their new duties and responsibilities under the new regime.

- (7) (a) As at 1 September 2005, which recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 40+9 recommendations have been implemented; and (b) how and when were they implemented.
- (8) As at 1 September 2005, which of the FATF 40+9 recommendations have not been implemented and for each of the recommendations that have not been fully implemented: (a) what is the status of the recommendation; (b) what progress is being made on implementing the recommendation; (c) is there a time frame for implementing the recommendation; and (d) why has the recommendation not been fully implemented.
- (9) Does the bill include a timetable for the implementation of the legislative regime; if yes, can a copy of the timetable be provided; if not, why not.

1285 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Customs Service, the Australian Federal Police, the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, CrimTrac and the Australian Crime Commission:

- (1) Do the departments or agencies use public key encryption infrastructure for any of their systems; if not: (a) was public key encryption infrastructure ever considered; if so, can details be provided; (b) what infrastructure is used in place of public key encryption; (c) why was another form of encryption chosen; and (d) what were the perceived benefits of this form over public key encryption.
- (2) Did any department or agency consult with other departments or agencies regarding the use of public key encryption infrastructure; if so: (a) which agencies; (b) when were the consultations held; and (c) what was the nature of discussions or correspondence.
- (3) If another encryption infrastructure was used: (a) can details be provided of the software used; (b) was the software developed in-house or externally; (c) if developed externally: (i) was a tender process used, and (ii) was the tender process open or closed; (d) if the process was closed: (i) which companies were invited to tender, and (ii) how were these companies selected; (e) was the tender advertised; if so, where was the tender advertised; if not, why not; (f) what was the cost of the development and can a breakdown of the cost be provided; and (g) does the cost include payments to consultants, or any other external development firm; if not, why not.

1286 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to answers provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during estimates hearings on 2 June 2005 by officers of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), in which it was indicated that the TGA had reviewed its list of reports of adverse events or reactions attributed to Pan Pharmaceuticals and had increased the number of events from 62 to 66: (a) can a copy of the revised list of the reports of adverse events be provided; if not, why not; and (b) can copies of the reports of additional adverse events be provided; if not, why not.

1287 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) How many complaints have been made against the Blue Cross Nursing Homes & Hostels Group; and (b) can this information be provided by calendar year and individual facility; if not, why not.

- (2) (a) Overall, what is the average number of complaints per aged care facility; and (b) how does this figure compare with the average number for facilities within the Blue Cross Nursing Homes & Hostels Group.
- (3) Have any facilities within the Blue Cross Nursing Homes & Hostels Group been visited by the Accreditation and Standards Agency; if so, when and why.
- (4) What additional services or lifestyle extras do facilities within the Blue Cross Nursing Homes & Hostels Group offer in order to gain approval to provide extra service places.
- (5) (a) Overall, what is the average additional fee for an extra service place; and (b) how does this figure compare with the additional fee charged by the Blue Cross Nursing Homes & Hostels Group.

1288 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Can details be provided of all employment contracts and consulting arrangements entered into since 1996 between the department and (a) Mr Kevin Donnelly; (b) Impetus Consultants Pty Ltd; and (c) Education Strategies.
- (2) With reference to the information provided in (1) above, can details be provided on: (a) the funding provided to Mr Donnelly, Impetus Consultants Pty Ltd, and Education Strategies, for each period of employment and each consultancy contract; (b) the tendering arrangements for each consultancy contract; (c) the advertising arrangements for each period of employment; (d) the funding for each employment period and for each consultancy contract, including specific amounts of money paid to Mr Donnelly, and separately to: (i) Education Strategies, and (ii) Impetus Consultants Pty Ltd together with related payments for all other purposes; (e) the commencement dates for each period of employment and for each consultancy; (f) the duties, tasks, responsibilities, outputs and deliverables for each period of employment and for each consultancy; (g) the employment level or classification of Mr Donnelly for each period of employment; (h) the date of termination or completion in relation to each period of employment and each consultancy contract; (i) the name and position title of the person or persons to whom Mr Donnelly reported or was supervised by in relation to each period of employment and each consultancy contract; and (j) all other matters pertinent to each period of employment and each consultancy contract.

1289 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Did officers from Invest Australia hold talks with officials from the Government of China in September 2005; if so: (a) what was the nature of the talks; and (b) who attended the talks.
- (2) What undertakings were sought and/or given by: (a) Australian representatives; and (b) representatives from China.
- (3) Did representatives from China raise the matter of investing in Australian coal and uranium mining operations; if so, can details be provided.
- (4) Did representatives from China question whether they could circumvent export control measures on the use of Australian-supplied uranium if China owned some Australian uranium assets; if so, what response did officers from Invest Australia provide.

1290 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 431 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 June 2005, p. 168) regarding the sinking of the SIEV X vessel in which it was stated that the tragedy occurred in ‘international waters’ and the subsequent amendment to the answer replacing these specific words with the non-specific words ‘at an unknown location’:

- (1) Why was the first answer revised.
- (2) If the tragedy site is unknown, can it be said that it was not: (a) in Australian waters; (b) in Indonesian waters; and (c) in either, but in international waters.
- (3) Based on the best available advice, what is the area outside which the tragedy did not occur and can coordinates be provided.

*Notice given 6 October 2005*

1291 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—As at 1 July 2002, 1 July 2005 and 1 July 2008 (or to the nearest relevant date where information is available) and in relation to each of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme, the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme and the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme:

- (1) What is the total number of persons covered by each scheme and the total value of government liability owed.
- (2) What is the total number of former public sector employees, not yet retired, and what is the total value of government liability owed to such persons.

1292 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the joint Government/food industry project, entitled ‘Measuring Australia’s Eating Habits and Physical Activity’, announced on 13 September 2005:

- (1) Will the department have input into the design of the data collection process; if not, why not; if so, what processes will ensure that input and who will be involved.
- (2) Will public health and nutrition expert groups have input into the design of the data collection process; if not, why not; if so, what processes will ensure that input and who will be involved.
- (3) What is the timeline for the project.
- (4) Is this project intended to act as a follow-up to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) National Nutrition Survey conducted in 1995; if so, why is the Government not funding the ABS to undertake a further national survey; if not, does the Government intend following up the National Nutrition Survey.
- (5) Will the sampling process, the measurement techniques and the questions used for this project be the same as those used in the previous ABS National Nutrition Survey conducted in 1995.
- (6) Will the Government ensure that the data collected will be comparable with data from previous ABS National Nutrition Surveys; if so, how; if not, how will the data provide information on: (a) changes in eating habits; and (b) overweight and obesity levels in Australia since 1995.
- (7) Given that the food industry is involved in the project, what safeguards will be implemented to address potential conflicts of interest.

- (8) Will the project be monitored by expert independent reviewers and researchers.
- (9) Given that the National Obesity Taskforce report, entitled *Healthy Weight 2008: Australia's Future: the national agenda for children and young people and their families*, recommends that research be undertaken into the impact of advertising practice on community levels of overweight and obesity, will the project examine this issue.
- (10) Does the Government intend to fund research into the impact of advertising practice on community levels of overweight and obesity.
- (11) Can a copy be provided of the 2003 National Obesity Taskforce report on television advertising and obesity provided to the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council; if not, why not.

1293 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Australian Network of Industry Careers Advisors initiative, which includes Regional Industry Career Advisors (RICA), Local Community Partnerships (LCP) and Youth Pathways (YP):

- (1) Is it the case that there is only one RICA for the whole of the Gippsland area; if so, why.
- (2) Is it the case that YP has sufficient funds to assist only 107 young people each year.
- (3) Will YP replace the Latrobe Valley Jobs Pathway Programme which services more than 750 young people; if so, will YP service a larger area with more service recipients than the previous program.
- (4) (a) What is the level of funding for LCP for Latrobe Valley; and (b) does it differ from the funding received by the remainder of the Gippsland area; if so, why.

1294 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 28, provided to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee during estimates hearings on 1 and 2 June 2005 regarding Mr Ahmed Aziz Rafiq:

- (1) How many Australians are detained by any force in Iraq.
- (2) For each of the Australians detained in Iraq, can details be provided on the following: (a) who is detaining them; (b) where are they being detained and how is this known; (c) when was the Government notified of their detention; (d) what is the legal basis of their detention; (e) have they been charged; if not, when will they be charged; if so, what were the charges; (f) have they been, or is there any intention, to transfer them to detention in Guantanamo Bay; (g) what steps has the Government taken to secure their release; (h) how many consular visits have they received and when were the visits; if there were no visits, why; (i) have any of them appeared before a court; if not, when are they scheduled to do so; (j) do they have legal representation; (k) have their families been notified of their imprisonment; (l) will their families be provided with government assistance to obtain legal advice and support to facilitate answering charges or obtain release; and (m) have they been visited by representatives of the Red Cross.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1295-1296)—Is the Minister aware of a proposal to build a memorial to the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Centre on land at Hovell Street, Cootamundra, controlled by the Australian Rail Track Corporation; if so: (a) when and how did the Minister become aware of the proposal; (b) when and from whom has the Minister or the

department received representations in relation to the proposal; (c) what representations relating to the proposal has the Minister made to: (i) the Minister for Finance and Administration, and (ii) the Minister for Transport and Regional Services; (d) what was the nature and the outcome of each representation; (e) if a representation was made in writing, can a copy of the representation be provided; if not, why not; and (f) if records of a representation were made, can a copy of such records be provided; if not, why not.

1295 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

1296 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1297-1298)—Is the Minister aware of a proposal to build a memorial to the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Centre on land at Hovell Street, Cootamundra, controlled by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC); if so: (a) when and how did the Minister become aware of the proposal; (b) when and from whom has the Minister or the department received representations in relation to the proposal; (c) what was the nature and the outcome of each representation; (d) if a representation was made in writing, can a copy of the representation be provided; if not, why not; (e) if records of a representation were made, can a copy of such records be provided; if not, why not; (f) what are the dimensions, in square metres, of the piece of land in question; (g) what is: (i) the market value of the land, and (ii) the value as determined by the Valuer General; (h) does ARTC own this land; (i) who are the shareholders of ARTC; (h) (i) what, if any, commercial opportunities are being explored by ARTC in relation to this piece of land, and (ii) when is a final decision expected.

1297 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1298 Minister for Finance and Administration

*Notice given 10 October 2005*

1299 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the implementation of the various provisions of the Government's Strengthening Cancer Care package:

- (1) How many additional undergraduate places for radiation therapists were provided in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (2) (a) Has funding been provided to the Peter McCallum Cancer Centre to begin the development and implementation of a training package for nurses who specialise in cancer care; (b) what is the status of development for this training package; and (c) when will courses begin.
- (3) (a) What is the status of development and implementation of the Continuing Professional Education modules for cancer professionals, counsellors and general practitioners; and (b) which organisation received the \$2.5 million funding to do this work.
- (4) (a) What is the status of development and implementation of the mentoring system to encourage specialists to spend more time in regional and rural areas; (b) which hospitals, providers and support networks have received this funding; and (c) how many cancer specialists have visited rural and regional areas under this program to date.
- (5) Has the National Breast Cancer Centre received the \$1.5 million commitment made in the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06.
- (6) Has the Breast Cancer Network Australia received the \$200 000 commitment made in the 2005-06 financial year.

- (7) (a) How many grants have been made for cancer care under the Local Palliative Care program; and (b) can details be provided of the location, purpose and funding level of each grant.
- (8) (a) Which organisations have received the \$1 million committed for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to help build cancer support groups; (b) which cancer areas have been the focus of the grants made; and (c) what is the level of each grant.
- (9) Given that the Government promised 'up to \$10 million' to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for the completion of a children's cancer centre, what was the final level of funding provided.
- (10) (a) To date, what level of funding has been provided for the skin cancer national awareness campaign; (b) which organisations received the funding; and (c) when will this campaign be implemented.
- (11) (a) For the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many new cancer research grants were funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council; (b) do the grants in the 2005-06 financial year account for the additional \$4 million committed to cancer research; (c) which of the listed priorities for this funding received funds; and (d) how much did each priority area receive.
- (12) (a) Has the \$5 million committed to the National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases been allocated; and (b) how and where is this research centre being established.
- (13) (a) Has the \$5 million in funding for clinical trials for cancer patients been provided for the 2005-06 financial year; and (b) how are these funds being utilised.
- (14) (a) What is the status of the establishment of Cancer Australia; (b) when will this body be established and functioning in its designated role in the provision of national leadership in cancer control; and (c) given the absence of a fully-functioning Cancer Australia body, will the National Cancer Control Initiative continue to receive funding for the foreseeable future to enable its important work to continue.

1300 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the commitment made by the Minister in October 2004 for a departmental review into SV40 contamination of polio vaccine used in the 1950s and 1960s and its possible links with cancer:

- (1) Is this review in progress.
- (2) Who is conducting this review.
- (3) What are the terms of reference for this review.
- (4) (a) When does the Minister expect to receive a report of the findings; and (b) will these results be made public.

*Notice given 11 October 2005*

1301 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Why did the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee decide to remove calcium tablets from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- (2) What are the implications of this action for patients with kidney failure and osteoporosis.



*Notice given 12 October 2005*

- \*1302 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For each of the past 5 financial years, can an updated table of Family Tax Benefit reconciliation outcomes be provided: (a) by state and territory; and (b) by federal electorate.
- \*1303 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For the financial years 2000-01 and 2001-02:
- (1) What was the average actual adjusted taxable income 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' adjusted taxable income in: (a) \$5 000 bands between \$0 and \$100 000 per annum; (b) \$10 000 bands between \$100 000 and \$200 000 per annum; and (c) \$100 000 bands between \$200 000 and \$1 million or more per annum.
- \*1304 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For each of the past 5 financial years, can an updated table of Child Care Benefit reconciliation outcomes be provided: (a) by state and territory; and (b) by federal electorate.
- \*1305 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to Family Tax Benefit overpayments in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05, can details be provided, in tabular form, of the number of families who were overpaid: (a) by more than \$10 000; (b) between \$9 000 and \$10 000; (c) between \$8 000 and \$9 000; (d) between \$7 000 and \$8 000; (e) between \$6 000 and \$7 000; (f) between \$5 000 and \$6 000; (g) between \$4 500 and \$5 000; (h) between \$3 500 and \$4 000; (i) between \$2 500 and \$3 000; (j) between \$2 000 and \$2 500; (k) between \$1 500 and \$2 000; (l) between \$1 000 and \$1 500; (m) between \$900 and \$1 000; (n) between \$800 and \$900; (o) between \$700 and \$800; (p) between \$600 and \$700; (q) between \$500 and \$600; (r) between \$400 and \$500; (s) between \$300 and \$400; (t) between \$200 and \$300; (u) between \$100 and \$200; and (v) by less than \$100.
- \*1306 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Can updated figures be provided indicating how many families could have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt in the 2003-04 financial year, before the effect of the per child supplement was taken into account.
  - (2) Of the families identified in (1) above, can details be provided, in tabular form, of the number of families who could have incurred debt worth: (a) more than \$10 000; (b) between \$9 000 and \$10 000; (c) between \$8 000 and \$9 000; (d) between \$7 000 and \$8 000; (e) between \$6 000 and \$7 000; (f) between \$5 000 and \$6 000; (g) between \$4 500 and \$5 000; (h) between \$3 500 and \$4 000; (i) between \$2 500 and \$3 000; (j) between \$2 000 and \$2 500; (k) between \$1 500 and \$2 000; (l) between \$1 000 and \$1 500; (m) between \$900 and \$1 000; (n) between \$800 and \$900; (o) between \$700 and \$800; (p) between \$600 and \$700; (q) between \$500 and \$600; (r) between \$400 and \$500; (s) between \$300 and \$400; (t) between \$200 and \$300; (u) between \$100 and \$200; and (v) less than \$100.

\*1307 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) What Australian clinical guidelines exist for the prevention, screening, early detection and treatment of gynaecological cancers, including ovarian cancer, cervical cancer, uterine cancer and vulval cancer; and (b) what Australian consumer education materials exist regarding these cancers.
- (2) What has the Government done to raise the level of public awareness of gynaecological cancers such as ovarian cancer, uterine cancer and vulval cancer, to the same level as cervical cancer.
- (3) What funding is the Government providing to support research into the development of a screening test for ovarian cancer.

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## ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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## Committees

### 1 Allocation of departments

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

#### *Community Affairs*

Family and Community Services  
Health and Ageing

#### *Economics*

Treasury  
Industry, Tourism and Resources

#### *Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*

Employment and Workplace Relations  
Education, Science and Training

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

Environment and Heritage  
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

#### *Finance and Public Administration*

Parliament  
Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Finance and Administration

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

(1 May 1996, amended 2 September 1997, 21 October 1997, 11 November 1998, 8 February 2001, 13 February 2002 and 17 November 2004.)

## 2 Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, to take evidence for the committee's review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, on the following days:

Tuesday, 11 October 2005, from 4 pm to 7 pm

Thursday, 13 October 2005, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

(Agreed to 11 October 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 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.)

**6 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.)

**7 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings**

That the following order operate as a sessional order:

- (1) The Senate confirms that any disclosure of evidence or documents submitted to a committee, of documents prepared by a committee, or of deliberations of a committee, without the approval of the committee or of the Senate, may be treated by the Senate as a contempt.
- (2) The Senate reaffirms its resolution of 20 June 1996, relating to procedures to be followed by committees in cases of unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings.
- (3) The Senate provides the following guidelines to be observed by committees in applying that resolution, and declares that the Senate will observe the guidelines in determining whether to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:
  1. Unless there are particular circumstances involving actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate, the following kinds of unauthorised disclosure should not be raised as matters of privilege:

- (a) disclosure of a committee report in the time between the substantial conclusion of the committee's deliberations on the report and its presentation to the Senate;
  - (b) disclosure of other documents prepared by a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event, or where they contain only research or publicly-available material, or where their disclosure is otherwise inconsequential;
  - (c) disclosure of documents and evidence submitted to a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event;
  - (d) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where the freedom of the committee to deliberate is unlikely to be significantly affected.
2. The following kinds of unauthorised disclosure are those for which the contempt jurisdiction of the Senate should primarily be reserved, and which should therefore be raised as matters of privilege:
- (a) disclosure of documents or evidence submitted to a committee where the committee has deliberately decided to treat the documents or evidence as in camera material, for the protection of witnesses or others, or because disclosure would otherwise be harmful to the public interest;
  - (b) disclosure of documents prepared by a committee where that involves disclosure of material of the kind specified in paragraph (a);
  - (c) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where that involves disclosure of that kind of material, or significantly impedes the committee's freedom to deliberate.
3. An unauthorised disclosure not falling into the categories in guidelines 1 and 2 should not be raised as a matter of privilege unless it involves actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate.
4. When considering any unauthorised disclosure of material in the possession of a committee, the committee should consider whether there was any substantive reason for not publishing that material.
- (4) Before deciding to raise a matter of privilege involving possible unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, any committee may seek the guidance of the Committee of Privileges as to whether a matter should be pursued. If the committee decides that such a matter should be raised, it must consult with the Committee of Privileges before taking the matter further.
- (5) When applying this resolution a committee shall have regard to the matters set out in paragraphs 3.43 to 3.59 of the 122nd Report of the Committee of Privileges, June 2005.

*(Agreed to 6 October 2005 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Procedure Committee in its first report of 2005.)*

## Legislation

### 8 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005.

*(Agreed to 17 August 2005.)*

### 9 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment Bill 2005

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005.

*(Agreed to 6 September 2005.)*

### 10 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Customs Tariff Amendment (Commonwealth Games) Bill 2005

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005

Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005

Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2005

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005.

*(Agreed to 10 October 2005.)*

## Meeting of Senate

### 11 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

Tuesday, 16 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; amended 10 August 2005.)*

**12 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.)*

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

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

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

*(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)*

**Orders for production of documents**

**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 Bob 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 Bob Brown agreed to 14 June 2005.)*

**19 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.)*

**20 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 Bob Brown agreed to 21 June 2005.)*

**Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments**

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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	
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	

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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	
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

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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**

### **21 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.)*

### **22 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.)*

**23 Storage of Senate documents**

The Senate authorises the storage outside Parliament House by the National Archives of Australia of documents laid before the Senate, provided that the storage of those documents is under the control of the Department of the Senate and microfilm copies of them are available within Parliament House.

*(Agreed to 6 October 2005 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Procedure Committee in its first report of 2005.)*

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## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

**Auditor-General's reports—Consideration**

- 1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

**Conduct of business**

- 2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any 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)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

**Limitation of time**

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

**Matters of urgency**

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

### **Order of business**

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

### **Questions without notice**

- 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)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

### **Statements**

- 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)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

**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)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Senator Bob Brown**  
**Senator Nettle**

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

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Barnett, Brandis, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

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## **CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES**

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References  
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**Select Committees**

Administration of Indigenous Affairs  
Lindeberg Grievance  
Mental Health  
Scrafton 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.

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## 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*)

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**Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee***Members*

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

*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 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

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

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Ferguson, McGauran 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*)

*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*)

Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee***Members*

Senator Santoro (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, Ludwig and Polley and Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

*Current inquiry*

Review of the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (*adopted 20 July 2005*)

*Reports 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*)

Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission  
(tabled 23 June 2005)

Inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Supplementary report  
(tabled 11 August 2005)

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

#### *Members*

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

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### **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

#### *Portfolios*

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

#### *Members*

Senator Humphries (*Chair*), Senator Moore (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Barnett,  
Fielding and Polley

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell,  
Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson,  
Ferris, Forshaw, Hogg, Hurley, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McEwen,  
McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Watson,  
Webber and Wong

#### *Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 7 September  
2005; reporting date: 28 October 2005*)

Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 5 October 2005;  
reporting date: 1 November 2005*)

Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical  
Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 1 November  
2005*)

#### *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*)

Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005  
(*tabled 5 September 2005*)

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**Community Affairs References Committee***Members*

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Allison, Carol Brown and Polley

*Substitute member*

*Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities*—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Hurley, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Siewert, Watson, Webber and Wong

*Current inquiries*

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: first sitting day of December 2005*)

*Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities* (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 9 November 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*)

The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Quality and equity in aged care (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

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

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

*Current inquiry*

Corporate responsibility (*adopted 22 June 2005*)

*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*)

Property investment advice – Safe as houses? (*tabled 23 June 2005*) and erratum (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Timeshare: The price of leisure (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

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## **Economics Legislation Committee**

### *Portfolios*

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

### *Members*

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Murray, Watson and Webber

### *Substitute members*

*Matters relating to the Resources portfolio*—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

Senator George Campbell to replace Senator Stephens for the period 15 October 2005 to 7 November 2005

### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja and Wong

### *Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005 (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 7 November 2005*)

\* Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 12 October 2005; reporting date: 8 November 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*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)  
 Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005  
 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

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### **Economics References Committee**

#### *Members*

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

#### *Substitute member*

*Matters relating to the Resources portfolio*—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bartlett, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stott Despoja, 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: 13 October 2005*)

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### **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

#### *Members*

Senators Brandis, Carr, Forshaw, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Griffin, 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*)

#### *Report presented*

The 2004 federal election—Report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto (*tabled 10 October 2005*)

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### **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, George Campbell, Johnston and Stott Despoja

#### *Substitute members*

*Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

*Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja

*Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005*—Senator Fifield to replace Senator Barnett

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

*Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 14 September 2005; reporting date: 13 October 2005*)

\* Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 12 October 2005; reporting date: 7 November 2005*)

\* Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005 (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 12 October 2005; reporting date: 22 November 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*)

Provisions of Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)  
 Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)  
 Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)  
 Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)  
 Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 October 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, McEwen and Stott Despoja

#### *Substitute members*

*Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

*Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

#### *Current inquiry*

Industrial agreements (*referred 23 June 2005; reporting date: 31 October 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*)

Indigenous education funding—Final report (*tabled 22 June 2005*) and corrigendum (*tabled 23 June 2004*)

Student income support (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

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### **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 Ronaldson, Santoro, Siewert and Wortley

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Siewert, Watson, Webber 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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Bartlett (*Chair*), Senators Adams, Conroy, Lundy, Ronaldson and Wortley

#### *Substitute member*

*Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*—Senator Stephens to replace Senator Conroy

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Allison, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Humphries, Joyce, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stephens, Watson and Webber

#### *Current inquiry*

*Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment* (*referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: second sitting day of 2006*)

*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*)

The performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

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**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

*Portfolios*

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

*Members*

Senator Mason (*Chair*), Senator Murray (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Carol Brown, Fifield and Forshaw

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Hogg, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, McGauran, Milne, Moore, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, 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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

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**Finance and Public Administration References Committee***Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carol Brown, Fifield, Moore and Murray

*Substitute members**Gallipoli Peninsula—*

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Murray

Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Fifield

*Government advertising—*Senator Carr to replace Senator Moore

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Boswell, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Murray, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Government advertising (*referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 1 December 2005*)

Gallipoli Peninsula (*referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 12 October 2005*)

*Reports 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*)

Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions programs (*tabled 6 October 2005*)

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

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Senators George Campbell, Eggleston, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Moore, Payne, Scullion, Stott Despoja and Webber 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*

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

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*)

*Reports presented*

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

Australia's human rights dialogue process (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04 (*tabled 11 October 2005*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States—Report of the delegation to the United States, 28 June to 13 July 2005 (*tabled 11 October 2005*)

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

#### *Portfolios*

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

#### *Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Ferguson, Payne and Stott Despoja

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Hurley, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

#### *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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Hogg, Joyce and Stott Despoja

#### *Substitute member*

*Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases*—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hurley, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

#### *Current inquiries*

Australia's relationship with China (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 10 November 2005*)

*Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases* (*referred 16 June 2005; reporting date: 12 September 2005; report on matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference and any related matters; last sitting day in 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*)

Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Interim report (*tabled 15 September 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 Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Mason and Scullion

*Substitute member*

*Matters relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio*—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Bartlett

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, Parry, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood and Watson

*Current inquiries*

Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (*referred 7 September 2005; reporting date: first sitting day in 2006*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 1 November 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*)  
 Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)  
 Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 15 August 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2005*)  
 Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Joyce, Kirk and Ludwig

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bishop, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Humphries, Lightfoot, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Milne, Nettle, Payne, Parry, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood and Watson

#### *Current inquiry*

Administration of the Migration Act (*referred 21 June 2005; reporting date: 1 December 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*)

The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988* (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

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#### **Library—Standing Committee**

##### *Members*

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Joyce, McEwen, Polley and Trood

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#### **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*)

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#### **Mental Health—Select Committee**

(*appointed 8 March 2005; terms of appointment varied 18 August 2005; reporting date: the Thursday of the second sitting week in March 2006*)

##### *Members*

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

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#### **Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

##### *Members*

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

##### *Current inquiries*

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

Review of Audit report no. 1 of 2005-06: Management of detention centres contracts—Part B (*adopted 10 August 2005*)

##### *Report presented*

Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

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#### **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 Joyce, Lundy and

Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

*Current inquiry*

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*)

Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier—Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

**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 Scullion (*Chair*), Mr McMullan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin, Evans, Johnston and Siewert and Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

*Report presented*

Examination of annual reports in fulfilment of the committee's duties pursuant to s.206(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993*—  
2003-04 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

**Privileges—Standing Committee**

*Members*

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Hutchins<sup>†</sup>, Johnston, Payne and Sherry

<sup>†</sup>Senator Hutchins to be discharged from 11 December 2005 with Senator Ray to be appointed in his place

*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*)

123rd report—Possible failure by a senator to comply with the Senate's resolution relating to registration of interests (*tabled 5 October 2005*)

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### **Procedure—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ludwig†

†Senator Ludwig to be discharged from 11 December 2005 with Senator Ray to be appointed in his place

#### *Current inquiries*

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

Proposed amendments to the standing orders (*referred 23 June 2005*)

The ruling of the President on 14 September 2005 (that the Chair could not accept repeated motions to suspend standing orders to allow senators to make statements), particularly considering whether the President should exercise a discretion in applying the rulings of President Sibraa of 1991 to 1993 to ensure that adequate opportunity is given to non-government senators to state a case for a suspension of standing orders (*referred 15 September 2005*)

#### *Report presented*

First report of 2005—Storage of Senate documents; Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*presented to the President on 20 September 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 5 October 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Mr Baldwin (*Chairman*), Senators Hogg, Humphries, Moore, Murray, Nash and Watson and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

#### *Reports 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*)

Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

#### *Committee document presented*

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

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**Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee***Members*

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

*Reports presented*

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*)

Australia House Defence and lightwells refurbishment, Australian High Commission, London (Sixth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (Seventh report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

New Consulate-General building, Bali, Indonesia (Eighth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Construction of Chancery, Vientiane, Laos (Ninth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Reserve Bank of Australia business resumption site (Tenth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Holsworthy program – Special operations working accommodation and base redevelopment stage 1 (Eleventh report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

CSIRO entomology bioscience laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT (Twelfth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Operational upgrade, Darwin Detention Facility, Berrimah, NT (Thirteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Upgrade patrol boat facilities, HMAS *Coonawarra*, Darwin, NT (Fourteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland (Fifteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Redevelopment of Willis Island meteorological office, Coral Sea (Sixteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 September 2005*)

- \* Refurbishment of the Royal Australian Mint, Canberra, ACT (Seventeenth report of 2005) (*tabled 12 October 2005*)
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### **Publications—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Johnston, Marshall, Nash, Polley, Sterle and Wortley

#### *Reports presented*

1st report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

2nd report (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

3rd report (*tabled 12 May 2005*)

4th report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

5th report (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

6th report (*tabled 15 September 2005*)

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

#### *Members*

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Mason, Santoro and Wortley

#### *Report presented*

112th report—40th Parliament report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

#### *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*)

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

#### *Portfolios*

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

#### *Members*

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator McEwen (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, McGauran, Milne and Sterle

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Hogg, Hutchins, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McLucas, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, 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*)

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

*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*)

Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005* (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

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

*Members*

Senator Murray (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators McEwen, Nash, O'Brien and Sterle

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Hutchins, Joyce, Ludwig, Lightfoot, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

*Current inquiries*

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

Water policy initiatives (*referred 14 September 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2006*)

*Reports 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)

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**Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee**

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

*Members*

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

*Report presented*

Report (tabled 9 December 2004)

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

Senator Ray (*Chairman*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Barnett, Johnston, McEwen 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 (tabled 9 March 2005)

No. 3 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)

No. 4 of 2005 (tabled 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 (tabled 15 June 2005)

No. 7 of 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)

No. 8 of 2005 (tabled 10 August 2005)

No. 9 of 2005 (tabled 18 August 2005)

No. 10 of 2005 (tabled 7 September 2005)

No. 11 of 2005 (tabled 14 September 2005)

No. 12 of 2005 (tabled 5 October 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*)  
 Sixth report of 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)  
 Seventh report of 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)  
 Eighth report of 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)  
 Ninth report of 2005 (*tabled 7 September 2005*)  
 Tenth report of 2005 (*tabled 14 September 2005*)  
 Eleventh report of 2005 (*tabled 5 October 2005*)  
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### **Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

The Acting Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip and Senators 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 (*presented 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*)  
 Report no. 6 of 2005 (*presented 22 June 2005*)  
 Report no. 7 of 2005 (*presented 10 August 2005*)  
 Report no. 8 of 2005 (*presented 17 August 2005*)  
 Report no. 9 of 2005 (*presented 7 September 2005*)  
 Report no. 10 of 2005 (*presented 14 September 2005*)  
 Report no. 11 of 2005 (*presented 5 October 2005*)  
 \* Report no. 12 of 2005 (*presented 12 October 2005*)
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### **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

Senator Webber (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

#### *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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating registrable statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 21 June and 12 September 2005—Volumes 1 (A–L) and 2 (M–Z) (*tabled 15 September 2005*)

*Report presented*

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

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### **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

*Members*

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Mason, Santoro, Sterle, Trood and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott 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*)

Report 66—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (4), 15 March and 11 May 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Report 67—Treaties tabled on 21 June 2005 (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

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## **SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**

### **Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

Senator Faulkner (*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 Faulkner and Watson (*appointed 1 July 2005 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate





**MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION**

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

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

## A GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Committees** lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

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

**Ministerial representation** lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

### The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of each period of sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the Senate’s Internet site at [aph.gov.au/senate](http://aph.gov.au/senate).

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