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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 November 2005

- 1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That Schedule 7 of the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 8), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 221 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

Six sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Notice given 30 November 2005

- 2 **Senator Ludwig:** To move—That item 2 [Division 1.4E—Sponsorship: trade skills training (incorporating Subdivisions 1.4E.1 to 1.4E.4)] of Schedule 7 of the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 9), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 240 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

Eight sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

Notice given 6 December 2005

- 3 **Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Stephens):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 October 2006:

Fiscal and regulatory barriers to the deployment of competitive manufacturing technologies in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) Australia's competitive advantages with respect to the deployment of competitive manufacturing technologies;
- (b) Australia's competitive disadvantages with respect to the deployment of competitive manufacturing technologies in other countries;
- (c) whether the capital intensity and risk profile of deploying competitive and leading edge manufacturing technologies is a barrier to investment in Australia;
- (d) how the Australian fiscal and regulatory regime compares to other countries in this regard;
- (e) options available to address any barriers, including managerial capability and competency or competitive disincentive; and
- (f) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee— Proposed reference**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee (Senator Marshall)—That the following matter be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2006:

The role and performance of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in the light of current Government policy, and the organisation's attempts at refocusing its research endeavours, taking into account the following:

- (a) the evolving role of CSIRO as a public research institution, and the ability of CSIRO to initiate and manage change;
- (b) the challenge of commercialisation, enhancement of the CSIRO 'brand', and the dilemma of choosing a national or global approach to research development;
- (c) intellectual property concerns, including the rewarding of researchers;
- (d) managing competition in the research sector, including competition between public research bodies, between the CSIRO and the private research sector, and the obligation of CSIRO to cover the research spectrum; and
- (e) management culture within the CSIRO, including its corporate profile, communication performance and community engagement, and its capacity to instil a modern research culture and to recruit and retain research personnel (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).

2 **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.*)

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).
- 2 **Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 7 November 2005*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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 Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005*).
- 5 **Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2005).
- 6 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).
- 7 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 8 **Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005*).
- 9 **Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).

- 10 **Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2005).
- 11 **Defence (Road Transport Legislation Exemption) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2005).
- 12 **Census Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 7 December 2005*).
- 13 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 7 November 2005*).
- 14 **Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2005).
- 15 **Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2005).
- 16 **Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Cooperative Fisheries Arrangements and Other Matters) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2005).
- 17 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 December 2005).
- 18 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 December 2005).

- 21 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005**—*(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 12 September 2005*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005 [2006]**
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 214 from the House of Representatives (*12 September 2005*).
- 24 **Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 [2006]**—*(Senate bill)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005*).
- 25 **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004**—*(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 26 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005**—*(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 28 November 2005*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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 Finance and Administration (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 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Final report—The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 8 December 2005*).
- 2 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Review of Audit Report no. 1, 2005-06, Management of the detention centre contracts—Part B**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Kirk, in continuation, 6 December 2005*).
- 3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Government advertising and accountability**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Forshaw)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Carr, in continuation, 6 December 2005*).
- 4 ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—ASIO's questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferguson—That the Senate take note of the report (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 30 November 2005*).
- 5 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Report—Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Troeth)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 29 November 2005*).
- 6 Community Affairs References Committee—Reports entitled: Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children—Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge: Inquiry into Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care—Government responses**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Murray—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).
- 7 Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Nursing: The patient profession: Time for action—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).

8 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Opportunities and challenges: Australia’s relationship with China

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).

9 Economics References Committee—Report—Consenting adults deficits and household debts: Links between Australia’s current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Stephens)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).

10 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 (*adjourned, Senator Hogg, 10 November 2005*).

11 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 (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 10 November 2005*).

12 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, 10 November 2005*).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 15 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Administration of the R&D Start Program: Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources; Industry Research and Development Board

Consideration (*28 November 2005*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The management and processing of leave

Consideration (*28 November 2005*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 18 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Customs Compliance Assurance Strategy for international cargo: Australian Customs Service

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Payne, in continuation, 30 November 2005*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 19 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Managing for quarantine effectiveness—Follow-up: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Biosecurity Australia

Consideration (*1 December 2005*).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Regulation of private health insurance by the Private Health Insurance Administration Council

Consideration (6 December 2005).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2004

- 56 **Leader of the Australian Greens (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 **Leader of the Australian Greens (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.

(As amended on 8 September 2005.)

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 13 October 2005

298 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Privacy Act 1988* to provide for the uniform application of the Act and to remove from the Act the exemption for political acts and practices, and for related purposes. ***Privacy (Equality of Application) Amendment Bill 2005.***

Notice given 30 November 2005

339 **Senator Lundy:** To move—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government's targeted attack on women in Australian society through its extreme industrial relations changes and the changes contained in the so-called welfare to work proposals.

- 340 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than 2.30 pm on Friday, 2 December 2005, all correspondence in relation to the nomination and appointment of Mr Robert Gerard to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, from 1 January 2003 until 1 December 2005, between:
- (a) the Department of the Treasury and the Treasurer (Mr Costello);
 - (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Prime Minister (Mr Howard); and
 - (c) the Attorney-General (Mr Ruddock) and the Treasurer.

Notice given 2 December 2005

- 343 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) abhors the hanging of Australian citizen Mr Nguyen Tuong Van in Singapore on Friday, 2 December 2005; and
 - (b) reiterates its opposition to the death penalty wherever in the world it is invoked.

Notice given 8 December 2005

- 359 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than the conclusion of question time on 7 February 2006, all of the raw data submitted to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) for all applications for the genetically-modified foods or foods derived from genetically-modified organisms for:
- (a) insect-resistant corn MON810 from Monsanto Australia Ltd (Monsanto), FSANZ application number A346;
 - (b) insect-resistant, glufosinate-ammonium tolerant corn line Bt-11 from Syngenta, FSANZ application number A386;
 - (c) insect-resistant corn MON863 from Monsanto, FSANZ application number A484; and
 - (d) glufosinate-ammonium tolerant canola Topas and glufosinate-ammonium tolerant canola with fertility traits, from Aventis CropScience Pty Ltd, FSANZ application number A372.

- 360 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training, no later than the conclusion of question time on 7 February 2006, all data including analyses, any reports and conference papers relating to the sheep study (NLRD 309/2002, 20 February 2002) conducted by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation on the effect of transgenic peas on the immune response of sheep.

Notice given 9 December 2005

- *361 **Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brandis):** To move—That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 7 February 2006, from 4.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005.

- *362 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 be extended to 30 March 2006.

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 (*adjourned, Senator Webber, 10 November 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 (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 10 November 2005*).

- 3 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 10 November 2005*).

- 4 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 10 November 2005*).

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

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

- 6 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 10 November 2005*).

- 7 **Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 10 November 2005*).

- 8 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 10 November 2005*).
- 9 Commissioner for Complaints [Aged care]—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 10 November 2005*).
- 10 Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 10 November 2005*).
- 11 Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 10 November 2005*).
- 12 Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 10 November 2005*).
- 13 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 10 November 2005*).
- 14 Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).
- 15 Department of Defence—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 30 November 2005*).
- 16 Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 30 November 2005*).
- 17 Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Sherry, in continuation, 30 November 2005*).
- 18 Office of the Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2004-05 on the operation of the Privacy Act 1988**
Consideration (*29 November 2005*).
- 19 Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (*29 November 2005*).
- 20 Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (*29 November 2005*).

- 21 **Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 22 **Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 23 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 24 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 25 **Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 26 **Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 27 **Australia-China Council—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 28 **National Institute of Clinical Studies Limited—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 29 **Australian Bureau of Statistics—Information paper—Census of population and housing 2006—Nature and content**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 30 **Multilateral treaty—Annexures—Appendix 1: World Anti-Doping Convention and Addendum to Appendix 2—United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization International Convention Against Doping in Sport, done at Paris on 19 October 2005 [Treaty tabled on 9 November 2005—Appendix 1 omitted]**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 31 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China concerning transfer of sentenced persons, done at Hong Kong on 25 November 2005**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 32 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Canberra on 16 June 2005**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 33 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Amendments, adopted at Punta del Este on 6 May 2005, to add a new Annex (Annex G) to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), done at Stockholm on 22 May 2001**
Consideration (29 November 2005).

- 34 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Universal Postal Union: Seventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution of 10 July 1964, as amended; Convention, and Final Protocol; General Regulations, done at Bucharest on 5 October 2004**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 35 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Amendments, adopted on 30 June 2005, to the Statue of the Hague Conference on Private International Law of 31 October 1951**
Consideration (29 November 2005).
- 36 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 30 November 2005*).
- 37 **Australian Customs Service—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 38 **Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 39 **Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.—Native Title Unit—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 40 **North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 41 **Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 42 **Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Financial report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 43 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Covering statement by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).

- 44 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr Zacharias Manongga Consul for the Northern Territory, Consul of the Republic of Indonesia that the human rights of Indonesian fishers detained on vessels in Darwin Harbour were breached by the Commonwealth of Australia (HREOC report no. 31)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 45 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 7 December 2005*).
- 46 **Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 January to 30 June 2005, dated December 2005**
Consideration (*8 December 2005*).
- 47 **Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 January to 30 June 2005, dated December 2005**
Consideration (*8 December 2005*).
- 48 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—1 January to 30 June 2005, dated December 2005**
Consideration (*8 December 2005*).
- 49 **Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 January to 30 June 2005**
Consideration (*8 December 2005*).
- *50 **Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (*9 December 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*).
(*This bill may be considered together with the Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004] during the second reading debate, order of 13 October 2005.*)

- 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).
(*This bill may be considered together with the Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004] during the second reading debate, order of 13 October 2005.*)
- 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*)—*(Leader of the Australian Greens, 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*)—*(Leader of the Australian Greens, 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*)—(*Senator Nettle and the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator 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*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, 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 (*Minister for Ageing (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 (*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 6 October 2005*).

45 Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2005]—(Senate bill)

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 9 November 2005*).

46 **Law and Justice—Australia’s border security**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O’Brien—That the Senate notes the incompetence of the Howard Government in its failure to protect Australia’s border security, quarantine and environmental integrity and its fishery resource in northern Australia and northern Australian waters (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (8 February 2006)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

2 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]—(Senate bill)**

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

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 29 November 2005

334 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the recent Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) conference passed a resolution calling on ‘the Federal Coalition Government, the Opposition and all federal politicians to develop a national strategy in partnership with state and local governments and key stakeholders to address the issue of sexual assault on children in Australia’;
- (b) congratulates the ALGA for demonstrating its commitment to this important national issue;
- (c) notes that the Government will be convening two national conferences on abuse of children, which will bring together key stakeholders responsible for the care and protection of children; and
- (d) expresses its support for the ALGA resolution and calls on all politicians to develop a national strategy on this crucial and pressing matter in partnership with state, territory and local governments and key stakeholders.

Notice of motion altered on 8 December 2005 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 8 December 2005

- 358 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the Senate, having expressed its view on 7 December 2005 that all appointments made by the Government to public boards, authorities and agencies should have regard to specific principles and criteria, calls on the Government to establish and publish principles and criteria governing all appointments to public boards, authorities and agencies.

General Business—Order of the Day

- 47 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Nash and Troeth, the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator Moore*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nash, in continuation, 8 December 2005*).

On 21 February 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 27 February 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitional and Consequential) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 2 March 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 March 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.

Nine sitting days after today (29 March 2006)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 December 2005

- 1 **Senator Wong:** To move—That the Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment [second edition], made under subsection 28(1) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*, be disallowed.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On the tenth sitting day of 2006 (29 March 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 (30 March 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Mental Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 30 March 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

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

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

Report to be presented on the geo-political and strategic aspects of Australia's relationship with China.

By the last sitting day in March 2006 (30 March 2006)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on water policy initiatives.

- 2 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Response to petition on the management and prevention of gynaecological cancers and sexually transmitted infections.

Thirteen sitting days after today (11 May 2006)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 December 2005

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 222 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*, be disallowed. Fourteen sitting days remain for resolving.**
- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Civil Aviation (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 224 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed. Fourteen sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On 15 June 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's future oil supply.

By the last sitting day in June 2006 (22 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*).

On 17 August 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**
Report to be presented on Pacific region seasonal contract labour.

On 30 November 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on Australia's national parks.

By the last sitting day in 2006 (7 December 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on naval shipbuilding in Australia.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 9 November 2005; reporting date: 8 February 2006*).

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 7 February 2006*).

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*).

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: second sitting day in 2006*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Australian Citizenship Bill 2005‡

Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 30 November 2005; reporting date: 27 February 2006*).

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005‡

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 7 February 2006*).

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*).

Future Fund Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 21 February 2006*).

†Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List at www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billslst.pdf.

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

BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

Government Bill

Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005

Second reading negatived, 15 June 2005.

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 1464 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 representing 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'.)

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.

168 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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 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.
- 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.

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.

- 585 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 586 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 587 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 588 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 589 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 590 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 591 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 592 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 593 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 594 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 595 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- 596 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 597 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 598 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 599 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 600 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 601 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 602 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 603 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 604 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 605 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 606 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- 607 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 608 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 609 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 611 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 612 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 613 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

614 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

615 Minister representing the Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

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

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

650 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

652 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

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

681 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

683 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

694 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

698 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

706 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

708 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

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

719 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

723 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

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

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.

- 741 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 742 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
 743 Minister representing the Treasurer
 744 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 745 Minister representing the 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 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 for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
 763 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
 764 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
 765 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
 766 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 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

839 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

853 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

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 June 2005

940 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural 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 14 June 2005

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 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

988 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

991 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

997 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1000 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1001 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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.

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 9 August 2005

- 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.

Notice given 16 August 2005

- 1085 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural 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.

Notice given 18 August 2005

- 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.
- 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 representing 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 29 August 2005

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.

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 6 September 2005

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Notice given 14 September 2005

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.

- 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.
- 1232 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural 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.

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.

1243 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

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.

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.

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.
- 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.

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.

Notice given 5 October 2005

- 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.

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.

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.

1296 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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 12 October 2005

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.

Notice given 13 October 2005

1308 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—With reference to the statement made by the Parliamentary Secretary, Senator Colbeck (*Senate Hansard*, 10 October 2005, p. 9) that, ‘Business plans submitted by Australian technical college authorities involving any large advertising amounts would be monitored in any case. However, if an ATC does need to spend more than \$100 000 on advertising to recruit quality staff and to attract students and employers, this amendment will have the affect of delaying the Australian technical college’s ability to do its work’:

- (1) (a) How will ATC business plans be monitored; (b) what will be the reporting mechanism of that monitoring; and (c) when will it occur.
- (2) How will the notification of, or accounting for, the standard information required to undertake such a project, such as its purpose and nature, the intended audience, who authorised it, its cost etc., in other words all the standard information required to undertake the project, delay the project.

Notice given 20 October 2005

1332 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which consultancy firm was selected by the department to act as quantity surveyor or head contractor for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation Rationalisation Project at the Fisherman’s Bend site in Melbourne.
- (2) What consultancy firm or individual was contracted by the department to provide initial advice and costings for the Fisherman’s Bend project prior to second phase approval.
- (3) (a) What were the selection criteria for the firm that acted in the capacity of quantity surveyor or head contractor; (b) how many firms were considered for the project; and (c) what tendering process was followed for the selection of the successful firm.
- (4) With reference to the report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, *Defence Science and Technology Organisation rationalisation project, Melbourne* (5th report of 2000), tabled on 22 June 2000, in which it was reported that non-construction fees comprised one-quarter of the total project costs of \$56.171 million: (a) what was the amount of consultancy fees agreed for the head contractor at the commencement of the project; (b) to date, what has been the total amount

of management fees paid to the head contractor; and (c) what fees payable to the head contractor are outstanding at this time.

- (5) (a) Has the rationalisation of facilities at the Fisherman's Bend site been completed; and (b) when did the new facilities become fully operational.
- (6) How many Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) staff members are now stationed at the Fisherman's Bend site.
- (7) (a) How many staff members from the DSTO Maribyrnong facility have been transferred to the Fisherman's Bend site; and (b) when will the DSTO site at Maribyrnong cease operations.
- (8) What other departmental sites currently house DSTO operations.

1333 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to the discovery of unexploded ordnance in Princess Royal Harbour, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Albany Port Authority in Western Australia: has action been taken by the department to identify the types of ordnance that are in the harbour; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) What specialist advice has the department made available to the Albany Port Authority to investigate the ordnance find at Princess Royal Harbour; (b) how many specialists were made available by the department; and (c) what were their areas of expertise.
- (3) (a) What on site investigations have been carried out by departmental specialists at Princess Royal Harbour; (b) which specialists attended the site; (c) when did the investigations take place; and (d) what were the findings of the investigation.
- (4) What research, if any, has been conducted on the quantity and type of ordnance disposed of, and the area and route taken for its disposal.
- (5) What assessment has been made of the likely condition of the ordnance.
- (6) What steps have been taken by the department for the removal or disposal of ordnance from Princess Royal Harbour.
- (7) Has the department prepared or commissioned any legal advice in regard to its liability for the removal of, or damage caused by, explosive ordnance in Princess Royal Harbour; if so, what was the substance of that advice.
- (8) Regardless of legal liability, what responsibility does the department have for such a task.
- (9) (a) On how many occasions has the Government attended mediation meetings with the Albany Port Authority and or the Western Australian State Government to resolve the issue of liability for the removal or disposal of ordnance in Princess Royal Harbour; and (b) when and where did the mediation meetings take place.
- (10) Was a case management Directions Status Conference held at the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 27 July 2005; if so: (a) did the Government argue against the matter proceeding to trial; and (b) what was the rationale for this decision.
- (11) (a) Is the Minister aware that consideration is being given to the development of the Southdown iron ore deposit by Grange Resources Limited and that, should this project proceed, it will increase port activity at Princess Royal Harbour and necessitate further dredging at the site; (b) what time frames have been put in place for the removal or disposal of ordnance in the harbour; (c) what agency within the department will

oversee the removal or disposal of ordnance in the harbour; and (d) what is the estimated cost of the removal or disposal of ordnance.

- (12) What financial contributions will be made by the Government to meet the additional costs of dredging Princess Royal Harbour as a result of explosive ordnance found.
- (13) (a) In the past 5 years, on how many occasions has the department considered ordnance recovery; (b) at what sites; and (c) with what outcome and cost in each instance.
- (14) With reference to a letter dated 30 May 2005, in which the Federal Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) states that he has made representations to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence requesting that the Navy Clearance Diving Team undertake clearing areas where it is anticipated further unexploded ordnance might exist in Princess Royal Harbour: has any consideration has been given to this proposal; if not, why not.

Notice given 24 October 2005

1334 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since 30 June 2000, how many contracts have been let by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to Acumen Partners or any related entities.
- (2) In each case: (a) when was the contract signed; (b) what was the life of the contract; (c) when did work on the contract commence; (d) when was each contract completed; and (e) was the contract the subject of a tender process; if so: (i) was the tender process in the form of an open tender or a select tender, and (ii) what process was followed in calling for tenders.
- (3) For each case in which contracts were not the subject of a tender process: (a) what was the nature of the work to be done; (b) what was the value of the tender; (c) was the cost of the work varied; (d) what was the cost to CASA of this variation; and (e) what was the basis for the variation.

1335 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question CASA 18 provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee following the estimate hearings in May 2005:

- (1) Can a detailed program be provided of the travel undertaken by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron, including: (a) the total cost of the travel; (b) the cost of travel undertaken while in Europe; (c) the number of meetings planned and the actual number of meetings that took place, including the names and organisations of the people Mr Byron met; (d) the cost of accommodation and the names of the hotels used by Mr Byron; (e) details of any private accommodation arranged by Mr Byron during his trip; and (f) the cost of meals and other expenses, including details of those other expenses, incurred by Mr Byron.
- (2) Did Mr Byron provide any reports or briefing papers to the Minister or his office following this overseas travel; if so, what was the form of the material provided by Mr Byron and can a copy of the material be provided; if not, why not.

Notice given 3 November 2005

- 1343 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Over the past 5 years: (a) how many asylum seekers have been in detention for more than 3 months; (b) what has been the total cost to Australian taxpayers of detaining asylum seekers; and (c) what percentage of the total number of asylum seekers has been accepted as genuine refugees.

Notice given 7 November 2005

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1349-1350)—

- (1) Is the department, or any other department or instrument of Government, providing any direct or indirect financial or other support to Mr Lewincamp's legal actions against Captain Martin Toohey of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and several media organisations; if so, what is the nature and amount of that support.
- (2) Is funding for independent legal advice for matters brought on entirely by his military service being provided for Captain Toohey; if so, how much is being provided; if not, why not.

1349 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

Notice given 8 November 2005

1353 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to the end of May 2005, how many reviews were conducted by Comsuper of former Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel under 65 years of age and in receipt of incapacity payments as a result of medical discharge A, B and C.
- (2) (a) In how many of those reviews were reductions made to incapacity payments; (b) how many were cancelled; and (c) what was the average reduction.
- (3) Of those reviewed, how many former personnel were in receipt of separate benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).
- (4) In reviewing and reducing incapacity payments, is consultation conducted with DVA on each DVA client affected.
- (5) (a) What is the current liability for incapacity payments to former ADF personnel under 65 years of age; and (b) what reduction has been made as a result of the reviews conducted in the years indicated in (1) above.
- (6) (a) How many reviews, where reduced pensions have resulted, have in turn been appealed; and (b) what number and percentage have been altered in the appellants' favour.
- (7) In reviewing incapacity payments, what assistance is provided with respect to vocational training and assistance with employment.

Notice given 9 November 2005

1355 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister received requests for ex gratia/act of grace payments in respect of the suicide of Mr Jeremy Hayward, Mr John Satatas, Mr Nicholas Shiels and Mr Jeremy Williams; if so, what actions have been undertaken to expedite these matters in light of the undertaking in the Government's response to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

References Committee's report, *Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system*, to 'clear the backlog of grievances ... by the end of 2005'.

- (2) Who in the department is responsible for expediting these matters.
- (3) Over the past 3 years: (a) how many requests have been received by the Minister or the department for ex gratia/act of grace payments by Australian Defence Force personnel or their families; and (b) in each case: (i) what was the nature of the incident, and (ii) what resolution was reached.
- (4) Over the past 3 years: (a) what ex gratia/act of grace payments have been made; (b) what were the amounts involved; and (c) who received the payments.

Notice given 10 November 2005

1357 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What safeguards will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission employ to ensure that, if it approves the National Australia Bank's (NAB) proposed 25 per cent equity stake in Cash Services Australia (CSA): (a) the NAB will not be able to restructure CSA's operations in an anti-competitive manner; and (b) the NAB does not become a customer of CSA after any anti-competitive restructures that may be made in the future.
- (2) What arrangements, other than seeking undertakings, will be used to restrain NAB from seeking involvement in the day-to-day operations of CSA.
- (3) What arrangements will be made to ensure that the NAB does not engage in other anti-competitive practices on behalf of the other major banks in the cash-in-transit industry through an equity stake in CSA.

Notice given 15 November 2005

1359 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For each of the past 5 years, how many independent probity supervisors have been appointed by the department and for which tender processes.
- (2) (a) What was the name and position of each probity supervisor; (b) what was the cost of each appointment; and (c) what was the term of each appointment.
- (3) In each case, who appointed the probity supervisor.

Notice given 17 November 2005

1361 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—For each of the past 5 financial years and for 2005–06 to date: (a) how many customers received a Pensioner Education Supplement (PES); and (b) can the total number of PES recipients be broken down by: (i) state and territory, (ii) federal electorate, (iii) gender, (iv) age group, and (v) payment type.

Notice given 21 November 2005

1364 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the eight community grants identified as Family and Community Service (FACS) Budget measures in the 2005 Budget:

- (1) (a) Under what FACS programs were the eight community projects listed in the 2005 Budget funded; and (b) were they funded on an ad-hoc basis.
- (2) Why were these eight projects separately identified in the 2005 Budget, while many other grants awarded by FACS were not.
- (3) When did the department last, if ever, identify local community grants as a separate budget measure.
- (4) Who made each of the election commitments relating to these grants and when were the commitments made.
- (5) Were claims made by local Coalition candidates that they were responsible for securing the funding for these projects.
- (6) What role did the relevant Coalition candidates in each of the electorates play in getting the grants approved.
- (7) When did the department first become aware: (a) of the eight projects; and (b) that it would be responsible for funding the projects.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm that seven of the eight projects (all except the Eastern Access Community Health project) were included in a list of Regional Partnership Program grants administered by the Department of Transport and Regional Services that was circulated in November 2004 after the election.
- (9) Had seven of the eight projects been approved for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program.
- (10) What was the status of these seven projects under the Regional Partnerships Program.
- (11) Was there a decision to transfer these seven projects from the Regional Partnerships Program to FACS; if so: (a) when and why; (b) who made the decision; and (c) why were these projects transferred.
- (12) Has there been any other instances in which grants have been transferred to FACS from a grants program in another department.
- (13) With reference to each grant, what was the process by which the funding for these projects was approved, specifically: (a) did the department undertake any assessment on the viability and/or quality of the proposed projects; if so, when; (b) did the department provide any advice or recommendations to the Minister in relation to the funding of these projects; (c) did the department provide any information to the Minister in relation to these projects; (d) did the Minister formally approve the funding for the projects; if so: (i) when, and (ii) was this approval in accordance with the recommendations, if any, provided by the department; and (e) under what power was the funding for these projects appropriated.
- (14) With reference to each of the eight projects, was there an application made by an organisation in relation to the project prior to the 2004 election; if so: (a) when were these applications received; (b) under what program were they received; (c) had these applications been assessed under that program prior to the 2004 election; and (d) what was the result of that assessment, that is, were they approved or rejected.
- (15) In the months leading up to the 2004 election, was the department asked to provide information to a Minister's office on individual grant applications, which may have included the eight applications.

- (16) Has the department provided information to a Minister's office in relation to grant applications outside the normal approval process; if so, can a list be provided of the instances in which this has occurred.
- (17) (a) In terms of the ongoing administration of these projects, are they being treated like other community grants under the Local Solutions program; and (b) is the area responsible for this program administering the grants.
- (18) To date, what funding has been paid under each of the eight grants.

1365 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
With reference to the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and Indigenous employment:

- (1) With reference to the Top End Aboriginal Land Management and Employment Strategy 2004-06: (a) what are the key objectives of the strategy; (b) does the strategy contain any targets in relation to Indigenous employment; (c) which agency is responsible for the strategy; (d) which agencies are involved in the strategy and can the financial contribution of each agency from 2004-06 be provided; (e) how much funding (both administered and departmental) has the ILC spent to date on the strategy and where do the funds appear in the budget papers; (f) how much has been spent in total by all agencies on the strategy to date; (g) how many ongoing, full-time positions have been created as a result of this strategy; (h) how many of these full-time positions have been filled by Indigenous people; (i) how many ongoing, part-time positions have been created as a result of this strategy; and (j) how many of these full-time positions have been filled by Indigenous people.
- (2) With reference to the ILC's submission to the inquiry of the House of Representatives' Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs into Indigenous employment, which stated that in the 2003-04 financial year more than 50 Indigenous people were employed by ILC-operated businesses: (a) what is an 'ILC-operated business'; (b) how many ILC-operated businesses were there in the financial years 2003-04 to 2005-06 to date; (b) how many people (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous) were employed in ILC-operated businesses in the financial years 2003-04 to 2005-06 to date; and (c) what number and percentage did Indigenous people represent out of the total number of employees in ILC-operated businesses for the financial years 2004-05 to 2005-06 to date.
- (3) With reference to the ILC's submission referred to in (2) above, which stated that the ILC currently employs 22 Indigenous people, representing 23 per cent of the ILC's total staffing: (a) how many of these 22 staff were in ongoing positions; (b) how many were in non-ongoing positions; (c) how many were cadets and trainees; (d) what was the number of Indigenous staff employed by the ILC in the financial years 2004-05 to 2005-06 to date; and (e) can both actual numbers and percentages of total persons employed by the ILC be provided.
- (4) With reference to a table of Indigenous staff members in the ILC submission mentioned in (2) above, indicating that Indigenous staffing levels remained around 28 to 29 per cent between mid-1996 to mid-2002 and at May 2005, the percentage of Indigenous staff was 23 per cent: (a) why has there been a decline in Indigenous staffing levels since 2002; (b) what is the length of service of each Indigenous person currently employed at the ILC; (c) how many new employees have been employed by the ILC since 1996 and how many of these employees have been

Indigenous; (d) has the ILC taken any steps to increase recruitment of Indigenous people; if so, what steps and when did they begin; (e) has the ILC set any targets or goals in relation to Indigenous employment; (f) does the ILC give preference to Indigenous candidates in any way in the selection process; if so, how; (g) how many of the three Indigenous cadets and four Indigenous traineeships have resulted in ongoing employment at the ILC.

1368 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to *The Grog Book: Strengthening Indigenous Community Action on Alcohol* published by the department in 1998 and reprinted in 2005:

- (1) (a) When was the idea of the book first conceived in the department; (b) how did the idea originate; (c) what are the objectives of the book; and (d) when did the department begin funding the preparation of the book.
- (2) (a) What was the cost of preparing the first edition of the book, including departmental costs and author fees; (b) from which program did the funding come; and (c) where does the funding for these costs and fees appear in the budget papers.
- (3) (a) To date, what has been the total funding allocated and spent on the book and promotional material; (b) what is the breakdown of funds for: (i) preparation, (ii) printing, (iii) distribution, and (iv) other related departmental costs; and (c) from which program or programs has this funding been sourced.
- (4) (a) What was the date (month and year) of each print run; (b) how many copies were printed in each run; (c) what was the cost of printing for each run; and (d) where in the budget papers is the relevant program and funding.
- (5) (a) When was it decided to revise the first edition of the book; and (b) what was the principal reason for revising the book.
- (6) What were the departmental costs of revising the book and any other authoring or revision fees.
- (7) (a) For each year since 1998, how many copies of the book have been distributed; and (b) how many copies of the book does the department currently have in storage or stock.
- (8) What promotional material relating to the book was produced.
- (9) (a) When were promotional posters produced for the original print and reprint runs; (b) how many posters were produced at each print run; and (c) what was the cost of each poster print run.
- (10) (a) How has the book been distributed; (b) have copies been sent to every community; and (c) do communities have to request copies.
- (11) Has feedback been requested by the department on the success of the book in Indigenous communities; if so: (a) how has this feedback been sought; (b) which communities were consulted; and (c) what was the result.
- (12) Has the department facilitated or supported the use of the book in communities, for example, by sending officers to work with communities, looking at the issues raised by the book and identifying possible solutions that might be implemented in communities.
- (13) (a) For the years 1998 to 2004, what has been the total expenditure on Indigenous-specific alcohol strategies; and (b) how much funding will be allocated for the 2005-08 period.

1369 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence Security Project JP2054 Phase 1A:

- (1) What is the status of the project; and (b) at which departmental sites has the project been implemented.
- (2) Has the project progressed past Phase 1A; if so: (a) what phase is now being considered or undertaken; and (b) what is the expected outcome of this phase.
- (3) To date, what is the total cost of the project.
- (4) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2112 (Senate *Hansard*, 24 November 2003, p. 17748), which advised that a Business Case Review of the project had been commissioned: (a) what was the result of the review; (b) what action was taken in light of the recommendations of the review; and (c) can a copy of the review be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05: (a) how many in-house personnel worked on the project; and (b) how many consultants were engaged on the project and what was the total cost.
- (6) When and why was this project removed from the Defence Materiel Organisation website.

1370 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the assessment of grants announced by the Prime Minister on 22 August 2005 under the Community Partnership Stream of the National Community Crime Prevention Programme:

- (1) Has Hillsong Emerge Ltd lodged two applications under the same scheme in the same round, one entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project and another entitled Blacktown and Riverstone Community Partnership.
- (2) Have both applications proposed a similar range of local initiatives (e.g. sporting events and life skills workshops), aimed primarily at the Sudanese and Indigenous communities in the Blacktown and Riverstone areas.
- (3) Has the application of the winning bid sought a grant of \$414 479.
- (4) Has the second application entitled Blacktown and Riverstone Community Partnership, sought a grant of \$498 620.
- (5) Were both applications assessed under the Greater Western Sydney region component of the National Community Crime Prevention Programme.
- (6) Can a detailed description of the assessment process of grant applications under the Greater Western Sydney region component of the National Community Crime Prevention Programme be provided.
- (7) (a) What criteria are applied to assess applications; and (b) do these criteria include the level of local support for the proposal.
- (8) In assessing and approving these applications, does the department or an independent assessor provide recommendations to the Minister who formally approves the grants.
- (9) (a) Who approved the grants announced by the Prime Minister on 22 August 2005; and (b) were the grants approved in accordance with the recommendations of the department or an independent assessor.

- (10) With reference to the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project, does its budget include the following administrative items with a total cost of \$229 300 over the 3 years of the project: (a) project coordinator wages and superannuation; (b) contract management; (c) administration and reception; (d) information technology and communications; (e) insurance; (f) audit; and (g) evaluation.
- (11) What is the proportion of the administrative items listed in (10) above to the total grant and what is the normal proportion.
- (12) With reference to the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project, does its budget include funding for courses run by Hillsong Emerge Ltd at the cost of \$1 000 a course, including ‘Shine’ courses.
- (13) Does the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project include the following performance indicators: (a) the number of people participating in each event; (b) the number of people participating in each excursion; and (c) the number of young people engaged in conversation.
- (14) In relation to (13) above, are there any specified performance targets; if not, how will performance indicators be assessed.
- (15) (a) On what basis was the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project approved ahead of other applications in the same round; and (b) was the amount sought for the grant a factor in the consideration of the applications.
- (16) Did Ms Louise Markus have any contact with the department in relation to these two applications: (a) as an employee of Hillsong Emerge Ltd; and (b) as an individual.
- (17) With reference to the Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project, how much funding has already been provided to Hillsong Emerge Ltd.
- (18) Were claims made by the Riverstone Aboriginal Community Association (RACA) that Hillsong Emerge Ltd attached a letter of support from RACA, intended for the application entitled Blacktown and Riverstone Community Partnership to its second application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project.
- (19) Does the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project include a commitment from the RACA to contribute facilities to the project.
- (20) Is it the case that RACA had no knowledge of the application entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project.
- (21) Is the Minister aware of any media reports of the concerns of RACA.
- (22) (a) What action has the department taken to investigate the concerns of RACA in relation to the Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project applications claims; and (b) what further action is planned.

- (23) Can the Minister confirm that the Chief Executive Officer of Hillsong Emerge Ltd, Mr Leigh Coleman, provided a written undertaking to representatives of RACA on 22 September 2005 to support RACA receiving \$280 000 over the 3 years of the grant awarded to Hillsong Emerge Ltd under the National Community Crime Prevention Programme.
- (24) What discretion does Hillsong Emerge Ltd have under the grant entitled Hillsong Emerge Ltd—Greater Blacktown Community Partnership Youth project, to offer \$280 000 in grant funding to RACA.
- (25) What action has been taken to investigate the undertaking by Hillsong Emerge Ltd to provide \$280 000 in grant funding to RACA.

Notice given 24 November 2005

1376 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Centrelink-truancy trial in Halls Creek, Western Australia:

- (1) How and when was the idea for the trial conceived.
- (2) What were the objectives of the trial.
- (3) Was legal advice sought on the legality of the arrangements before implementing the trial; if so: (a) when was the legal advice sought and received; (b) did the legal advice confirm that the arrangements were legal or illegal; and (c) if no legal advice was sought, why not.
- (4) When was the trial first implemented.
- (5) (a) What was the anticipated duration of the trial; and (b) when was the trial expected to finish.
- (6) Who participated in the trial.
- (7) Did all Indigenous parents on parental payments in Halls Creek participate in the trial; if not, why not.
- (8) (a) How were Indigenous parents on parental payments informed of the trial; (b) how was the trial advertised; and (c) can relevant advertisements or community information be provided.
- (9) Was the participation of parents in the trial voluntary or mandatory.
- (10) Was there any agreement between the parents and Centrelink; if so, can a copy of the agreement be provided; if not, can details of the contents and nature of the agreement be provided.
- (11) Was this agreement binding and did it allow for parents to ‘walk away’ from the trial if their payments were at risk.
- (12) Could one agreement cover more than one child.
- (13) How many agreements were entered into for the trial.
- (14) What was the legal basis for the agreements entered into between Centrelink and the parents.
- (15) Does current legislation provide for such agreements.
- (16) If there were no agreements, what was the basis for the arrangements.
- (17) (a) How many parents participated in the trial; and (b) how many children participated in the trial.
- (18) (a) How many times were payments suspended under the trial; and (b) how many times were payments cancelled under the trial.

- (19) How many parents had their payments suspended more than once and can a list with the corresponding number of occurrences be provided.
- (20) What was the legal impediment that caused the scheme to be suspended.

1378 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to Cape York:

- (1) What was (or what will be) the date of the final handover of responsibility for the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) trial from the department to the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC).
- (2) When, specifically, did the department begin handing responsibility for the trial over to OIPC.
- (3) When did the department first indicate to OIPC or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that it was seeking to withdraw as leading agency from the COAG trial: (a) in Cape York; and (b) in Shepparton.
- (4) Can details of the Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) that is being negotiated with the Cape York region be provided, including: (a) the name of the parties negotiating this agreement; (b) the names of those negotiating on behalf of the Cape York Indigenous community; (c) when negotiations began; (d) the anticipated completion date; (e) the anticipated implementation date; and (f) whether the RPA deals principally with welfare reform.
- (5) With reference to page 9 of the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy, which states that the Government is supporting the Cape York's Institute agenda through the 'implementation of welfare changes': (a) which welfare changes have been implemented; (b) which welfare changes are being considered; (c) will these welfare changes be implemented through a regional partnership agreement for Cape York; (d) will these welfare changes require legislative amendments; (e) will these welfare changes extend beyond the Cape York region; and (f) when will an announcement in relation to these welfare changes be made.

1387 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What agencies currently have access to the data stored by the Integrated Cargo System (ICS).
- (2) Which agencies will get access to the data stored in the ICS.
- (3) For each of the agencies in (1) and (2) above, indicate: (a) why access has been provided; (b) when was or when will access be provided; and (c) what data stored on the system will be accessible.
- (4) What is the process of accessing data from the ICS (that is, will it be automatically available, or will a request be needed for processing, etc).
- (5) What safeguards are in place to protect commercial-in-confidence information.
- (6) Are there any plans to link data stored by the ICS with other data-collection and collation services utilised with other agencies, for example, the document verification system being developed by the Attorney-General's Department; if so, when will that level of functionality become available; if not, why not.

1393 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Temporary Business Long Stay (457) and Temporary Business Short Stay (456) visas have been granted each year since 1996.

- (2) For each year since 1996: (a) what were the top 10 originating countries which granted Temporary Business Long Stay 457 visas; and (b) how many and what was the overall percentage for each country.
- (3) How many 457 and 456 visas granted were: (a) onshore; and (b) offshore.
- (4) How many successful applicants for 457 visas, in percentage terms, were in each occupational classification (Australian Standards Classification Occupations group).

Notice given 29 November 2005

1397 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware that, on 11 May and 25 May 2005, the Papuan MP, Mrs Ferdinanda Yetipai Ibo, received death threats by text message indicating that her movements were being monitored and that she would become like Theys Eluay (the Papuan leader who was assassinated by Indonesian security forces in November 2001).
- (2) Given the nature of the death threats and Mrs Yetipai Ibo's speech to the Indonesian Parliament in May 2005 advocating dialogue on peaceful solutions to human rights issues, has representation been made to the Indonesian Government concerning this particular case; if not, why not.

Notice given 30 November 2005

1401 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How long did it take the Kuwait officials to grant Australian consular access to Mr Talaal Adrey, and what were the reasons for this delay.
- (2) Given public allegations that Mr Adrey had been subjected to torture, why did a medical practitioner not accompany consular officials when they visited Mr Adrey in May 2005.
- (3) With reference to the statement by the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr Billson) that consular officials, following their visit, had concluded that Mr Adrey was in good health; is it usual practice to rely on the assessment of non-medical personnel to assess whether an Australian has been tortured.
- (4) With reference to Mr Billson's statement that the consular officials did notice some physical evidence consistent with Mr Adrey's allegation that he had been tortured, what physical condition did the consular officials note.
- (5) (a) What steps has the Government taken to investigate Mr Adrey's allegation that he was tortured; and (b) has the Government raised these allegations and sought a response from the Kuwaiti Government.
- (6) What steps has the Government taken to ascertain if there is any substance to Mr Adrey's allegation that a Westerner was present during his torture.
- (7) Does the Government have any normal procedure for responding to allegations of torture by Australian citizens; if so, what is that protocol.
- (8) For the past 5 years, how many Australians is the Minister aware of who allege that they have been tortured outside of Australia.

- (9) Does the suggestion made at the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 1 June 2005, that Mr Adrey's family never asked for a doctor to be taken to assess his health, contradict family assertions that such a request was made.
- (10) Does the Minister deny that a request from Mr Adrey's family was made.
- (11) Given that Mr Adrey's family speak virtually no English: (a) how have Government officials communicated with them; and (b) has an interpreter been present.

1402 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) Can a brief summary be provided of the Comgas Scheme; (b) when was it first announced; and (c) what are its objectives.
- (2) (a) What is the total amount of spending on the Comgas Scheme, disaggregated on the basis of financial years from the commencement of the scheme to date; and (b) can figures be divided according to the administered funds and departmental costs.
- (3) What communities have participated in the Comgas Scheme to date and for each community: (a) to which state or territory do these communities belong; (b) what were the starting and ending dates of the communities participation in the Comgas Scheme and; (c) what were the administered funds from the Comgas Scheme funding pool (separated into figures for funds allocated and funds spent).
- (4) (a) What communities have been selected for participation in the Comgas Scheme; (b) to which state or territory do these communities belong; (c) what were the approximate starting dates for participation in the scheme for each community; and (d) what were the administered funds that have been either spent and/or allocated from the Comgas Scheme funding pool for each community.
- (5) Has the department or another Commonwealth agency made any representations to the Queensland Government in relation to the participation of Cape York communities in the Comgas Scheme; if so: (a) what representation was made; and (b) when was this representation made.
- (6) Has Aurukun been selected for participation in the Comgas Scheme; if so: (a) when; (b) who nominated Aurukun (e.g. the Queensland Government, the Commonwealth Government, the community itself); (c) what were the grounds for Aurukun's selection; and (d) can information be provided on the extent of petrol sniffing in Aurukun.
- (7) What is the anticipated starting date of Aurukun's participation in the scheme.
- (8) Have any Comgas Scheme funds been allocated to Aurukun; if so, what is the amount.

1404 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—What is the estimated number of taxpayers within each tax threshold income range for the tax thresholds from 1 July 2005, and tax thresholds to apply from 1 July 2006.

- 1405 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For the past 5 financial years: (a) what is the dollar value of uncollected Superannuation Guarantee payments that the Australian Taxation Office has ‘wiped’ from the debts to be collected, given that it is uncollectible from employers; and (b) how many employers and employees have been affected in each financial year.
- 1406 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For the past 5 financial years: (a) what is the amount of exit tax collected on superannuation; and (b) from how many persons has it been collected.

Notice given 1 December 2005

- 1407 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many Indonesian fishing boats have been: (a) seen by authorities in Australian waters; (b) intercepted and turned away from Australian waters; (c) seized in Australian waters; and (d) approached by authorities but avoided interception in Australian waters.
 - (2) How many patrols have been conducted in Australian waters.
 - (3) (a) How many vessels are involved in intercepting illegal fishing boats; (b) what are the specifications of these vessels; and (c) in what ports are they based.
- 1408 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) (a) What factors, other than failure to ascertain the exact point at which the SIEV X sank, were relevant to the inability to prove jurisdiction to pursue the prosecution of those persons who organised the voyage; and (b) did the Government receive legal advice regarding a lack of Australian jurisdiction to proceed with a case of homicide against Abu Quassey and others allegedly involved in the attempt to smuggle people aboard the SIEV X; if so, can that advice be provided.
 - (2) Have members of the Indonesian Police now interviewed the harbourmaster of Sunda Kelapa port in North Jakarta in relation to the SIEV X; if so: (a) have the Indonesian Police passed on a report to Australian authorities; and (b) can the details of this report be provided.
 - (3) (a) Have the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or the Indonesian Police interviewed the fishermen who rescued the SIEV X survivors; (b) have Australian authorities received a report on any such interviews; (c) were coordinates of the rescue position of the SIEV X obtained through any of these interviews; and (d) how did these coordinates match with those contained in the North Jakarta harbourmaster’s report of 24 October 2001.
 - (4) (a) Has the AFP interviewed the survivors of the SIEV X; if so, how many have been interviewed; if not, why not; and (b) will the Government interview all of the survivors of the SIEV X who remain in Australia.
- 1409 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) How many rescues of suspected illegal entry vessels was the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) involved in between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2001; (b) what were the codenames of those suspected illegal entry vessels; and (c) how many passengers were aboard those vessels.

- (2) How many broadcasts to shipping and/or overdue notices related to suspected illegal entry vessels were issued by AMSA between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2001.
- (3) (a) What action was taken by AMSA in relation to the rescue at sea of the suspected illegal entry vessel codenamed Gelantipy; (b) will the Minister provide all records that are held by AMSA in relation to the rescue of the vessel codenamed Gelantipy; and (c) will the Minister provide all records of telephone conversations held by AMSA in relation to the rescue of the vessel codenamed Gelantipy.

1411 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many rescues of suspected illegal entry vessels was Coastwatch involved in between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2001; (b) what were the codenames of those suspected illegal entry vessels; and (c) how many passengers were aboard those vessels.
- (2) (a) What action was taken by Coastwatch on 27 March and 28 March 2001 in relation to the rescue at sea of the suspected illegal entry vessel codenamed Gelantipy; and (b) what records are held by Coastwatch in relation to the rescue at sea of this vessel.

1412 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Was advice provided to the Attorney-General by the department, or any agency in the Attorney-General's portfolio, that went towards, or informed, the development of the Coalition's Police Training policy released on 7 September 2004.
- (2) Was advice or input given to, or received from, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of the Treasury or the Department of Finance in relation to (1) above.
- (3) If the answer is yes for (1) or (2) above: (a) what was the broad nature of that advice; (b) who requested the advice; (c) how was that request conveyed; (d) how was it provided; and (e) did this occur before or after 31 August 2004.

1413 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Was advice provided to the Treasurer by the department, or any agency in the Treasurer's portfolio, that went towards, or informed, the Coalition's mature-aged worker tax offset released on 9 September 2004.
- (2) Was advice or input was given to, or received from, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations or the Department of Finance and Administration in relation to (1) above.
- (3) If the answer is yes for (1) or (2) above: (a) what was the broad nature of that advice; and (b) was it provided before or after 31 August 2004.

1414 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Was advice provided to the Prime Minister by the department, or any agency in the Prime Minister's portfolio, that went towards, or informed, the Coalition's Commemorative Events in 2005 policy released on 7 September 2004.
- (2) Was advice or input was given to, or received from, the Department of Finance and Administration or the Department of the Treasury in relation to (1) above.

- (3) If the answer is yes for (1) or (2) above: (a) what was the broad nature of that advice; and (b) was it provided before or after 31 August 2004.

Notice given 2 December 2005

1415 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to Job Network placements for Indigenous Australians:

- (1) What is a Job Network placement; and (b) what is the duration of a placement.
- (2) (a) Is it a paid placement; (b) are wages subsidised by the Government; (c) what is the percentage and/or amount of this subsidy; and (d) what is the average job placement wage.
- (3) What are the differences between the active participation model, and what existed previously for job placements.
- (4) For each year since the inception of the Job Network to date, how many Job Network placements have been achieved for Indigenous Australians.
- (5) Page 3 of the department's submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs inquiry into Indigenous employment includes a table of job placements since 1998, which shows that there was a significant decline in the number of placements in 2003: (a) can an explanation be provided for this decline; and (b) was the decline due to the shift to the active participation model.
- (6) With reference to the Australian Bureau of Statistics report, 'National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey of 2002': (a) are Job Network placements included in the 2002 Indigenous employment figures; and (b) have the figures always been included; if not, when were they first included.
- (7) (a) How many Job Network placements for Indigenous Australians have resulted in ongoing long-term employment; and (b) when were these figures obtained.
- (8) (a) What is the relationship between Job Network placements and Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP); (b) are CDEP participants encouraged to seek work through a Job Network placement; and (c) how many CDEP participants have moved from CDEP to a Job Network placement for the financial years 2003-04 to 2005-06 to date.

1416 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the wage assistance measure available to employers who employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:

- (1) (a) When did the wage assistance measure begin; and (b) what similar measures preceded the wage assistance measure.
- (2) For each financial year since the measure began to date: (a) what amount of funding has been allocated to the measure; (b) what is the amount actually expended on this measure; (c) what is the number of approved applications for wage assistance; and (d) how many employees benefited from wage assistance.
- (3) Can statistical information be provided on categories of employers that apply for wage assistance including the categories of small business, large industry corporations and other types of employers.
- (4) Can local councils or government agencies apply for wage assistance.

- (5) (a) Can statistics be provided on: (i) the number of episodes of employment that are subsidised by wage assistance resulting in ongoing employment, and (ii) the longevity of the employment achieved as a result of wage assistance; and (b) when were these statistics collected.

1418 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) In relation to the funding provided for the Welfare to Work package, shown on pages 133-134 of Budget Paper No. 2: (a) how do those figures relate to the figures provided by the department in response to written questions W156, W157, W158 and W159 provided to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee during estimates hearings in June 2005; and (b) how do the program and payment cost figures provided in those answers relate to the Department of Education and Workplace Relations funding figures in the budget paper for the following initiatives: (i) increasing participation of parents, (ii) increasing participation of people with a disability, (iii) increasing participation of the very long-term unemployed, and (iv) increasing participation of the mature aged.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W156, relating to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of people with a disability', the department has provided figures showing net additional estimated program costs that total \$302 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W156, the department has provided figures showing net estimated payment savings that total \$590.5 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the budget paper shows a net additional cost of \$481.9 million over the 4 financial years to 2008-09, or \$449.3 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (5) Can the Minister explain the discrepancy between the figures provided in W156, which show a net saving of \$288.5 million (total of (2) and (3) above) in relation to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of people with a disability' for the 3 financial years to 2008-09 and the \$449.3 million net additional cost as provided in the budget paper over the same period.
- (6) Do the funding figures in the budget paper include other funding items beyond those identified in W156; if so, can these be identified, along with the value of each of these items for each financial year from 2005-06 to 2008-09.
- (7) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W157, relating to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of parents' the department has provided figures showing net additional estimated program costs that total \$386.3 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W157, the department has provided figures showing estimated net payment savings that total \$424.5 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (9) Can the Minister confirm that the budget paper shows a net additional cost of \$282.4 million over the 4 financial years to 2008-09, or \$255.9 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.

- (10) Can the Minister explain the discrepancy between the figures provided in W157, which show a net saving of \$38.2 million (total of (6) and (7) above) in relation to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of parents' for the 3 financial years to 2008-09 and the \$255.9 million net additional cost as provided in the budget paper over the same period.
- (11) Do the funding figures in the budget paper include other funding items beyond those identified in W157; if so: (a) can these figures be identified; and (b) what is the value of each of these items for each financial year from 2005-06 to 2008-09.
- (12) (a) Can the Minister explain why the funding for the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of parents' increases each financial year to \$163 million in 2007-08 and then falls to just \$2.2 million in 2008-09; and (b) what are the reasons for such a dramatic drop in funding for this initiative in 2008-09.
- (13) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W158, relating to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of the mature aged', the department has provided figures showing net additional estimated program costs that total \$71.3 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (14) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W158, the department has provided figures showing estimated net payment savings that total \$18.6 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (15) Can the Minister confirm that the budget paper shows a net additional saving of \$5.6 million over the 4 financial years to 2008-09, or a saving of \$1.5 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (16) Can the Minister explain the discrepancy between the figures provided in W158, which show a net cost of \$52.7 million (total of (13) and (14) above) in relation to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of the mature aged' for the 3 financial years to 2008-09 and the net savings of \$1.5 million as provided in the budget paper over the same period.
- (17) Do the funding figures in the budget paper include other funding items beyond those identified in W158; if so: (a) can these be identified; and (b) what is the value of each of these items in each financial year from 2005-06 to 2008-09.
- (18) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W159, relating to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of the very long term unemployed' the department has provided figures showing net additional estimated program costs that total \$310.6 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (19) Can the Minister confirm that in response to W159, the department has provided figures showing estimated net additional costs that total \$34.7 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (20) Can the Minister confirm that the budget paper shows a net additional saving of \$359.9 million over the 4 financial years to 2008-09, or a saving of \$355.2 million over the 3 financial years to 2008-09.
- (21) Can the Minister explain the discrepancy between the figures provided in W159, which show a net cost of \$345.3 million (total of (18) and (19) above) in relation to the initiative entitled 'Increasing participation of the very long term unemployed' for the 3 financial years to 2008-09 and the net savings of \$355.2 million as provided in the budget paper over the same period.

- (22) Do the funding figures in the budget paper include other funding items beyond those identified in W159; if so: (a) can these be identified; and (b) what is the value of each of these items for each financial year from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

1419 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) The Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) is currently considering changes to the regulation of mortgage risk: (a) is APRA seeking to differentiate between how big banks and small banks manage residential mortgage risk; if so, why; and (b) is the risk the same, regardless of the size of the bank in question.
- (2) (a) Is APRA considering differentiating the risk weighting of residential mortgage risk; if so, why; and (b) will this reduce the motivation by banks to diversify such risks across specialist risk insurers such as Lenders Mortgage Insurance providers; if not, why not.
- (3) With reference to the changes currently under consideration by APRA on residential mortgage risk insurance: (a) will these changes encourage large banks in Australia to self-insure their residential mortgage risk; if not, why not; and (b) why is this a desirable outcome.
- (4) Under the changes proposed by APRA, could an unintended consequence be that the big banks will garner a very substantial competitive advantage over the smaller banks, building societies and credit unions; if not, why not.
- (5) Has APRA done a full and complete assessment of the long-term implications of the changes that are proposed under the Basel II accord, including detailed financial modelling of extraneous shocks to the Australian banking system; if so, what are the results of these findings.
- (6) (a) How might small and community banks be affected by implementing Basel II; (b) if they are put at a competitive disadvantage, how does APRA plan to change the current domestic capital rules without increasing the burden on those smaller institutions; and (c) will risk-based pricing be introduced into the Australian residential mortgage market in the future as a result of the changes under consideration by APRA pertaining to Basel II; if so, how.
- (7) (a) Will the current APRA proposals introduce market distortions and in so doing, create a competitive pricing advantage for some participants; (b) would this lead to predatory pricing by some participants, particularly Australia's largest banks, which are all arguably advantaged by the aforementioned proposals.

1422 **Senator Chapman:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to comments made by the Chairman of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), Dr John Laker, to the Economics Legislation Committee during estimates hearings on 2 November 2005:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that APRA is proceeding with the implementation of the Basel II prudential and capital accord in the Australian financial services sector, yet has publicly stated that it is unable, at this stage, to accurately assess the 'real-life' impact of these fundamental changes on the lending market for residential mortgages, in terms of mortgage pricing and the availability of housing finance.

- (2) Why is APRA, as a statutory authority, able to proceed with the full implementation of this accord in the absence of any comprehensive and documented analysis that identifies the full set of its economic and financial sector ramifications and without a level of public scrutiny.
- (3) Has APRA made a full and complete assessment of the long-term implications of the changes that are proposed under the Basel II accord, using real-life examples of what would happen if the economy received a sharp exogenous shock.
- (4) If such an analysis exists for the Australian context, whether within APRA or another arm of Government, will the Minister make this publicly available in the near term before the full implementation of Basel II is completed.
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that one of the likely ramifications of the APRA Basel II implementation will be to limit the ability of smaller financial institutions (lenders) to make housing finance available at competitive rates; and (b) will this provide a competitive advantage for the major banks.
- (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Basel II reforms progressively being implemented by APRA effectively will penalise lending institutions which seek to use risk mitigants such as Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI) to diversify the risk of their residential mortgage portfolio by limiting the capital concessions available to lenders who avail themselves of this risk offset mechanism; and (b) is this counter-intuitive at a point in the housing cycle where appropriate risk mitigation by housing finance lenders would seem to be highly desirable.
- (7) Is the Minister aware that these changes may provide an opportunity for the major banks to 'self-insure' their mortgage portfolio risk rather than seek risk mitigation through either LMI or other risk mitigating instruments.
- (8) Is it a likely consequence that interest and other costs will rise for borrowers who use smaller lending institutions which rely on mortgage securitisation to facilitate residential mortgage lending (which in turn can only be made available if the mortgage is insured through LMI or an equivalent).
- (9) Is the Minister aware that three jurisdictions (the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the European Union) are undertaking, or about to commence, reviews of the practical, real-life implications of the Basel II accord and may amend its full implementation to suit specific sovereign requirements.
- (10) Will the Minister seek to coordinate the key financial regulators and economic policy advisors to ensure that the implementation of Basel II in Australia enshrines the fundamental need to diversify residential mortgage risk so that Australia's financial system stability can be assured.
- (11) Will the Minister outline the processes for consultation between the peak regulators and the financial services sector in order to ensure this level of market stability and the mechanisms by which this consultation can be made completely transparent and accountable.

Notice given 5 December 2005

1423 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) The Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency makes a number of ‘support contact visits unannounced’ (spot checks), which can be ‘targeted’ or ‘random’ and, in 2002-03 there were 242 spot checks, in 2003-04 there were 553, and in 2004-05 there were 563; for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 how many of these spot checks were: (a) targeted; and (b) random.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05, how many aged care facilities received spot checks and were given notice of: (a) less than one day; (b) one day; (c) 2 days; (d) 3 days; (e) 4 days; (f) 5 days; (g) 6 days; (h) 7 days; and (i) more than 7 days.
- (3) Were all the ‘targeted’ spot checks undertaken as a result of complaints; if so, can a breakdown be provided of the nature of the complaints (e.g. care, nutrition, accommodation issues etc.).

1426 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Given the deadline for the conditional adjustment payment audited financial reporting requirement was 31 October 2005, can a list be provided, at the ‘approved provider level’ and the ‘individual service level’, indicating: (a) each provider that complied with the conditional adjustment payment reporting requirement; and (b) those providers that did not comply.
- (2) Which providers: (a) have complied; (b) were given an ‘approved alternative financial period’; (c) were given an ‘exemption’; and (d) were non-compliant.
- (3) (a) Why were exemptions given; and (b) can a list be provided of exempted providers and the reason given for the request for an exemption.
- (4) Given that the reports for the conditional adjustment payment 2004-05 Annual Notice for Financial Reporting were to be sent to the C/O Forms Administration, Department of Health and Ageing, how are the reports processed upon receipt.
- (5) On receipt, how is confidentiality of the information ensured.
- (6) How will the Government respond to those providers which have not provided the audited financial reports by 31 October 2005.
- (7) How will information be provided from KPMG to the department.
- (8) Will the financial data be publicly available; if so, in what form.
- (9) How will prospective residents and their families be able to access financial reports of aged care facilities in which they are considering becoming a resident.
- (10) (a) How will the potential residents and their families be advised that they have the right to view financial reports; and (b) can potential residents seek advice about financial records from, for example, a financial advisor or accountant.

Notice given 7 December 2005

- 1429 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to page 68 of the Indigenous Business Australia's (IBA) annual report for 2004-05, which lists the major economic development initiatives funded by the IBA and states that \$610 968 was granted to Hillsong Emerge to conduct economic development activities in Redfern and Mount Druitt, which included operating enterprise hubs, and building the confidence of young Indigenous women to enter the workforce or create small business opportunities:
- (1) (a) What was the date of Hillsong Emerge's application for funding and when was the grant approved; and (b) what was the amount of funding requested.
 - (2) (a) Under which program was this funding application made; (b) what was the deadline for applications; (c) how many applications were received; (d) who assessed the applications; (e) did the Minister receive any advice in relation to the applications; if so, when was it received; (f) what was the nature and extent of the Minister's involvement in the assessment and decision-making process; (g) were the IBA directors advised on the major grants; and (h) did the majority of director's approve all major grants.
 - (3) On what dates did the initiative start and end.
 - (4) For each of the enterprise hubs: (a) where is the hub located; (b) what services are available; (c) when did the hub begin operating and if applicable, when did it end; (d) for each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, how many Indigenous clients have been assisted; and (e) how many Indigenous entrepreneurs became self-employed as a result of the hub.
 - (5) With reference to building the confidence of young Indigenous women to enter the workforce or create small business opportunities: (a) which programs were administered, or will be administered, to achieve this aim; (b) what activities are involved in the programs; (c) on what date did the programs start and end; (d) how long do the programs last; (e) how many young Indigenous women are involved in these programs; (f) what is the age group of these women; and (g) where did these programs take place.
 - (6) (a) How many Indigenous people work as part of this initiative; and (b) is their remuneration sourced from this grant.
 - (7) How many Hillsong Emerge staff have been, or are, remunerated from this funding initiative.
 - (8) With reference to \$610 968 of funding: (a) over what period of time is this funding to be spent; (b) what is the amount of money allocated for: (i) Hillsong Emerge's staff, and (ii) administration costs, including, but not limited to, project coordinators' wages/superannuation, contract management, administration/reception, information technology/communications, insurance, audit and evaluation; (c) what was the amount of money allocated for each program, including the name of each program; (d) what were the amounts spent on administration costs for each program; (e) what is the amount of any new funding for this initiative in the 2005-06 financial year, broken down as in (a) and (b) above.

- (9) Have any evaluations of the initiative been conducted to date; if so: (a) when did the evaluations take place; (b) who conducted the evaluations; (c) which programs under the initiative were evaluated; (d) what were the performance indicators; (e) was any feedback from the Indigenous clients and community sought as part of these evaluations; if so, can evaluation reports in relation to this initiative be provided.
- (10) (a) How many applications for funding were received by IBA in relation to economic development in Redfern or Mount Druitt by parties other than Hillsong Emerge; and (b) can the dates of the applications and the names of the applicants be provided.

1430 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to page 68 of the Indigenous Business Australia's (IBA) annual report for 2004-05, which lists the major economic development initiatives funded by the IBA and also states that First Australians Business (FAB) Ltd received \$205 000 'to create a national database of business mentors that can provide services to Indigenous small business aspirants on a volunteer basis and appropriately link workshop participants to small business mentors':

- (1) On what date did FAB begin the project to create a national database of business mentors.
- (2) How has FAB attracted business mentors to the database.
- (3) To date, how many business mentors are on this database.
- (4) How many 'link-ups' between business mentors and Indigenous small business aspirants have occurred.
- (5) (a) Under which program was the funding application made; (b) what was the deadline for applications; (c) how many applications were received; (d) who assessed the applications; (e) did the Minister receive any advice in relation to the applications; if so, when was it received; (f) what was the nature and extent of the Minister's involvement in the assessment and decision-making process; (g) were the IBA directors advised on the major grants; and (h) did the majority of directors approve all major grants.
- (6) (a) What was the date or dates of FAB's application for funding; (b) on what date was the grant approved; and (c) what was the amount requested in the funding application/proposal.
- (7) (a) How many FAB staff are paid out of the \$205 000 grant; and (b) are they full-time or part-time.
- (8) (a) How many Indigenous people work on this initiative; (b) do they work for FAB or are they otherwise remunerated from the funding grant; and (c) do they work full-time or part-time.
- (9) With reference to the \$205 000 of funding: (a) over what period of time is this funding to be spent; (b) what is the amount of money allocated for: (i) FAB's staff, and (ii) administration costs, including, but not limited to, project coordinators' wages/superannuation, contract management, administration/reception, information technology/communications, insurance, audit and evaluation; (c) in relation to (9) (b) above, what is the amount of money spent to date; and (d) what are the amounts of any new funding to this initiative for 2005-06 financial year, broken down into administration costs and administered funds.

- (10) Have any evaluations of the initiative been conducted to date; if so: (a) when and where did the evaluations take place; (b) who conducted the evaluations; (c) what were the performance indicators; and (d) was any feedback from the Indigenous clients and community sought as part of these evaluations; if so, can any evaluation reports in relation to this initiative be provided.
- (11) If no evaluations conducted to date, when is the expected start date and reporting date for evaluations.

1431 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to page 68 of the Indigenous Business Australia's (IBA) annual report for 2004-05, which lists the major economic development initiatives funded by the IBA and also states that the IBA granted \$965 421 to Hillsong Emerge 'to pilot the provision of small loans to Indigenous entrepreneurs in Sydney (urban), Northern New South Wales (regional) and Cape York (remote)' and that the IBA also granted an additional \$280 000 in loan funds:

- (1) Did Hillsong Emerge submit a funding application to obtain the grant of \$965 421; if so: (a) under which program was the application made; (b) when and where was the invitation for tender advertised; (c) did the department advertise any specific request for tenders on micro-credit pilots; if so, when did it advertise this request; (d) when was the deadline for applications; (e) how many other applications relating to micro-credit projects were there; (f) did any banks express any interest in conducting a micro-credit project; if so, which banks; (g) what was the total number of applications received; (h) who assessed the applications; (i) did the Minister receive any advice in relation to the applications; if so, when was the advice received; (j) what was the nature and extent of the Minister's involvement in the assessment and decision-making process; (k) were the IBA directors advised on the major grants; and (l) did the majority of directors approve all major grants.
- (2) With reference to Hillsong Emerge's funding application for this initiative: (a) what was the date or dates of Hillsong Emerge's application for funding; (b) on what date was the grant approved; (c) what was the amount requested in the funding application/proposal.
- (3) Which communities are participating in the pilot.
- (4) For each of the three sites, what is the start and end date of the pilot scheme.
- (5) What size loan is categorised as a small loan and can a range of specific figures be provided.
- (6) For what are small loans most used in these communities and can examples be provided.
- (7) How is Hillsong Emerge facilitating the provision of small loans to Indigenous entrepreneurs in these three pilot sites.
- (8) What are the names of any community programs that are being funded by this grant.
- (9) Has Hillsong Emerge established offices in these three sites to administer this initiative.
- (10) Does Hillsong Emerge offer these micro-credit services through their IBA-funded enterprise hubs located in Redfern and Mount Druitt.

- (11) (a) How many Hillsong Emerge staff work on this initiative; (b) how many of those staff are remunerated from the above grant; (c) do staff work full-time or part-time; and (d) in which office are they based.
- (12) (a) How many local Indigenous people work on this initiative; (b) do they work full-time or part-time; and (c) are they are remunerated from the above funding grant.
- (13) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, how many small loans have been approved in each of the three sites.
- (14) (a) What interest do Indigenous people, participating in the scheme, pay on this loan; and (b) what, if any, conditions are placed on the loan.
- (15) With reference to the funding of \$965 421: (a) over what period of time is this funding to be spent; (b) what is the amount of money allocated for: (i) Hillsong Emerge's staff, and (ii) administration costs, including, but not limited to, project coordinators' wages/superannuation, contract management, administration/reception, information technology/communications, insurance, audit and evaluation; (c) what is the amount of money allocated to each pilot site; and (d) for each pilot site: (i) what is the amount of money that will be administered in loans, and (ii) for the 2005-06 financial year, what are the amounts for any new funding to this initiative broken down as in (15)(b), (c) and (d) above.
- (16) Have any evaluations of the initiative been conducted to date; if so: (a) when and where did the evaluations take place; (b) who conducted the evaluations; (c) what were the performance indicators; (d) was any feedback from the Indigenous clients and community sought as part of the evaluations; if so, can any evaluation reports in relation to this initiative be provided.
- (17) If no evaluations were conducted to date, when is the expected start date and reporting date for evaluations.

1432 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to page 68 of the Indigenous Business Australia's (IBA) annual report for 2004-05, which lists the major economic development initiatives funded by the IBA and also states that First Australians Business Ltd (FAB) received \$600 000 to 'conduct 26 three-day Enterprise Development Workshops throughout Australia and provide information to Indigenous business aspirants on the steps necessary to get into business and link them with available or appropriate business support services':

- (1) (a) What was the date or dates of FAB's application for funding and when was the grant approved; and (b) what was the amount requested in the funding application/proposal.
- (2) (a) Under which program was this funding application made; (b) when were the grants and tender advertised; (c) where was it advertised; (d) what was the deadline for applications; (e) how many applications were received; (f) how many applications specifically related to business development support; (g) who assessed the applications; (h) did the Minister receive any advice in relation to the applications; if so, when was the advice received; (i) what was the nature and extent of the Minister's involvement in the assessment and decision-making process; (j) were the IBA directors advised on the major grants; and (k) did the majority of directors approve all major grants; if not, which ones were not approved.

- (3) (a) How many FAB staff are paid under the grant; and (b) do they work full-time or part-time.
- (4) (a) How many Indigenous people work on this initiative; (b) do these Indigenous people work for FAB or are they otherwise remunerated from the funding grant; and (c) do they work full-time or part-time.
- (5) Are the presenters of the workshops Indigenous; if so, what percentage of the workshop presenters are Indigenous.
- (6) (a) Where was each workshop located, in chronological order; (b) how many people attended each workshop; and (c) how many requests for business mentoring arose from each workshop.
- (7) With reference to the funding of \$600 000: (a) over what period of time is this funding is to be spent; (b) what is the amount of money allocated for: (i) FAB's staff, and (ii) administration costs, including, but not limited to, project coordinators' wages/superannuation, contract management, administration/reception, information technology/communications, insurance, audit and evaluation; (c) in relation to (7)(b) above, what is the amount of money spent to date; (d) what is the average amount of money spent holding one of the 3-day workshops; if there is variation in the workshop costs, what is the most expensive workshop and the location of that workshop; and (e) what are the amounts of any new funding to this initiative for the 2005-06 financial year, broken down as in (7)(a), (b) and (c) above.
- (8) Have any evaluations of the initiative been conducted to date; if so: (a) when and where did the evaluations take place; (b) who conducted the evaluations; (c) what were the performance indicators; and (d) was any feedback from the Indigenous clients and community sought as part of the evaluations; if so, can any evaluation reports in relation to this initiative be provided.
- (9) If no evaluations were conducted to date, when is the expected start date and reporting date of evaluations.

Notice given 8 December 2005

1434 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the following statements in the Australian Taxation Office media release of 17 November 2005, relating to the Government's transition to retirement pensions program: 'The general anti-avoidance provisions will not apply where taxpayers are simply commencing a transition to retirement pension, and making salary sacrifice contributions to superannuation' and 'We would only be concerned where accessing the pension or undertaking the salary sacrifice may be artificial or contrived':

- (1) (a) Does drawing a superannuation pension over the age of 55 while simultaneously employed, and salary sacrificing the majority of employment income to minimise or avoid income tax, constitute tax avoidance under Part IVa of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*; if not, why not.
- (2) What constitutes an artificial or contrived salary sacrifice when accessing a superannuation pension.
- (3) Does allowing employed pensioners to avoid taxation by channelling income into superannuation contributions shift, unfairly, the taxation burden onto younger taxpayers who are unable to draw a pension.

- (4) How many former Australian Commonwealth public sector employees, rehired by the public sector, are currently drawing a superannuation pension while simultaneously being employed full-time and channelling a majority of their employment income into a lower taxed superannuation contribution.

1435 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) With reference to the \$65 000 grant to the East Timorese non-government organisation, Forum Tau Matan, announced by the Minister on 10 December 2004: (a) can the Minister confirm that funding was withdrawn from this group for signing a press release which was perceived to be critical of the Government; (b) what were the reasons for the withdrawal of funding; and (c) what AusAID guidelines were applied.
- (2) Given AusAID has advised that 'because Forum Tau Matan was denied funding, AusAID must be consistent and not fund other organisations that signed the same press release', will this need for consistency prejudice the chances for future AusAID funding of the 13 other organisations that signed the press release.

1436 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Would the Treasurer provide details of the occasions that the Treasurer's staff have contacted the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority in relation to any appointments to the Board of the Reserve Bank since 2000.

1439 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date: (a) which agencies (including departments and non-government entities) requested Maritime Security Identification Cards (MSIC); (b) how many requests were received from each agency; and (c) for each agency, how many requests were: (i) vetted, and (ii) granted.
- (2) Does the issuing agency have a procedure for cancelling MSICs in cases where they are reported missing; if so, what is the procedure; if not, why not and to whom are missing, lost or stolen MSICs reported.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date, how many MSICs have been reported lost, missing or stolen and can a breakdown be provided by agency.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2005-06 to date, how many MSICs have expired and been returned to the issuing agency.
- (5) Does the issuing agency have a procedure for cancelling MSICs in cases where the recipient has been disqualified; if so, what is the procedure; if not, why not.

1440 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date: (a) which agencies (including departments and non-government entities) requested Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASIC); (b) how many requests were received from each agency; and (c) for each agency, how many requests were: (i) vetted, and (ii) granted.

- (2) Does the issuing agency have a procedure for cancelling ASICs in cases where they are reported missing; if so, what is the procedure; if not, why not and to whom are missing, lost or stolen ASICs reported.
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1441 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian Federal Police:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date: (a) which agencies (including departments and non-government entities) requested Maritime Security Identification Cards (MSICs); (b) how many requests were received from each agency; and (c) for each agency, how many requests were: (i) vetted, and (ii) granted.
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1442 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian Federal Police:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date: (a) which agencies (including departments and non-government entities) requested Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASICs); (b) how many requests were received from each agency; and (c) for each agency, how many requests were: (i) vetted, and (ii) granted.
- (2) Does the issuing agency have a procedure for cancelling ASICs in cases where they are reported missing; if so, what is the procedure; if not, why not and to whom are missing, lost or stolen ASICs reported.
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- (5) Does the issuing agency have a procedure for cancelling ASICs in cases where the recipient has been disqualified; if so, what is the procedure; if not, why not.

1443 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date:

- (1) How many Suspected Illegal Entry Vessels (SIEV) have been detected in Australian waters.
- (2) How many SIEV were first detected by: (a) Australian Customs Service (ACS); (b) Australian Fisheries Management Authority; (c) other federal agencies; (d) state or local government; and (e) other non-government agencies.
- (3) For each SIEV: (a) on what date was the entry detected; (b) how many SIEVs were detected in each entry; (c) how did ACS detect the SIEV (i.e. Coastwatch aerial surveillance, reports from another government agency, reports from an individual, any other manner); (d) where was the SIEV detected; (e) did ACS or Coastwatch intercept the SIEV; (f) on what date was the SIEV intercepted; (g) were any other agencies involved in the interception of the SIEV; if not, why not; and if not, was another government agency able to intercept the SIEV; (h) was the SIEV impounded or turned around; (i) what was the number of persons on the SIEV; (j) what was the number of persons detained from the SIEV; (k) what was the number of persons on each SIEV who have had criminal charges brought against them and what were the number and nature of the charges; (l) how many of those charges resulted in a prosecution; (m) how many prosecutions resulted in a successful conviction and what was the sentence; (n) if the SIEV was impounded: (i) has it been since released, (ii) has it been destroyed, or (iii) is it still impounded; (o) if it was released, to whom; and (p) if it was not impounded, what was done with the SIEV after it had been intercepted.

1445 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date:

- (1) How many Suspected Illegal Entry Vessels (SIEV) have been detected in Australian waters.
- (2) How many SIEV were first detected by: (a) the Australian Defence Force (ADF); (b) other federal agencies; (c) state or local government; and (d) other non-government agencies.
- (3) For each SIEV: (a) on what date was the entry detected; (b) how many SIEVS were detected in each entry; (c) how did the ADF detect the SIEV (i.e. aerial surveillance, reports from another government agencies, reports from an individual, any other manner); (d) where the SIEV was detected; (e) did the ADF intercept the SIEV; (f) on what date was the SIEV intercepted; (g) were any other agencies involved in the interception of the SIEV; if not, why not; and if not, was another government agency able to intercept the SIEV; (h) was the SIEV impounded or turned around; (i) what was the number of persons on the SIEV; (j) what was the number of persons detained from the SIEV; (k) what was the number of persons on each SIEV who have had criminal charges brought against them and what was the number and nature of the charges; (l) how many of those charges resulted in a prosecution; (m) how many prosecutions resulted in a successful conviction and what was the sentence; (n) if the SIEV was impounded: (i) has it been since released, (ii) has it been destroyed, or (iii) is it still impounded; (o) if it was released, to whom; and (p) if it was not impounded, what was done with the SIEV after it had been intercepted.

Notice given 9 December 2005

- *1447 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to complaints from the public about access to rebates from private insurance for costs associated with the services of podiatric surgeons:
- (1) How does the level of complaints for the 2005-06 financial year to date, compare with the same period in the 2004-05 financial year.
 - (2) What steps has the Private Health Insurance (PHI) Ombudsman taken to ensure that health funds comply with the spirit and letter of the legislation.
 - (3) Is the PHI Ombudsman aware that some funds are still refusing to pay equivalent benefits for services of podiatric surgeons, stating that they will not do so until they are forced.
 - (4) What actions can the PHI Ombudsman take to: (a) ensure that the funds will comply; and (b) enable funds to provide rebates for anaesthetic services for podiatry.
- *1448 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the registration of podiatric surgeons for the purpose of rebates under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*:
- (1) What steps has the department taken to ensure that all health funds, especially the Hospital Benefits Association and the Medical Benefits Fund, observe the requirements of the relevant legislation to provide benefit coverage, so that those patients who choose a podiatric surgeon, as opposed to say an orthopaedic surgeon, are not disadvantaged in terms of hospital benefits recovered.
 - (2) What has the department done this financial year to ensure that all funds understand their obligations in this regard.

Notice given 12 December 2005

- *1449 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) (a) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, by year, what species of shark and finfish have been identified on foreign vessels illegally fishing off the coasts of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland; and (b) if the department does not collect this information, why not.
 - (2) (a) For each species mentioned in (1), what was: (i) the quantity, and (ii) the range of sizes, of shark and finfish identified and/or confiscated; and (b) if the department does not collect this information, why not.
 - (3) (a) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, by year, what estimate has been made of the total quantity of each species of shark and finfish taken by foreign fishers illegally fishing in Australian waters off the coasts of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, including shark and finfish taken by vessels that have not been apprehended; and (b) if the department cannot provide this estimate, why not.
 - (4) (a) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, by year, what quantity of turtles, dolphins and other marine mammals have been identified on vessels illegally fishing in Australian waters off the coasts of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland; and (b) if the department does not collect this information, why not.

- (5) (a) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, by year, what estimate has been made of the total quantity of turtles, dolphins and other marine mammals taken by foreign fishers illegally fishing in Australian waters off the coasts of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, including turtles, dolphins and other marine mammals taken by vessels that have not been apprehended; and (b) if the department cannot provide this estimate, why not.
- (6) (a) What action has the Government taken to improve data collection relating to the illegal catch of sharks, finfish, turtles, dolphins and other marine mammals off the coasts of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland; and (b) if the department has taken no action, why not.

Notice given 16 December 2005

- *1450 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—(a) How many operational residential aged care beds in Australia are not utilised; and (b) by aged care planning region, where are those beds located.
- *1451 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Has the department been requested to approve the transfer of 101 residential aged care bed licences from Kiwi Dale Pty Ltd to another provider; if so: (a) what entity has been transferred; and (b) what assessment of the purchaser has been made in terms of ‘bed readiness’.
 - (2) Was the original approval for 101 places to Kiwi Dale Pty Ltd for 47 Rosanna Street, Carnegie, Victoria; if so, where are the beds now proposed to be constructed.
 - (3) When will these beds be required to be operational, i.e. will the requirement for the beds to be operational in 2 years start again.
- *1452 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) For the past 5 years, what has been the percentage and total dollar amount of the value of Commonwealth Own Purpose Outlays indexation to aged care subsidies.
 - (2) When will the Government make arrangements for the indexation of aged care subsidies for 1 July 2006.
- *1453 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—Can a list be provided of all spot checks and support contact provided by the Accreditation Agency to the Grace of Mary Greek Cypriot Hostel since its inception, including those which were advised visits and those which were unannounced visits.
- *1454 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—With reference to Commonwealth Carelink centres, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report, *Australia's welfare 2005*, stated that 65 shopfronts and more than 90 access points such as free phones in rural and remote localities received 235 000 contacts, including phone calls, visits, e-mails and facsimiles: in relation to the total contact figure can a break down be provided for each of the following groups: (a) shopfronts: (i) phone calls, (ii) visits, (iii) e-mails, and (iv) facsimiles; and (b) the number of phone calls from free phones in remote localities.

*1455 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the answer to House of Representatives question on notice no. 1032 (House of Representatives *Hansard*, 4 February 2003, p. 10779) on Aged Care Planning data related to Statistical Local Areas for Perth:

- (1) For each Statistical Local Area for the whole of Australia: what are the numbers of operational and provisionally-allocated residential aged care low care beds and high care beds, and Community Aged Care and Extended Aged Care at Home packages.
- (2) In which Aged Care Planning region does each Statistical Local Area fall.

Notice given 19 December 2005

*1456 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to detainees in the Baxter Detention Centre:

- (1) For the past 5 years, by month, how many asylum seekers have been admitted to the Glenside Hospital.
- (2) Of those detainees who were hospitalised: (a) how long had each of them been detained before they were hospitalised; (b) how many were found to be genuine refugees; (c) how many were granted Bridging Visas or Temporary Protection Visas; and (d) how many were granted Pending Removal Visas.

*1457 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Medicines Working Group:

- (1) Did the terms of reference of the Medicines Working Group include consideration of Annex 2C.1 of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUS-US FTA) in relation to greater recognition of pharmaceutical innovation.
- (2) Is it true that the terms of reference of the Medicines Working Group will not permit consideration of the system of cost-effectiveness pricing operating under the *National Health Act 1953*, and this reflects clear expressions made by the Australian Government during AUS-US FTA negotiations.
- (3) Will there be any representatives of the pharmaceutical industry on the Medicines Working Group.
- (4) Will a full interdepartmental inquiry be held into the terms of reference of the Medicines Working Group before it meets.

*1458 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Who is responsible for appointing magistrates in the Solomon Islands to deal with the previous troubles.
- (2) Has a magistrate been appointed outside Honiara; if so, where.
- (3) Is the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) required to help track down: (a) caches of weapons on islands such as Malaita; if so, has RAMSI searched for and found any weapons on Malaita; and (b) previous or current members of the Malaita Eagle Force now on Malaita; if so, what success has been achieved, particularly in places such as Malu'u, in arresting such members.

Notice given 5 January 2006

*1459 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister read the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit report no. 14 of 2005-06, *Administration of the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement*.
- (2) Did the Minister note that that ANAO is limited in its ability to directly audit the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) and that 'there is uncertainty as to whether financial statement auditors have tested CSTDA expenditure' (paragraph 38 of the report); if so, what will the Minister do about this weakness in accountability.
- (3) Did the Minister note that the National Disability Administrators 'are not close to developing and reporting effective measures of outcomes of CSTDA activities' (paragraph 18) and, the 'shortcomings in performance information' (paragraph 19); if so: (a) what is being done about this situation; and (b) when will this situation be rectified.
- (4) Did the Minister note that the CSTDA 'does not include financial incentives or sanctions' (paragraph 39); why is this the case.
- (5) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 410 (Senate *Hansard*, 19 August 2002, p. 3289) can any further information be provided on the issues raised.
- (6) With reference to the letter from Senator Murray to the Commonwealth Auditor-General, dated 26 November 2003 and copied to the Minister concerning allegations of financial and other improprieties with respect to the delivery of services to persons with intellectual disability, can a detailed outline be provided of what has happened in relation to the issues raised in that letter.

*1460 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the article 'Reactor in sight' in *The Australian* of 11 November 2005:

- (1) Who initiated the idea of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) joining the American Generation IV or Generation IV International Forum (GIF) programs and, specifically, was it a government or an agency initiative.
- (2) Were any approaches made to ANSTO or the Government by any other party which sought to encourage Australia to sign up to the Generation IV or GIF programs: if so, by whom and when.
- (3) Given the huge budgets of the Generation IV and GIF research and development programs (at minimum, \$11.5 billion) for the period 2000-2020, what are the financial implications for the federal budget of joining either of these programs.
- (4) Has the Minister given any instructions to ANSTO in relation to joining the American-led Generation IV or GIF programs.
- (5) Does the Minister consider that investigating gas-cooled fast reactor, lead-cooled fast reactor, molten salt reactor, sodium-cooled fast reactor, supercritical-water-cooled reactor or very-high-temperature reactor systems is an expensive gamble; if not, why not.

- (6) With respect to the six old and new technologies to be researched and developed by the Generation IV and GIF programs which technology does the Minister or ANSTO favour, or will be concentrated on, in a research and development capacity.

*1461 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) By year since the inception of the Special Employee Entitlement Scheme for Ansett Group Employees (SEESA), what payments have been made to SEES Pty Ltd to assist it to meet its obligations in respect of money borrowed for the purpose of making payments under SEESA.
- (2) By year, what has been paid under SEESA to former Ansett employees.
- (3) By year, what funding was collected by the Government through the Ansett ticket tax.
- (4) What is the quantum of outstanding entitlements owed to former Ansett employees.
- (5) By payment type and year, what funds advanced through SEESA have been repaid to the Government by the Ansett administrators.
- (6) With reference to the Minister's statement of 12 December 2005 that the fourth dividend payment is the result of 'better than expected returns on asset sales': (a) what return on asset sales did the Government expect; (b) what was the source of information on which this expectation was founded; and (c) when did the actual return of asset sales become known to the Minister, his office or the department.
- (7) (a) When was the Minister, his office or the department made aware that the fifth dividend payment to creditors is likely to include a \$29 million payment to the Government; and (b) what is the source of this information.
- (8) By payment type and year, what further payments does the Government expect to receive from the Ansett administrators.
- (9) (a) What interest rate has been applied to the repayment of funds advanced through SEESA; (b) how was the rate determined; (c) by year, how much interest has the Government received; and (d) has the interest rate varied; if so, when and why.
- (10) Disaggregated by year, what is the total cost associated with the administration of SEESA, including fees, commissions or contract payments made to SEES Pty Ltd.
- (11) When was the Minister, his office or the department made aware of the intention to wind-up SEES Pty Ltd; and (b) what is the source of this information.
- (12) When was SEES Pty Ltd placed under external administration.

*1462 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Are banks with an Australian banking licence permitted to hold data or records on accounts in associated banks or subsidiaries domiciled in known tax havens.

*1463 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has Great Southern Plantations (GSP) held any discussions with, or provided any documents to, the Minister or the department relating to GSP's plans to expand the existing forest clearing project on Melville Island beyond the current approved 26 000 hectares if so, when and what was discussed or provided.

- (2) (a) When will the audit of the existing GSP forest clearing and plantation establishment project, that is a condition of the ministerial approval for the project, be completed; (b) why was this audit so late; and (c) will the results of the audit be made public, if not, why not.

*1464 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With reference to the claim by Phosphate Resources Ltd (PRL) that without access to, and the clearing of 200 hectares of pristine rainforest on Christmas Island, it will close its mining operation ‘within three to five years’: on what basis is PRL claiming that these new areas have extensive phosphate deposits.
- (2) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the Government has no information on how much phosphate is in situ and stockpiled on PRL’s leases; (b) is the company contravening its lease agreement as it has repeatedly failed to provide this information to the Department of Transport and Regional Services, with the consequence that PRL may already have access to more phosphate than is known; and (c) should the environmental impact statement process be suspended until PRL provides the relevant information, with economic modelling to indicate the viability of its operation.

Notice given 17 January 2006

*1465 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 211 concerning the Prime Minister’s *Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility*:

- (1) Is the Prime Minister aware that the guide instructs ministers to answer questions on notice in a timely fashion and cover particular points raised in questions so the need for follow up questions is minimised.
- (2) Is the Prime Minister aware that the Senate has set a time limit of 30 days for the answering of questions on notice.
- (3) Is the Prime Minister aware that question no. 211 was asked on 20 December 2004 and answered on his behalf on 17 January 2006.
- (4) Is the Prime Minister aware that he failed to answer parts 1 and 2(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of that question.
- (5) Why did the Prime Minister fail to observe his own code of conduct with respect to that question.
- (6) (a) What alleged breaches of the guide have been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and/or his office since its inception; and (b) in each case: (i) was the alleged breach on the public record, (ii) which minister and/or parliamentary secretary was responsible for the alleged breach, (iii) what was the nature of the alleged breach, (iv) when did the Prime Minister and/or his office become aware of the alleged breach, (v) what was the source of information about the alleged breach, (vi) how did the Prime Minister investigate the alleged breach, (vii) if the Prime Minister did not investigate the alleged breach, why not, (viii) what finding did the Prime Minister make in relation to the alleged breach and when was that finding made, and (ix) what action, if any, did the Prime Minister take and when.

*1466 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) engaged Korda Mentha to undertake a consultancy in relation to the Chief Financial Controller; if so, what was the nature of this work.
- (2) What procurement guidelines were followed in relation to the letting of this contract.
- (3) If subject to an open tender process, how many tenders were lodged and who lodged tenders.
- (4) If subject to a restricted tender process, which companies were invited to lodge a tender and who determined which companies would be invited to submit a tender.
- (5) If there was no tender process, on what basis was Korda Mentha granted the contract and what process was followed to ensure that CASA received value for money.
- (6) (a) When was the contract let; (b) when did work commence; and (c) when was that work completed.
- (7) What was the value of the contract and was there any variation in the agreed price; if so: (a) what was the basis for varying the contract price; and (b) who approved the variation in the contract price.
- (8) What was the total cost of this work.

*1467 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) engage Korda Mentha to undertake a due diligence review of the CASA Improvement Program (CASAIP).
- (2) What procurement guidelines were followed in relation to the letting of this contract.
- (3) If subject to an open tender process, how many tenders were lodged and who lodged tenders.
- (4) If subject to a restricted tender process, which companies were invited to lodge a tender and who determined which companies would be invited to submit a tender.
- (5) If there was no tender process, on what basis was Korda Mentha granted the contract and what process was followed to ensure that CASA received value for money.
- (6) (a) When was the contract let; (b) when did work on the review commence; and (c) when was that work completed.
- (7) What was the value of the contract and was there any variation in the agreed price; if so: (a) what was the basis for varying the contract price; and (b) who approved the variation in the contract price.
- (8) What was the total cost of the review.
- (9) What recommendations did the review make in relation to CASAIP.
- (10) Did the review conclude that CASA was receiving an appropriate return, or would receive an appropriate return, from its investment in CASAIP.
- (11) Who considered the findings of the review.

- (12) Which recommendations were accepted and which recommendations were rejected.
- (13) Have all the recommendations made in relation to CASAIP that were accepted now been implemented; if so, when was that worked completed; if not, when will that work be completed.

*1468 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) When was the Operator Risk Model (ORM) established in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA); and (b) when was it first used in a trial for Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) aircraft.
- (2) (a) On how many occasions has the ORM been upgraded since its establishment; and (b) what was the nature of each upgrade.
- (3) (a) How many RPT operators are currently assessed through the ORM; (b) how are operators categorised by the ORM; and (c) how often are such assessments the subject of review.
- (4) (a) Who has access to the findings, or draft findings, of the ORM; and (b) how often is the assessment generated through the ORM circulated.
- (5) Has the Minister or his office been provided with material generated through the ORM; if so: (a) when was this material provided to the Minister or his office; (b) why was it provided to the Minister or his office; and (c) what action followed the provision of this material to the Minister or his office.

*1469 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many staff are employed in the Human Resource Management Division of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- (2) (a) In which CASA offices are these staff located; and (b) how many staff employed in the Human Resource Management Division have a designated home base other than Canberra.
- (3) In relation to staff members employed in the Human Resource Management division of CASA have a designated home base other than Canberra: (a) how many trips did those staff make to Canberra; (b) how many days did those staff spend in Canberra; (c) what was the total cost of related airfares; (d) what was the total value of related travel allowance; and (e) for each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, what was the value, and nature, of other costs related to travel to Canberra.

*1470 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since 2002-03, on how many occasions has action been proposed or taken by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) against Transair Pty Ltd or any related company.
- (2) In each case, how and when was this action, or proposed action, communicated to Transair or related companies.
- (3) Did the Minister, or the former Minister, receive advice relating to this action, or proposed action; if so, in each case: (a) what action did CASA take or propose to take; (b) when was the advice provided to the ministers or their offices; (c) what action was taken by the ministers or their offices in

response to this advice; and (d) did CASA amend its action or proposed action against Transair or related companies.

*1471 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the employment contract for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) contain any conditions, requirements or obligations that relate to the time he is required to spend at the CASA head office in Canberra; if so: (a) what is the nature of these conditions; (b) what is the reason for the inclusion of these conditions in the employment contract; (c) how is compliance with these conditions monitored; and (d) who is responsible for such monitoring.
- (2) Since his appointment, has the current CEO properly complied with all the requirements of his employment contract, including his attendance at the CASA head office in Canberra; if not: (a) what has been the nature of the non-compliance; and (b) what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken, in response.

*1472 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) have offices in Melbourne, Moorabbin and Canberra.
- (2) What was the total cost of establishing these offices, disaggregated to show relevant costs.
- (3) What is the total cost of maintaining these offices, disaggregated to show relevant costs including but not necessarily limited to equipment purchase and hire, maintenance and staffing costs.
- (4) Does the CEO also work at a fourth office located at his residence; if so: (a) what was the total cost of establishing this office, disaggregated to show relevant costs; (b) what annual costs are met by CASA, disaggregated to show relevant costs including, but not necessarily limited to, equipment purchase and hire, maintenance and staffing; (c) what equipment has been purchased and/or hired for this office; and (d) what rules apply to the use of this equipment.
- (5) In the 2004-05 financial year, what period of time, other than weekends, was spent by the CEO working out of the office at his residence.
- (6) In the 2004-05 financial year, how many full working days did the CEO spend at: (a) his Canberra office; (b) his Moorabbin office; (c) his Melbourne office; and, if applicable (d) his home office.

*1473 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) When was the Office of the Chief Executive Officer in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) established; and (b) what was the initial staff allocation and annual budget for the office.
- (2) (a) What financial and staffing resources have been transferred from other areas of CASA into the Office of the Chief Executive Officer; and (b) in each case, when were these financial and staff resources transferred.
- (3) For each year since the establishment of the Office of the Chief Executive Officer: (a) what was the office's annual budget, establishment staffing level and actual staffing level; (b) what was the Chief Executive Officer's travel, accommodation and other expenses; (c) what variations were made

to the office budget including the cost category, the initial allocation and the revised allocation; and (d) what salaries were paid to, and travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred by officers other than the Chief Executive Officer, by category, and any variations to the level of funding for these cost categories.

*1474 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since the 2000-01 financial year, on how many occasions have family members accompanied the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on official trips.
- (2) In each case:
 - (a) who travelled with the CEO,
 - (b) was the travel intrastate, interstate or international;
 - (c) if international: (i) when did the travel commence, (ii) what countries were visited, and (iii) when did the travel conclude;
 - (d) if interstate: (i) when did the travel commence, (ii) what was the state of origin, (iii) what states were visited, and (iv) when did the travel conclude;
 - (e) did CASA meet the: (i) cost of travel, (ii) cost of accommodation, and (iii) related costs, for family members; if so: what costs were met, who approved the funding, and was the Minister or his office informed prior to the travel.

*1475 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What rules apply to partners or family members of senior departmental officers, or senior officials employed in government agencies, travelling at government expense.
- (2) What process is used to assess whether the travel costs of partners or family members of senior departmental officers or senior officials are met by the Government.
- (3) (a) Who undertakes such an assessment; and (b) who approves funding for family travel.

*1476 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) When was the Change Implementation Team (CIT) in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority established; and (b) what was its initial staff allocation and annual budget.
- (2) For each year since the CIT's establishment, what was: (a) the annual budget; (b) the establishment staffing level; and (c) the actual staffing level.

*1477 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since its establishment, how many contracts have been entered into by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Change Implementation Team (CIT).
- (2) In each case: (a) was the contract the subject of a tender process; (b) was the tender process an open or restricted tender; (c) did the tender process comply with CASA procurement guidelines; if not, what was the nature of the non-compliance and who approved the non-complying tender process; (d) who was awarded the contract; (e) what was the value of the contract;

(f) what was the contract term; and (g) what goods or services were purchased.

- (3) Which of the contracts in paragraph (2) above were the subject of an audit and, in each case: (a) who undertook the audit; (b) who initiated the audit; (c) when did the audit commence; (d) when was the audit completed; (e) who was provided with a copy of the audit report; and (f) what outcome was attributed to that audit process.

*1478 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Audit and Risk Committee:

- (1) When was the committee established.
- (2) Who initiated its establishment.
- (3) Who has chaired the committee and, in each case, what were the terms of the appointment.
- (4) Who has been appointed to the committee and, in each case: (a) what were the terms of the appointment; and (b) was the appointee a CASA employee, contractor or consultant; if a contractor or consultant, what was the name of the company that employed the appointee.
- (5) What audits have been undertaken by the committee and, in each case: (a) who determined the audit would be undertaken; (b) when did the audit commence; (c) when was it completed; and (d) what was the outcome of the audit.
- (6) In addition to the Audit and Risk Committee, what other audit processes are in place within CASA.
- (7) Since 1 January 2003, what audits have been undertaken using these other audit processes and, in each case: (a) who determined the audit would be undertaken; (b) when did the audit commence; (c) when was it completed; and (d) what was the outcome of the audit.

*1479 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did any meetings take place involving the former Minister, a member of the then Minister's staff, the Member for Leichhardt and a representative of Aero Tropics and/or Transair Pty Ltd in the then Minister's office in 2004 and/or 2005; if so: (a) for each meeting: (i) when did the meeting take place and who was in attendance, including officers from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and/or the department, and (ii) was the matter of action taken, or proposed to be taken, by CASA against Transair or any related company discussed; and (b) what action was taken by the then Minister, his staff, CASA or officers from the department following any of these meetings.

Notice given 18 January 2006

*1480 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the statement by the former Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business on 18 September 2001, 'The Government believes that Air New Zealand, as the owner of Ansett, bears heavy moral and legal responsibilities to meet Ansett employees' entitlements. The board of Air New Zealand will be vigorously pursued': (a) Can the Minister provide details of the Government's vigorous pursuit of Air New Zealand; and (b) what outcomes can be attributed to this action.

- *1481 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—With reference to the Australian Technical College, northern Tasmania:
- (1) When did the Minister approve the winning consortium.
 - (2) When did the Minister receive the business plan for the college; and (b) when did he approve the plan.
 - (3) (a) When was the funding agreement signed; and (b) can a copy of the agreement be provided; if not, why not.
 - (4) To date, what funding has been provided to the college.
 - (5) By year, what funding is proposed to be provided to the college.
 - (6) Can details be provided of: (a) the college board membership; (b) the college sites for 2006 in Launceston and Burnie; (c) the proposed future sites for Launceston and Burnie; and (d) the training delivery model.
 - (7) By course, how many student places will be available in the first year of operation.
 - (8) When will the college invite enrolments.
 - (9) (a) When will the college commence teaching; and (b) if the college will not commence operation at the commencement of the school year 2006, why not.
- *1482 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—With reference to the overseas trip by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services in January 2006:
- (1) What total travel costs and other associated expenses, if any, were met by the department in respect of the Minister, his staff and family.
 - (2) For each expenditure item, what were the costs for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's staff; and (c) the Minister's family.
 - (3) What other costs in relation to the trip, if any, were met by the Department of Finance and Administration.
- *1483 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the overseas trip by the Minister in January 2006:
- (1) When did the Minister: (a) depart Australia; and (b) return to Australia.
 - (2) Who travelled with the Minister.
 - (3) Who met the cost of the participants' travel and other expenses associated with the trip.
 - (4) If the costs were met by the Minister's department, can an itemised list of those costs be provided; if not, why not.
 - (5) What was the purpose of the Minister's overseas travel.
 - (6) Can details be provided of any official engagements, including the date and time of each engagement.
- *1484 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services, Mr Michael Taylor:
- (1) When was Mr Taylor appointed as Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

- (2) Did the Prime Minister approve Mr Taylor's conditions of employment including: (a) a \$680 payment per fortnight to cover 'temporary' accommodation arrangements in Canberra; and (b) payments up to \$6 600 per annum for 'reunion travel' including airfares and taxi fares.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, what quantum of 'temporary' accommodation payments were paid to Mr Taylor.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show airfares and taxi fares, what quantum of 'reunion travel' payments were paid to Mr Taylor.
- (5) When was Mr Taylor appointed as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- (6) Did Mr Taylor enjoy equivalent conditions of employment during his tenure as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; if so, for each of the financial years 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, what quantum of: (a) 'temporary' accommodation payments; and (b) 'reunion travel' payments, were paid to Mr Taylor.
- (7) Which other secretaries, if any, are in receipt of 'temporary' accommodation payments and 'reunion travel' payments as a condition of employment.

*1485 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, what amount has been expended on ethanol production subsidies.
- (2) For each company that has received a subsidy: (a) under what program has the subsidy been paid; (b) what was the amount of subsidy paid; (c) what volume of subsidised ethanol has been produced; (d) what feedstock has been used to produce the subsidised ethanol; (e) where are the company's ethanol production facilities located; (f) has the subsidy resulted in increased production; if so, can this increased production be quantified; and (g) how has the Government audited the subsidised production.

*1486 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—With reference to the Minister's joint announcement with the New South Wales Minister for Roads on 23 December 2005 concerning proposed jointly-funded Pacific Highway upgrades:

- (1) For each project subject to the announcement, is the Commonwealth committed to: (a) an equal share of actual project funding; or (b) a capped dollar amount; if a capped amount, what is the quantum.
- (2) When will the route be determined for the: (a) Sapphire to Woolgoolga project; and (b) the Banora Point deviation project.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1487-*1516)—

- (1) What programs and/or grants administered by the department provide assistance to the people living in the federal electorate of Bass.
- (2) When did the delivery of these programs and/or grants commence.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, what funding was provided through these programs and/or grants for the people of Bass.

- (4) For the 2005-06 financial year, what funding has been appropriated for these programs and/or grants.
- (5) For the 2005-06 financial year, what funding has been approved under these programs and/or grants to assist organisations and individuals in the electorate of Bass.

- *1487 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 - *1488 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 - *1489 Minister representing the Treasurer
 - *1490 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
 - *1491 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - *1492 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
 - *1493 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
 - *1494 Minister representing the Attorney-General
 - *1495 Minister for Finance and Administration
 - *1496 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
 - *1497 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
 - *1498 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 - *1499 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
 - *1500 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
 - *1501 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
 - *1502 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
 - *1503 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 - *1504 Minister for Justice and Customs
 - *1505 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
 - *1506 Minister for the Arts and Sport
 - *1507 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
 - *1508 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
 - *1509 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
 - *1510 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
 - *1511 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
 - *1512 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
 - *1513 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
 - *1514 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
 - *1515 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
 - *1516 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1517-*1546)—For each financial year since 2001-02, what grants or payments has the Minister's department, or have agencies for which the Minister is responsible, made to City View Christian Church Inc. (formerly known as Crusade Centre Inc.) based in Launceston, Tasmania.
- *1517 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 - *1518 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

- *1519 Minister representing the Treasurer
- *1520 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- *1521 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- *1522 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- *1523 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- *1524 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- *1525 Minister for Finance and Administration
- *1526 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- *1527 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- *1528 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- *1529 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- *1530 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- *1531 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
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- *1542 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- *1543 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- *1544 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- *1545 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- *1546 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- *1547 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
What has been the total itemised cost (including, but not limited to, legal fees, expert and consultant reports, translation, accommodation and transport expenses, miscellaneous fees and administration costs) incurred to date in support of the litigation involving: (a) Robert Jovicic; (b) Ali Tastan; (c) Fatiah Tuncock; and (d) Shayan Badraie.
- *1548 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
 - (1) What has been the total cost of accommodation, medical and other expenses for Robert Jovicic in Belgrade
 - (2) What has been the total cost of accommodation, medical and all other expenses for Ali Tastan, including all related travel.
 - (3) What has been the total cost of legal opinions regarding the Nystrom case and its consequences for those in detention and those already deported.

- (4) What has been the total itemised cost (including, but not limited to, legal fees, expert and consultant reports, translation, accommodation and transport expenses, miscellaneous fees and administration costs) incurred to date in support of the litigation involving Mr Nystrom.

*1549 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Can a list be provided of the number of Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) holders in Australia, including a breakdown by state, local government area, gender, nationality and age.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the numbers of TPV holders who have been refused a permanent visa after their original TPV has expired.

Notice given 19 January 2006

*1550 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that staff numbers in the department will grow by 11.8 per cent in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (2) Can the Minister identify the projected actual and percentage employment growth in each division of the department.

*1551 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the lease and/or purchase of additional office space and refurbishment of office space by the department in the 2005-06 financial year: by location, what costs are associated with: (a) the lease and/or purchase of additional space; and (b) the refurbishment of office space.

*1552 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For the 2004-05 financial year, what was the internal budget allocation for the Portfolio Strategic Policy and Projects Division within the department.

*1553 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When did the department or agencies for which the Minister is responsible introduce credit cards for 'travel' purposes and 'purchasing' purposes.
- (2) How is the credit card provider selected by the department and each agency.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show the number of cards issued by the department and each agency, how many travel cards have been issued to staff.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show the value of expenditure on cards issued by the department and each agency, what is the total value of purchases using travel cards.
- (5) Can a copy of the relevant chief executive's instructions in relation to travel cards be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show the number of cards issued by the department and each agency, how many purchase cards have been issued to staff.

- (7) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show the value of expenditure on cards issued by the department and each agency, what is the total value of purchases made using purchase cards.
- (8) Can a copy of the relevant chief executive's instructions in relation to purchase cards be provided; if not, why not.

*1554 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence given by the department to the Rural and Regional Affairs Legislation Committee (Rural and Regional Affairs Legislation Committee *Hansard*, Supplementary Budget Estimates, 31 October 2005) that the department has a 'best fare of the day' policy for departmental travel: Can a copy of the department's policy guidelines be provided.

Notice given 23 January 2006

*1555 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the granting of a state funeral:

- (1) What are the criteria for awarding a state funeral or memorial service.
- (2) What was the process, if any, that led to the assessment that Mr Kerry Packer met these criteria.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of the state service for Mr Packer.

*1556 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Over the past 5 years, how much money have Australian companies spent on 'facilitation' payments.
- (2) What is the estimated cost to Australian taxpayers of providing tax deductibility for 'facilitation' payments.
- (3) Following the concerns relating to Australia's laws raised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will the Treasurer commit to introducing laws banning the tax deductibility of 'facilitation' payments in the next parliamentary sitting period.
- (4) Will the Treasurer adopt the OECD's recommendation and push for stronger whistleblower protection laws to protect Australian public servants based overseas who detect instances of bribery.

*1557 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the recent and first Western Australian cyclone of the season, Cyclone Clare, and with reference to any current concerns with potential targeted terror attacks in key economic and strategic areas:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the north-west shelf of Western Australia is a key economic and strategic area, responsible for approximately 26 per cent of Australia's exports by value.
- (2) (a) Can the Minister confirm that: (i) the one Telstra Exchange services a large area including Port Hedland, Karratha and Dampier, and (ii) that there are no second-line or back-up systems; and (b) in view of the known cyclone dangers and terror concerns, what back-up or contingency is available or planned.

- (3) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the central Telstra exchange servicing that area incurred a serious roof leak and then burnt down so that for at least 3 days of Cyclone Clare there was no fixed line or mobile telephone service and only satellite phone services; (b) was the state of the roof known in advance; and (c) can details be provided.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the community lost Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) radio service as well during Cyclone Clare and why.
- (5) What effects on: (a) security; (b) emergency service coordination; and (c) community information services, did these events have during the period of Cyclone Clare.
- (6) (a) Can details be provided of when the Telstra exchange was last assessed for: (i) upgrade, (ii) maintenance, and (iii) security; (b) by whom; and (c) with what consequence.
- (7) (a) Can the Minister confirm that Telstra is responsible for the back-up systems for the ABC radio station in Karratha; (b) can details be provided of when the ABC facilities in north-west Western Australia in Karratha were last assessed for: (i) upgrade, (ii) maintenance, and (iii) security; (c) by whom; and (d) with what consequence.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm that the ABC Karratha back-up lead-acid batteries were not serviced by Telstra as they should have been under the sub-contract, and that they were flat, resulting in the ABC Karratha losing its ability to provide emergency community service during Cyclone Clare.

*1558 **Senator Murray:** To ask the President of the Senate—

- (1) For the calendar years 2004 and 2005, what were the numbers of incoming parliamentary delegations who visited Australia as guests of the Australian Parliament.
- (2) Can numbers be provided of those who visited Western Australia as part of their itinerary, and of those, how many visited Western Australia's north-west shelf.

*1559 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to a visit to Australia by Bill Lowther, a non-executive director of British Nuclear Fuels Limited: Did the Prime Minister, or anyone from the Prime Minister's office, meet with Bill Lowther; if so: (a) what was the nature of the meeting or meetings; (b) who attended any such meeting or meetings; and (c) when did any such meetings occur.

*1560 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to a visit to Australia by Bill Lowther, a non-executive director of British Nuclear Fuels Limited:

- (1) Did the Minister, or anyone from the Minister's office, meet with Bill Lowther; if so: (a) what was the nature of the meeting or meetings; (b) who attended any such meeting or meetings; and (c) when did any such meetings occur.
- (2) Did anyone from the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation meet with Bill Lowther; if so: (a) what was the nature of the meeting or meetings; (b) who attended any such meeting or meetings; and (c) when did any such meetings occur.

*1561 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to an article published in the *Herald Sun* on 18 October 2004, reporting that the Premier of Victoria, Mr Steve Bracks, will ask for funds to compensate for the loss of revenue expected after September 2006 when exemptions for motor racing cease under the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992*:

- (1) Has the Government been approached to provide compensation, subsidies or any other kind of assistance to replace tobacco advertising revenue for the Melbourne Formula One Grand Prix and/or the Phillip Island MotoGP; if so, can copies be provided of the correspondence or records; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Government considered providing revenue or assistance for this purpose; if so: (a) why; and (b) will it do so.

Notice given 24 January 2006

*1562 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the request for quote documentation contained in Attachment A to the answer given by the department to question no. 239 taken on notice during the supplementary budget estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on 1 November 2005, which: (a) outlined that the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) sought to engage a consultant to conduct a formative evaluation of the South Australian Anangu-Pitjantjatjara Lands Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Indigenous trial; and (b) detailed a proposed timeline, including the submission of a final evaluation report to OIPC on 19 December 2005:

- (1) Which consultant was selected to conduct the formative evaluation on the Anangu-Pitjantjatjara Lands trial.
- (2) Has the final report been submitted by the consultant to OIPC; if so, on what date was it submitted; if not, when does OIPC expect to receive the report.
- (3) Has the draft report been submitted to OIPC and South Australian government staff; if so, on what date was the draft report submitted.
- (4) Will the final report be made publicly available; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (5) (a) Have consultants been selected to conduct formative evaluations of any other COAG trial sites; if so, can details be provided of: (a) the location of the trial site; (b) the date upon which the evaluation began or will begin; (c) the name of the consultant; and (d) the expected date of submission of the final report.
- (6) Have any final evaluation reports been submitted in relation to other COAG Indigenous trials; if so, can copies be provided.

Notice given 25 January 2006

*1563 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts commissioned a report by the Allen Consulting Group on the economic impact of the provision of multi-channelling and other services in the digital terrestrial spectrum.

- (2) What was the cost of this consultancy.
 - (3) Will the Minister table in the Senate a copy of the report by Allen Consulting; if not, can the Minister explain why it will not be disclosed.
- *1564 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales on the North Coast Motorway:
- (1) On what date was the MOU signed.
 - (2) On what date was the working party agreed under the MOU established.
 - (3) How is the working party constituted.
 - (4) Will the working party's consideration of tolling to accelerate completion of the motorway include consideration of the \$70 toll for travel between Sydney and Brisbane proposed by the Deputy Prime Minister.
 - (5) When will the working party report to the Minister and his New South Wales counterpart.
- *1565 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Chief Financial Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provide CASA's monthly executive meeting with a list of staff who have failed to properly acquit their travel allowances and associated payments.
 - (2) What action is taken against officers who fail to properly acquit allowances and associated payments.
 - (3) Has CASA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) been named in these reports for failing to properly acquit travel allowances and associated payments; if so, can details be provided of: (a) the date of the report; (b) the nature of the CEO's failure to properly acquit expenditure; (c) the date or dates of travel; (d) the places of travel; and (e) the cost of travel including: (i) airfares, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) other expenses by expense category.
 - (4) For each occasion on which the CEO has been named, can details be provided of: (a) action taken to ensure travel was acquitted; and (b) the date travel was properly acquitted.
- *1566 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many senior Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) officers are not resident in the Australian Capital Territory.
 - (2) In each case since 2002-03, by year: (a) on how many occasions has each officer been required to travel to Canberra on official business; (b) what has been the cost of airfares and accommodation incurred in relation to travel to Canberra; (c) what other expenses, by expense category, have been incurred in relation to travel to Canberra; (d) who approved the travel; and (e) was it properly acquitted.

Notice given 30 January 2006

- *1567 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—Can a copy be provided of the report of the Border Rationalisation Task Force, *Border Australian: A Service Partnership – a report of the Border Rationalisation Task Force*, chaired by Mr Gary Sturgess.

- *1568 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many Australian nationals are imprisoned in a foreign jurisdiction; and, in each case: (a) what was the offence; and (b) in which jurisdiction they are imprisoned.
 - (2) What is the gender of the Australian nationals imprisoned in each foreign jurisdiction, broken down by the offence and jurisdiction.
- *1569 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister's statement at the National Press Club on 25 January 2006 concerning the death of 78 people on Australian roads between 23 December 2005 and 6 January 2006 that 'you can't help but conclude that driver error and driver carelessness is overwhelmingly the reason':
- (1) Between 6 January 2006 and 25 January 2006, when did the Prime Minister received a briefing on the cause of any fatal road accident over the Christmas-New Year period from: (a) the Australian Transport Safety Bureau; (b) the Department of Transport and Regional Services; (c) any other Commonwealth department or agency; (d) any state or territory roads authority; or (e) any other state or territory department or agency.
 - (2) If the Prime Minister did not receive any briefing in this period: (a) what was the basis of his knowledge of the 'overwhelming' cause of death of 78 people on Australian roads over the Christmas-New Year period; and (b) on what basis does the Prime Minister dismiss a causal link between road infrastructure and road accidents leading to death.

Notice given 31 January 2006

- Senator Allison:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1570-*1571)—With reference to an article in the *Herald Sun*, dated 18 October 2004, which reported that the Premier of Victoria (Mr Bracks) will ask for funds to compensate for the loss of revenue expected after September 2006 when exemptions for motor racing cease under the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992*:
- (1) Has the Government been approached to provide compensation, subsidies or any other kind of assistance to replace tobacco advertising revenue for the Melbourne Formula One Grand Prix and/or the Phillip Island MotoGP; if so, can copies of the correspondence or records be provided; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Government considered providing revenue or assistance for this purpose; if so, why and will it do so.
- *1570 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- *1571 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
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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 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 28 February 2006, from 4.30 pm to 9 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment.

(Agreed to 8 December 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.)

Meeting of Senate

8 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2006 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February

Monday, 27 February to Thursday, 2 March

Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:

Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June

Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
 Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
 Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
 Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September
 Monday, 9 October to Thursday, 12 October
 Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October
 Monday, 6 November to Thursday, 9 November
 Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
 Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 December 2005.)

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

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

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

10 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.)

11 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.)

12 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 12 May 2005.)

13 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 14 June 2005.)

14 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.)

15 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 21 June 2005.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister
19.06.2002	Mining—Christmas Island	
24.06.2002	Superannuation system	

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

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

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

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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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 Minchin):** 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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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 Minchin):** 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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
Leader of the Australian Greens (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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

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

Members

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

Reports presented

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

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

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee*Members*

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

Reports presented

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

42nd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

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

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*)

Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

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

Community Affairs Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator 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, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: second sitting day in 2006*)

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*)

Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005 (*tabled 28 November 2005*)

Community Affairs References Committee*Members*

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

Substitute members

Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities—

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Allison

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, 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, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiries

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: 2 March 2006*)

Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 30 March 2006*)

Response sought

Response of committee to petition on the management and prevention of gynaecological cancers and sexually transmitted infections (*referred 7 December 2005; required: last sitting day in March 2006*)

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*)

- * Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*presented to the Deputy President on 19 December 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Economics Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

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

Substitute member

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

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, Stott Despoja and Wong

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 21 February 2006*)

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*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), November 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

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

Report presented

Consenting adults deficits and household debt: Links between Australia's current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senators Brandis, Carr, Hogg, 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*) and corrigendum (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, 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, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

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*)

Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Bills relating to the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University 2005: Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 November 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 November 2005*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 (*tabled 29 November 2005*)

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, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Pacific region seasonal contract labour (*referred 7 December 2005; reporting date: 17 August 2006*)

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*)

Workplace agreements (*presented to the President on 31 October 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

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

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Lundy (*Deputy Chair*), Senators 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

Current inquiries

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 (*referred 9 November 2005; reporting date: 8 February 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 7 February 2006*)

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*), Senator Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Senators 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 inquiries

Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (*referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: 28 March 2006*)

Australia's national parks (*referred 7 December 2005; reporting date: 30 November 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*)

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*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members

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

Participating members

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

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*)

Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Government advertising and accountability (*tabled 6 December 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Crossin, 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*)

Australia's free trade agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the United States: progress to date and lessons for the future (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

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, Polley, 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*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee*Members*

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Hogg, Joyce 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, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hurley, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

Australia's relationship with China (*referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: report on the geo-political and strategic aspects of Australia's relationship with China; 30 March 2006*)

Naval shipbuilding in Australia (*referred 10 November 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in 2006*)

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*)

Opportunities and challenges: Australia's relationship with China (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Final report (*tabled 8 December 2005*)

House—Standing Committee

Members

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

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

(formerly the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD; name amended 2 December 2005 pursuant to item 39 in Part 4 of Schedule 1 of the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005)

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Faulkner, Ferguson, McGauran and Ray and Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

Current inquiry

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*)

ASIO's questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III in the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

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 members

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

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005—

Senator Bishop to replace Senator Crossin

Senator Trood to replace Senator Mason

Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005—Senator Hurley to replace Senator Crossin

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Johnston, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, 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 Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (*referred 30 November 2005; reporting date: 27 February 2006*)

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 December 2005; reporting date: 7 February 2006*)

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*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 November 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*tabled 28 November 2005*)

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, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, 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*)

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*)

* Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth)—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 December 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

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

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee*(appointed 1 April 2004; final report tabled 16 November 2004)**Report presented**Report (presented to the Deputy President on 15 November 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)***Mental Health—Select Committee***(appointed 8 March 2005; 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**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 inquiry*Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (*referred 19 April 2005*)*Reports presented*Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)Review of Audit Report no. 1, 2005-06, Management of the detention centre contracts—Part B (*tabled 6 December 2005*)**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee***(appointed 18 November 2004)**Members*Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Carr†, Joyce and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

†Senator Carr to be discharged from 13 March 2006 with Senator Lundy to be appointed in his place

*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)

Norfolk Island financial sustainability: The challenge – sink or swim (tabled 1 December 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 items 208 and 210 in Part 2 of Schedule 1 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)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 7 December 2005)

Members

Senator Allison

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

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

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)

124th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Professor David Peetz) (*tabled 6 December 2005*)

- * 125th report—Parliamentary privilege: Precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate 1966-2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 19 December 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

Members

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

Current inquiry

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

Reports 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*)

Second report of 2005—Declaration of interests: registration of Senators' share tradings; Unanswered questions and orders for documents: proposed amendments of standing orders 74(5) and 164; Repeated motions for suspension of standing orders: ruling of the President of 14 September 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 28 October 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

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

Current inquiry

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005*)

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*)

Report 404—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2003-04: Third and fourth quarters; and first and second quarters of 2004-05 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Report 405—Annual report 2004-05 (*tabled 28 November 2005*)

Report 406—Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004 Report 400: *Review of aviation security in Australia* – An interim report (*tabled 8 December 2005*)

Committee document presented

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

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee*Members*

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Senators Forshaw, Parry and Troeth 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*)

RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 2, Queensland (Eighteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Relocation of RAAF College; RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales (Nineteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions at Waterford, Perth, WA (Twentieth report of 2005) (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for AusAID at London Circuit, City, ACT (Twenty-first report of 2005) (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service at 1010 Latrobe Street, Melbourne Docklands (Twenty-second report of 2005) (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

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*)

7th report (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

8th report (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

9th report (*tabled 8 December 2005*)

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*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, December 2004 to June 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

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, Polley, 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*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Siewert (*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, Murray, Nettle, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

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

Australia's future oil supply (*referred 29 November 2005; reporting date: 15 June 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*)

The operation of the wine-making industry (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee

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

Members

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

Report presented

Report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

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

No. 13 of 2005 (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

No. 14 of 2005 (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

No. 15 of 2005 (*tabled 7 December 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: Legislative Instruments Acts—Determinations (*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: [including: Retrospectivity—Scrutiny of Bills Committee Practice] (*tabled 14 September 2005*)

Eleventh report of 2005 (*tabled 5 October 2005*)

Twelfth report of 2005 (*tabled 12 October 2005*)

Thirteenth report of 2005 (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

Fourteenth report of 2005: Accountability and Standing Appropriations (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

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*)
 Report no. 13 of 2005 (*presented 9 November 2005*)
 Report no. 14 of 2005 (*presented 30 November 2005*)
 Report no. 15 of 2005 (*presented 8 December 2005*)

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*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 13 September 2005 and 5 December 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Report presented

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

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, 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*)

Report 68—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (5) and 9 August 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Report 69—Treaties tabled on 13 September and 11 October 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Report 70—Treaty tabled on 9 November 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

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*).

HARRY EVANS

Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

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

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

A GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of each period of sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the Senate’s Internet site at aph.gov.au/senate.

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