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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 February 2006

- 1 **Senator O'Brien:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2006:

The adequacy of Australia's aviation safety regime, with particular reference to the performance by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of its functions under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*.

Notice given 27 February 2006

- *2 **Senator Hurley:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report:
- (a) all actions carried out by the Government for assisting refugee and special humanitarian visa holders in their country of departure and managing the transition of refugees and humanitarian entrants from their country of departure to their settlement in Australia;
 - (b) the processes used by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to handle the migration of the family of Mr Richard Niyonsaba to Australia and the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Niyonsaba after his arrival in Australia; and
 - (c) recommendations for improvement in the processes for assisting refugees and humanitarian entrants in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of all future new arrivals to Australia.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Future Fund Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 9 February 2006*).
- 2 **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
 In committee (*27 February 2006*).

- 3 **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).
- *4 **Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Kemp, 27 February 2006*).
- 5 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).
- 6 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).
- 7 **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).
- 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 **Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005 [2006]**
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 214 from the House of Representatives (12 September 2005).
- 11 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2005).
- 12 **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).
- *13 **Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Kemp, 27 February 2006*).
- 14 **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*).

- 15 **Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005**
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 9 February 2006*).
- 16 **Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Bill 2005 [2006]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*7 December 2005*).
- 17 **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*).
- *18 **Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2005-2006**
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2005-2006—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Kemp*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Kemp, 27 February 2006*).
- 19 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004*).
- 20 **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*).
- 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 **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*).
- 24 **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*).

25 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*).

**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 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 (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

2 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 Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Cross portfolio audit of green office procurement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

***2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Integrity of electronic customer records: Centrelink**

Consideration (*27 February 2006*).

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 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 7 February 2006

- 364 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 be extended to 16 February 2006.

Notice given 9 February 2006

- 372 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate opposes whaling and calls on the Australian Government to request Japan to withdraw its whaling fleet from Australia's southern oceans.

Notice given 27 February 2006

- *374 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the call by the Treasurer (Mr Costello) for people applying for Australian citizenship who do not 'share certain beliefs' to be refused citizenship, and those Australians holding dual citizenship who do not 'share certain beliefs' to be stripped of their Australian citizenship; and
 - (b) calls on the Treasurer to outline how that non-sharing is defined and how this could be framed in law.
- *375 **Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Humphries):** To move—That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 2 March 2006, from 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005 and related bills.
- *376 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Siewert):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on water policy initiatives be extended to the last sitting day in 2006.
- *377 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 1 March 2006, from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak.
- *378 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) recognises that:
 - (i) smoking continues to be a major cause of death and disability in Australia,
 - (ii) more than 25 per cent of adolescents aged 12 to 17 in Australia in 2004 smoked cigarettes at least weekly, and
 - (iii) research estimates that an adolescent who starts smoking today will smoke for a minimum of 16 years if male and 20 years if female;

- (b) notes that the tobacco industry depends on its ability to attract young people to use its products in order to encourage them to become addicted;
- (c) concurs with the Action on Smoking and Health Australia campaign that is calling on supermarkets to follow the lead of Coles in Tasmania by reducing its tobacco display to small rows of plain brand names and prices; and
- (d) calls on the Federal Government and state and territory governments to protect the health of Australian children and young people by requiring that:
 - (i) smoking-tobacco products are kept out of sight in all retail outlets,
 - (ii) quit smoking messages are placed at all points of retail for tobacco products, and
 - (iii) tobacco sales through vending machines are banned.

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors will meet on 6 March 2006 to consider the resumption of aspects of Iran's nuclear program,
 - (ii) the recent media reports that suggest the United States of America (US) and Israel are considering a military strike on Iran, and
 - (iii) the recent report by the Oxford Research Group that found that as many as 10 000 people could die in such an attack; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) support diplomatic initiatives to prevent Iran from pursuing nuclear weapons,
 - (ii) encourage all parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to pursue its requirements for nuclear disarmament, and
 - (iii) rule out Australian support for a military strike on Iran by the US or Israel.

***380 Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that on 23 February 2006 the Northern Territory Minister for Natural Resources, the Environment and Heritage, Ms Marian Scrymgour recommended against the proposed expansion of the McArthur River mine proposed by Xstrata Plc.,
 - (ii) the potential impact on the environment, tourism and fisheries industries dependent on local ecosystems, should the mine be approved,
 - (iii) the strong opposition of local Indigenous communities to the contamination of traditional fishing grounds and living areas,
 - (iv) the impossibility of conducting open cut mining in a waterway without serious environmental consequences, and
 - (v) that Ms Scrymgour recommended against this proposal on the grounds that it failed to meet the tests of science or sustainability; and
- (b) commends Ms Scrymgour on this decision.

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

(a) notes that:

- (i) India is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,
- (ii) the President of the United States of America (US), George W Bush, will visit India in the week beginning 26 February 2006 to advance sales of US nuclear power technology to India, and
- (iii) the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) intends to visit India where the Australian Government hopes to facilitate uranium export contracts; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

- (i) cease pressuring the state and territory governments to permit the expansion of uranium mining, and
- (ii) cease activities that deliberately undermine the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

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

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

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

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

- 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 Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 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 Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 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 Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

6 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 (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

7 Department of Defence—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

8 Migration Agents Registration 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, 9 February 2006*).

9 Australia-China Council—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

10 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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

11 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, 9 February 2006*).

12 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, 9 February 2006*).

13 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, 9 February 2006*).

14 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, 9 February 2006*).

15 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, 9 February 2006*).

16 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, 9 February 2006*).

- 17 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 February 2006*).
- 18 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Amendments, done at Nairobi, Kenya on 25 November 2005, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, done at Bonn on 23 June 1979**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).
- 19 **Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).
- 20 **Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002 and Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Legislation Review Committee—Report on the review of the Acts, December 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).
- 21 **Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Milne—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Siewert, 9 February 2006*).
- 22 **Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—Report on progress 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).
- 23 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).
- 24 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2001-02, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).
- 25 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2002-03**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).
- 26 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).
- *27 **Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (*27 February 2006*).

***28 Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2005**

Consideration (27 February 2006).

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*).

48 Community Affairs References Committee—Children in institutional care—States and territories—Response—Letters to the President of the Senate, responding to the resolutions of the Senate of 29 December 2005, from the—

Minister for Family and Community Services (Northern Territory) (Ms Lawrie), dated 9 January 2006

Premier of Queensland (Mr Beattie), dated 22 December 2005

Premier of Victoria (Mr Bracks), dated 23 December 2005

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Murray—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 7 February 2006*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (1 March 2006)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2006

368 Senator Stott Despoja: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee's 34th session was held in New York from 16 January to 3 February 2006,

- (ii) the 34th session examined the Australian Government's combined fourth and fifth periodic reports on 30 January 2006, and the Australian non-government organisation (NGO) shadow report on the Implementation of CEDAW, prepared by the Women's Rights Action Network Australia and endorsed by more than 100 organisations, on 23 January 2006,
 - (iii) the shadow report acknowledged that there 'have been clear improvements in the status of women during this reporting cycle', but a number of challenges remain for women in Australia, particularly in the areas of violence against women, leadership and political participation, law and justice, housing and utilities, health, education, and economic security and employment, and
 - (iv) the shadow report makes a number of recommendations in each of these areas, noting changes which must be implemented if CEDAW is to be fully realised in Australia;
- (b) congratulates all those involved in contributing to and compiling the Australian NGO shadow report; and
 - (c) calls on the Government to implement the recommendations contained in the shadow report before the Australian Government presents its combined fifth and sixth periodic reports to the CEDAW Committee in 2008.

On 2 March 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on workplace exposure to toxic dust.

2 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee**

Final report to be presented on the administration of the Migration Act.

General Business—Notice 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.

On 27 March 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005**

Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005

Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ellison, 9 February 2006*).

General Business—Notice of Motion

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.***

On 28 March 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

2 **Legislation Committees**

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

Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2005**

Consideration in committee of the whole (8 February 2006).

Five 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.

Six sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the 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.

On 13 April 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Bill 2005.

Eleven sitting days after today (14 June 2006)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 7 February 2006

- 1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 3), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 243 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed.

Twelve 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.

Thirteen sitting days after today (19 June 2006)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 February 2006

- 1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 383/05, made under regulation 179A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 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 Instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

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 14 September 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

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

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

Bill currently referred†

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005‡

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

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005‡

Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005‡

Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 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 varied 7 February 2006; reporting date: 14 September 2006*).

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 2006*).

Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 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 1566 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 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

588 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

590 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

592 Minister representing the Attorney-General

594 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

596 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

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 for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

601 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

602 Minister for Justice and Customs

603 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

604 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

605 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

- 607 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 609 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 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

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

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
- 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 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 18 August 2005

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

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 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 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.

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

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 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 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

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 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.

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.

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.

Notice given 30 November 2005

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 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.

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.
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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.
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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.

Notice given 9 December 2005

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 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.

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.

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.

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 work 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.

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.

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
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- 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
- 1532 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 1533 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1534 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 1535 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 1536 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 1537 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1538 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 1539 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 1540 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 1541 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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 receive 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

Notice given 2 February 2006

1572 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provide detailed justification, in terms of cost recovery, for each of its fees listed on the website.
- (2) Has an evaluation been made of the impact of these fees on trends in general aviation activity in Australia; if so, can a copy be provided; if not, why not.
- (3) How many Aviation Security Identity Card (ASIC) applications by general aviation pilots have been rejected.
- (4) What is the security or other rationale behind general aviation operators requiring three separate photo identifications (IDs) (for example, a Flight Crew Licence, Aviation Identification (AVID) and ASIC) all of which contain the same information.
- (5) What is the security rationale behind general aviation pilots requiring photo IDs but not passengers.
- (6) What has been the cost of the security measures, announced in 2005, at each remote airfield.
- (7) Is the work complete; if not, what has yet to be done.
- (8) What was done at each of these locations and how does it improve security.
- (9) Are ASICs required to be produced at all remote airfields; if not, at which airfields are they not required and why.

Notice given 3 February 2006

1573 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Was the Australian Federal Police involved in the decision to seize the artwork *Proudly unAustralian* from a billboard belonging to the Trocadero Art Space gallery in Melbourne in the week beginning 29 January 2006; if so, on what grounds.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any warrant to remove the artwork; if so, on what grounds was the warrant issued.
- (3) Is burning or defacing an Australian flag illegal under state or federal laws; if so, are artists protected from these laws by satirical or fair comment provisions.
- (4) Would such an act be considered seditious under anti-terrorist legislation.
- (5) What must be the nature and form of public complaint in order to justify such actions.

Notice given 6 February 2006

1574 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Prohibited Substance Testing Program:

- (1) How many random drug tests have been administered to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel since 30 September 2005.
- (2) Of those tested, what ranks were represented for each of the three services.
- (3) (a) Which Defence sites have been targeted in the recent round of random drug testing; (b) how many personnel were tested at each site; (c) what was their rank; (d) what date and time were the tests conducted at each site; and (e) how many personnel at each site tested positive to a prohibited substance.
- (4) How many ADF personnel are currently awaiting a determination of disciplinary action for substance abuse.
- (5) In relation to the answer to question on notice no. 1221, paragraph (3): at each of the Defence sites listed what date and time was random drug testing conducted.

1575 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of an article in the *Daily Telegraph* of 6 January 2006, which reported on the debut at Canberra Summernats Car Festival of a purpose-built army vehicle dubbed *Armygeddon*.
- (2) (a) What was the total cost of the production of the vehicle built by army trainees; and (b) what was the cost and type of the original vehicle.
- (3) Does the *Armygeddon* vehicle have any military application.
- (4) What particular aspects of its development are considered important in vehicle maintenance.
- (5) Are other similar styled vehicles planned for construction; if so: (a) how many; and (b) at what training sites will construction take place.
- (6) (a) What Australian Defence Force personnel attended the Summernats Car Festival for the purposes of providing recruitment advice for spectators; (b) how many inquiries were dealt with over the festival period; and (c) how many recruitment applications were issued.

Notice given 8 February 2006

1576 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—In relation to the Commonwealth approved and supported native forest clearing and woodchip plantation establishment project on Tiwi Islands, Northern Territory:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the statement in a Great Southern Plantations (GSP) Ltd media release of Thursday, 17 February 2005, by the project operator GSP that 'The Sylvatech acquisition will provide Great Southern access to extensive plantation land for future projects at a significant discount to current market prices for land in Great Southern's traditional plantation regions'.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that, according to GSP's own information to its shareholders, it is paying the Tiwi Island Indigenous land owners a rental of around one dollar per hectare per year for the forested land that is being cleared for woodchip plantations.

- (3) Is the Minister aware of the prices GSP and other woodchip plantation companies pay per hectare per year for land rental or lease in southern growing areas; if so, can details of these prices be provided.
- (4) Is the Minister concerned that Tiwi Island Indigenous land owners are being disadvantaged in renting their land so far below current market rates.
- (5) What does the Minister intend doing to rectify this corporate behaviour.

1577 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the BGC Brickworks Major Development Plan, currently being considered by the Minister's office, been amended to account for issues raised through the public submission period; if so, what is the nature of these amendments.
- (2) Will the Minister make a decision on the BGC Brickworks based on the amended version of the Major Development Plan, or the original version.
- (3) Will the amended version of the BGC Brickworks Major Development Plan be released publicly; if not, why not.
- (4) If the Minister sets conditions for the BGC Brickworks proposal, which version of the plan will these conditions be based upon.
- (5) Will the Minister's conditions be made available for public comment; if not, why not.
- (6) Does the Minister agree that the community submission process for this proposal is disadvantaged because the full information about the project, including the proponent's amendments, licensing, plant operation and environmental conditions have not been available for consideration by the Western Australian State Government or the public of Western Australia during the only public comment period for the proposal.
- (7) Does the Minister have full confidence in making his decision about this proposal without feedback from the Western Australian public and State Government on all aspects of the proposal.

1578 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation—

- (1) How many complaints have been made to the Government by job seekers that labour hire companies are not hiring workers once they have worked for five fortnights, at which point their job search number is revoked and the financial incentive for employing such people is no longer available.
- (2) Has the Government investigated this practice; if so, was it found to be common.
- (3) What action, if any, will the Government take to ensure that those who do find casual work are not disadvantaged by the financial incentives directed at those with job search numbers.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1579-1580)—Has the Government considered the implications of research conducted by Robert B Jackson of Duke University, in the United States of America, and others—including Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Land and Water—published in the December 2005 edition of *Science*, Volume No. 310, with regard to afforestation policy and practices; if not, does the Government have data or other information to suggest these findings are incorrect with regard to reductions in stream flows that result from forest planting.

1579 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1580 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 13 February 2006

1581 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In relation to the Workplace Giving Australia Program, can the following information be provided: (a) a brief description of the program, including the date the program commenced; (b) the total amount of funding allocated to the program in each financial year since commencement; (c) the number of employers participating in the program, by state and territory; (d) a full list of employers participating in the program; (e) the total amount of funding spent under the program, by state and territory; (f) the total amount of funding spent under the program, by federal electorate; and (g) the total amount of funding paid to each employer participating in the program.

Notice given 15 February 2006

1582 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) On what dates has the Australian Government Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs met.
- (2) At which of these meetings, if any, has the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services been absent.

1583 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided of the travel booking services used by the department and agencies for which the Minister is responsible.
- (2) Where external services are contracted, can details be provided of the value and term of the contracts.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1584-1585)—

- (1) What progress has been made in the federal campaign to tackle youth smoking, announced in the May 2005 Budget.
- (2) What advice and expertise has been sought on the effectiveness of the campaign.
- (3) What proportion of the budget will be spent on: (a) television advertising; (b) press advertising; and (c) other measures.

1584 Minister representing the Treasurer

1585 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1586 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What is the name of the SIEV X survivor who, at his own request, was interviewed via telephone by the Australian Embassy in Jakarta on the night of 22 October 2001 (the details of which were used to provide information in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade cable sent to Canberra on 23 October 2001).
- (2) Where is this person residing now.
- (3) Can the statement he provided to the Australian Federal Police be released; if so, can a copy be provided.

- (4) (a) Was the telephone call recorded; and (b) was a transcript made; if so, can copies of all the records of this interview, including notes, transcripts and/or voice recordings be provided.

1587 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the passenger manifest of the SIEV X:

- (1) Given that the Government has released two lists of passengers associated with the SIEV X—the first, lists those who disembarked five kilometres after departure, the second, those who survived the sinking and further breaks down the names of those who came to Australia—and has also made reference to a third list, which names passengers who embarked on the SIEV X, will the Government release the third list.
- (2) Has the Government made the third list available to the Government of Iraq, either directly or through any of its authorities such as the police or embassy, at any time; if so, when.
- (3) Has the Australian Government made the third list available to the post-Saddam regimes in Iraq; if so, when.
- (4) Has the Australian Government made the third list available to any other country, either through embassies or directly (for example, police to police contact).

1588 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What action was taken by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in relation to the rescue at sea on 27 March 2001, before the instigation of Operation Relex, of the suspected illegal entry vessel codenamed 'Gelantipy'.
- (2) What records are held by the AFP in relation to this vessel.

1589 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X under the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (2) Could the Government have extradited anyone else from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X under the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for their extradition.
- (3) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X independently of the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (4) Could the Government have extradited anyone else from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X independently of the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for their extradition.
- (5) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Egypt to face charges over SIEV X despite the fact that Australia has no extradition treaty with Egypt; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (6) Has anyone been prosecuted in Indonesia in relation to the sinking of SIEV X; if so, can details of the outcome of any such prosecutions be provided.

- (7) Has anyone been prosecuted in any other country in relation to the sinking of SIEV X; if so, can details of the outcome of any such prosecutions be provided.

1590 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Government issued a warrant for the arrest of Miythem Kamil Radhia for his alleged role in assisting the organising of the SIEV X voyage; if not, why not; if so, can the details be provided.
- (2) Has the Government issued warrants for the arrest of any persons other than Khaled Daoed and Abu Quassey who were allegedly involved in organising the SIEV X voyage; if not: (a) are any further investigations underway; and (b) if no further investigations are underway, does that mean that Australian authorities have concluded that no one else was involved.
- (3) Have Australian authorities contacted BASARNAS (Indonesian Search and Rescue Agency) to see what information it may hold in relation to the SIEV X sinking.
- (4) Have Australian authorities contacted the Indonesian Navy to see what information it may hold in relation to the SIEV X sinking.
- (5) Have Australian authorities contacted the Indonesian Air Force to see what information it may hold in relation to the SIEV X sinking.
- (6) Have Australian authorities contacted the Indonesian National Police Force to see what information it may hold in relation to the SIEV X sinking.
- (7) Have Australian authorities contacted any other Indonesian authority to see what information may be held in relation to the SIEV X sinking.
- (8) Will the Minister release information received from Indonesian authorities in relation to the sinking of the SIEV X.
- (9) What information does the Government have about the transfer of four bodies, said to be victims of the SIEV X, to a storage facility in Indonesia.
- (10) In relation to statements made in 2003 by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) that it would approach the Indonesian National Police (INP) seeking permission to release the INP/AFP Memorandum of Understanding, dated 5 August 1997, and Protocol, dated 15 September 2001, can details of the result of that approach be provided.

Notice given 16 February 2006

1591 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister or his department in receipt of nominations for National Heritage or World Heritage listing for the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so: (a) how many nominations; (b) from which parties; and (c) on what dates.
- (2) Has the Minister or his department received any urgent listing nominations; if so, what is the status of those nominations.
- (3) Has the Minister or his department received any appeals against the National Heritage listing for the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, how many and from whom.
- (4) If the Minister or his department has received appeals against the listing, will the details of those appeals be released.
- (5) If the Minister has received appeals against the listing, are those appeals available to the nominees and by what process.

- (6) Has the Minister or his department had any discussions or correspondence with agencies or the Government of Western Australia in relation to their views on the National Heritage listing of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, can an outline of those discussions be provided.
- (7) Has the Minister or his department had any discussions or correspondence with agencies or the Government of Western Australia in relation to their views on the World Heritage listing of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, can an outline of those discussions be provided.
- (8) Has the Minister or his department commissioned any reports into the heritage or other values of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so: (a) what are they; (b) how many have been concluded; (c) how many are outstanding; and (d) can any completed reports be released.
- (9) Does the Minister acknowledge that the heritage values of the area are of global significance.

1592 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Does the Minister recognise that the wetland habitat within the Perth Airport site is one of the priority recommended release habitats for the Western Swamp Tortoise to survive in the wild.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the airport managers have recently established on the Bassendean Sands, surrounding Munday Swamp, a very large composting facility adjacent to and up slope from Munday Swamp, which is a nationally significant wetland of high natural and cultural value and ritual and historic associations with turtles.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the very poor pollutant attenuation characteristics of Perth's Bassendean Sands.
- (4) Is the Minister aware: (a) of 1980s documentation and continued assertions by Indigenous people that a Dreaming track extends through the culturally significant Munday Swamp, to and along the Helena River; (b) that until the 1970s Allawah Grove was an important Wajuk Nyungar settlement on this land; and (c) that the airport area is richly scattered with many documented ancient artefacts of significant Indigenous heritage.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the resolution of a recent workshop attended by the Federal Airports Corporation (FAC) and the Western Australian Conservation and Land Management Authority (CALM), held at the Conservation Council of Western Australia, resolved that areas of natural and cultural value including the natural bushland and wetlands and priority turtle areas surrounding the operational part of the airport be excised from commercial control and placed under the management of the CALM.
- (6) Does the Minister support this proposal to protect this area in a CALM managed reserve.
- (7) Does the Minister agree that the Commonwealth and state governments have both recently failed to meet their objectives and targets, set out in the *National Objectives and Targets for Biodiversity Conservation 2001-2005*, especially in relation to action no. 1 (to restore and retain native vegetation and natural ecosystems), in this instance.
- (8) What is the Minister planning to do to improve the Government's record in this regard.

1593 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Perth Airport Brickworks Proposal:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the proposed brickworks area is an area of high biodiversity value, which was subject to the Western Australian *Environment Protection Act 1983* and Area M52 recommendations, including ‘that the Commonwealth of Australia retain as much uncleared land as possible’.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that: (a) System 6 area, with high biodiversity value, was nominated to the Federal Government’s register of the National Estate; and (b) this area is an area of very high Indigenous heritage value.
- (3) In relation to the Major Development Plan undertaken for the proposed Perth Airport Brickworks Project:
 - (a) what detailed Indigenous heritage cultural survey, including treatment of the Dreaming track through this area, was completed;
 - (b) what detailed fauna survey, including release program of the Short Neck Tortoise and the high use of the area by Quenda, was completed;
 - (c) what detailed flora surveys, including a treatment of the significance of the unusual form of golden-flowered *Banksia Menziesii*, was completed; and
 - (d) can the results of these studies be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) If the above studies were not undertaken, why was the Major Development Plan allowed to proceed in the absence of adequate and high quality detailed Indigenous heritage, detailed fauna and detailed flora surveys.

1594 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How much remnant bushland on the Perth Airport System 6, Area M52, has been cleared since the:
 - (a) Western Australian Environment Protection Agency released its System 6 Redbook in 1983;
 - (b) Western Australian Government released its final Bush Forever report in 2000;
 - (c) Federal Government initiated protection of Area M52 under the Australian Heritage Commission Act;
 - (d) Federal Government enacted the *Airports Act 1996*.
 - (e) Federal Government passed through each stage of the Perth Airport master plan process.
- (2) How much conservation category wetland has been cleared from the areas described in the Swan Coastal Plain Wetland Atlas in 1996, in the:
 - (a) System 6 Area M52;
 - (b) areas initiated for protection on the Register of the National Estate under the Federal Government’s Australian Heritage Commission Act; and
 - (c) conservation category wetland areas mapped in the Western Australian Government’s Bush Forever study in December 2000.
- (3) Does the Minister agree that parts of the natural surroundings of the airport have state significant fauna habitat values for the Quenda, Long Necked Turtle and other species, including proposed historic association with and proposed captive breeding program release areas for the rare and endangered Western Swamp Tortoise.

- (4) Does the Minister support the protection of high natural and cultural value areas on the register of the natural estate.
- (5) Can the Minister explain why the Commonwealth is not requiring protection of all of the 600 hectares of the high-biodiversity remnant bushland and wetlands recognised under the Western Australian biodiversity strategy called Perth Bush Forever.

Notice given 24 February 2006

*1595 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee report of 2001, which recommended that a national universities ombudsman be appointed and funded by the Commonwealth (recommendation 12, chapter four):

- (1) Are there plans to appoint a universities ombudsman; if so, when and how; if not, why not.
- (2) Is there a national policy to provide university staff with a clear mechanism to raise complaints if they believe they are being mistreated by senior officers of a university; if not, why not.

*1596 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What are the implications of the ruling of 8 December 2005 by the final Court of Appeal in France with regard to the illegality of storing spent nuclear fuel from the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor.
- (2) Does this have any impact on the decision to proceed with the new research reactor at Lucas Heights.
- (3) How soon does the Government expect the subject waste to be returned to Australia.
- (4) Where and how will it be stored when it arrives.

*1597 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Albury-Wodonga Hume Freeway Upgrade Project: Does the project meet Auslink Guidelines; if so, how is the project consistent with the guidelines and what process was put in place to guarantee consistency; if not, how does the project fail to meet the guidelines and what was the role of the Department of Transport and Regional Services in the planning of the project.

Notice given 27 February 2006

*1598 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) regulars are stationed at Norforce's Arnhem Squadron; and (b) what is the average posting time to this base.
- (2) (a) Which companies and/or agencies have the ability to supply power to government properties in this region; and (b) what contract arrangements are in place for the supply of power to government properties in Arnhem.
- (3) (a) What is the commercial unit rate for the supply of power under this contract; (b) what is the domestic unit rate for the supply of power under this contract; (c) how are these rates determined; and (d) how does the domestic unit rate compare with supply rates at other Northern Territory bases.

- (4) (a) What impact have recent increases in petrol prices had on the power supply rates for government properties in Arnhem; and (b) what was the unit (per kw/h) increase for power supply from January 2005 to December 2005.
- (5) What allowances are payable to ADF personnel stationed at Norforce's Arnhem Squadron as compensation for greater electricity costs.

*1599 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided of all foreign flagged ships that have operated on the Australian coastline under single or continuous voyage permits since 1 September 2005, including: (a) the name of the ship; (b) the dates the ship operated on the Australian coastline; (c) the cargo carried; (d) the country of origin of the ship; (e) details of the nationality of the crew; and (f) the type of permit under which the ship operated.
- (2) (a) Which of these ships carried ammonium nitrate; and (b) can details be provided, including the dates of passage and the ports between which this cargo was carried.
- (3) (a) Which of these ships carried high consequence dangerous goods; (b) can details be provided, including the cargo, the dates of passage and the ports between which these cargoes were carried; and (c) if it is not possible to identify which foreign ships were carrying high consequence goods on the Australian coastline under a single or continuous voyage permit, why not.

*1600 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will the Minister release the economic modelling that shows that providing Singapore Airlines with access to the trans-Pacific route would not advantage the Australian economy; if not, why not.

*1601 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Minister sought advice on the impact of operation of section 7(1)(h) of the *Qantas Sale Act 1992* on Qantas' capacity to outsource its heavy maintenance to Asia; if so: (a) when was the advice requested; (b) when was the advice received; (c) who provide the advice; and (d) can the advice be made available; if not; why not.

*1602 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Aviation Medicine Section:

- (1) How many current medical certificates are endorsed 'renew by CASA only'.
- (2) How are applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only' assessed.
- (3) Are all officers responsible for assessing applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only' registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.
- (4) What service standards apply to the assessment of applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only'.
- (5) Are all officers responsible for the appointment of Designated Aviation Medical Examiners registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.

- (6) Is it a requirement that the Principal Medical Officer or an officer acting in that position is registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.

*1603 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Chinese poet and writer, Shi Tao, who was sentenced to 10 years prison with forced labour, on 27 April 2005:

- (1) Can the Australian Government confirm that Mr Shi's crime was sending information about Chinese government media restrictions to a New York-based website.
- (2) Is Mr Shi being held at the high-security Chisan prison in Hunan province.
- (3) What is known of his health and wellbeing.
- (4) Does the Australian Government approve of his imprisonment; if not: (a) what action has been taken to have Mr Shi freed; (b) when was this action taken; and (c) what was the result.

*1604 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) Why is it not mandatory that planes, particularly charter flights carrying six or more passengers, be equipped with an approved terrain awareness and warning system; (b) who made this decision and when; and (c) is there a requirement for planes carrying more than six passengers in the United States to be so equipped.
- (2) In relation to the plane crash carrying five people near Benalla in 2004: (a) was this plane equipped with an approved terrain awareness and warning system; if not, could the plane crash have been avoided with such equipment aboard; and (b) did the Melbourne control tower receive (five times) an alarm triggered by the plane before it crashed; if so: (i) why was the alarm not heeded, (ii) what response did the alarm evoke on each occasion, (iii) what action has been taken about the failure to heed the alarm, and (iv) what action has been taken to ensure such alarms are heeded in the future.

*1605 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) On what date did the Minister become aware of the Telstra plan to remove 5 000 payphones over the next 7 months.
 - (2) On what date did the Minister ask Telstra to provide a copy of the Telstra Country Wide briefing note containing details of the plan.
 - (3) On what date did Telstra provide the Minister with the Telstra Country Wide briefing note.
 - (4) Can a copy of the Telstra Country Wide briefing note be provided; if not, why not.
 - (5) With reference to the Tasmanian payphones targeted for removal and identified in the Telstra Country Wide briefing note, can the following details be provided, in each case, the: (a) location, including, where applicable, the street address; (b) average usage by dollar amount by financial year for the past 3 years; (c) date the payphone was installed; and (d) proposed date of removal.
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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

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
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 Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Transport and Regional Services
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(Agreed to 9 February 2006.)

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—2005-06 additional estimates

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

2005-06 additional estimates:

Monday, 13 February and Tuesday, 14 February and, if required, Friday, 17 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February and, if required, Friday, 17 February (*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 28 March 2006 in respect of the 2005-06 additional estimates.

(Agreed to 9 February 2006.)

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

Spring sittings (2):

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.)

9 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2006 sittings:

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

(Agreed to 7 February 2006.)

***10 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order**

That the following order operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2006:

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

(Agreed to 27 February 2006.)

Orders for production of documents**11 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.)

12 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.)

13 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.)

14 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.)

15 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.)

16 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.)

17 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	
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
14.10.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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
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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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 Community Affairs References
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 Economics References
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 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References
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 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References
 Finance and Public Administration Legislation
 Finance and Public Administration References
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation
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 Legal and Constitutional Legislation
 Legal and Constitutional References
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 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

Select Committees

Administration of Indigenous Affairs
 Lindeberg Grievance
 Mental Health
 Scafton Evidence

Joint Statutory Committees

Australian Crime Commission
 Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
 Corporations and Financial Services
 Intelligence and Security
 Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
 Public Accounts and Audit
 Public Works

Joint Committees

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

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

COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

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

Members

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

Reports presented

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

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

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

Members

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

Reports presented

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

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

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

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

Current inquiry

Amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (*adopted 5 December 2005*)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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 and Polley

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 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*)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

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); tabled 7 February 2006*)

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, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stott Despoja and Wong

Reports presented

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

Provisions of the 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*)

* Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

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, Ian Macdonald, 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, Mr Lindsay and Ms Panopoulos

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, Ian Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Patterson, 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, Ian Macdonald, 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 Patterson, Ronaldson, 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, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Siewert, Watson, Webber and Wong

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)
 Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills (*tabled 12 September 2005*)
 Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 February 2006*)
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006] (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

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

Substitute member

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

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, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, 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, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, McGauran, Milne, Moore, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 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*) 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, Ian Macdonald, 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, Dr Southcott, Mr Snowdon, Mr CP Thompson, 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, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, 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, Ian Macdonald, 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*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 4 – recruitment and training (*adopted 15 September 2005*)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

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 member

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Johnston, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, Nettle, Parry, Patterson, 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: 14 September 2006*)

Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (*referred 8 February 2006; reporting date: 27 March 2006*)

Exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (*referred 9 February 2006; reporting date: 13 April 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*)

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 February 2006*)

* Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

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, Ian Macdonald, 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; final reporting date: 2 March 2006*)

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); tabled 7 February 2006*)

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); tabled 7 February 2006*)

- * 126th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Professor Barbara Pocock) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

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 ADH Smith (*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*)
- * Construction of Chancery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (First report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)
 - * Construction of Chancery, Rangoon, Burma (Second report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)
 - * 171st Aviation Squadron relocation, Holsworthy Barracks, NSW (Third report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)
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Publications—Standing Committee

Members

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

Reports presented

- 1st report (*tabled 9 December 2004*)
 - 2nd report (*tabled 17 March 2005*)
 - 3rd report (*tabled 12 May 2005*)
 - 4th report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)
 - 5th report (*tabled 18 August 2005*)
 - 6th report (*tabled 15 September 2005*)
 - 7th report (*tabled 13 October 2005*)
 - 8th report (*tabled 10 November 2005*)
 - 9th report (*tabled 8 December 2005*)
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Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Mason 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, Milne, Nash 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, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, 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, Ian Macdonald, 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*)

No. 1 of 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

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

Reports presented

Report no. 12 of 2004 (*presented 1 December 2004*)
 Report no. 13 of 2004 (*presented 6 December 2004*)
 Report no. 14 of 2004 (*presented 8 December 2004*)
 Report no. 1 of 2005 (*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*)
 Report no. 1 of 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

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*)

Reports presented

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

* Report 1/2006: Annual report 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Mason, McGauran, 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*)

* Report 71—Treaty tabled on 29 November 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

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 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
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Community Services Minister for Human Services
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.

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.