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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 27 March 2007

- 1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2007:

The impacts of the Trade Practices (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006 on growers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers, and whether the regulations should be amended, disallowed or retained.

Notice given 13 June 2007

- 2 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 6 October 2007:

An assessment of the benefits and costs of introducing renewable energy feed-in tariffs in Australia, including an evaluation of:

- (a) barriers to the expansion of the renewable energy industry in general and within the electricity market in Australia in particular;
- (b) the likelihood that carbon prices generated by an emissions trading system will be insufficient to overcome these barriers in the near term; and
- (c) options to link the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme (with an increased target) with feed-in tariffs to guarantee a viable return on investment for investors in a range of prospective renewable energy technologies.

Notice given 20 June 2007

- *3 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That Determination 2007/04: Principal Executive Office (PEO) Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions, made pursuant to subsections 5(2A), 7(3D) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, be disapproved. [F2007L01327]

Eight sitting days remain including today. To be effective, the motion of disapproval must be agreed to within 15 sitting days after the date on which the instrument was tabled (12 June 2007)

- *4 **Senator Faulkner:** To move—

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2007:

Whether the inquiries conducted by the Board of Inquiry and the Coroner of Western Australia into the fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998 resulting in the death of four crew members, were fully informed of all the circumstances leading up to the tragedy, including alleged prior warnings of poor engine maintenance standards in Navy ships, and HMAS *Westralia* in particular, and of any other matters relevant to maintenance procedures affecting the safety, reliability and capability of ships at sea.

- (2) That the committee, in the course of its inquiry, examine relevant evidence provided in the estimates hearings of the committee and the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee in February and May 2007.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2007

- *1 **Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Johnston):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to aviation, and for related purposes. *Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007.*
- *2 **Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin):** To move—That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 sittings:
If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.
- *3 **Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Notice given 18 June 2007

- 4 **Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz):** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the construction of an extension to the National Gallery of Australia.

Orders of the Day

- *1 **Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Johnston*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Johnston, 20 June 2007*).
(*Bill exempted on 14 June 2007 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)
- *2 **Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Johnston*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Johnston, 20 June 2007*).
(*Bill exempted on 14 June 2007 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)

- 3 **Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007**
Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 13 June 2007*).
- 4 **Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007**
Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Brandis, 14 June 2007*).
- 5 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Community Services, Senator Scullion*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Scullion, 12 June 2007*).
- 6 **Social Security Amendment (Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up for Australian Apprentices) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 19 June 2007*).
- 7 **Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Brandis, 14 June 2007*).
- 8 **Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Brandis, 14 June 2007*).
- 9 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007**
 In committee (*18 June 2007*).
- 10 **Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008**
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-2007
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2006-2007—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 19 June 2007*).
- 11 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ellison*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*29 November 2006*).
- 12 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 June 2006*).

- 13 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006**—(*Minister for Community Services, Senator Scullion*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Scullion, 1 March 2007*).
 - 14 **Archives Amendment Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*6 September 2006*).
 - 15 **Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 June 2006*).
 - 16 **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*).
 - 17 **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*).
 - 18 **Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*28 February 2007*).
 - 19 **Budget statement and documents 2007-08**
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, Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Brandis), 10 May 2007*).
 - 20 **Budget statement and documents 2006-07**
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, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), 11 May 2006*).
 - 21 **Budget statement and documents 2005-06**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck), 12 May 2005*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Civics and electoral education

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 18 June 2007*).

***2 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Indigenous art – securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Eggleston)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

***3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report—Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the report (*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

***4 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 84—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Trood—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report: Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report: Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North Africa—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

7 Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report: Administration and operation of the Migration Act 1958—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

8 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report: Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

- 9 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Conserving Australia: Australia’s national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).
- 10 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report: Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities—Additional information**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries)—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 29 March 2007*).
- 11 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 83—Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wortley—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 26 March 2007*).
- 12 **National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report: Antarctica: Australia’s pristine frontier: The adequacy of funding for Australia’s Antarctic Program—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Campbell—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2007*).
- 13 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 22 March 2007*).
- 14 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 22 March 2007*).
- 15 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Payne—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 March 2007*).

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

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Purchase, chartering and modification of the new fleet oiler: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).

- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 21 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Implementation of the revised Commonwealth procurement guidelines**
Consideration (6 February 2007).
- 3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 21 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Implementation of the revised Commonwealth procurement guidelines—Corrigendum**
Consideration (6 February 2007).
- 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of intellectual property in the Australian Government sector**
Consideration (6 February 2007).
- 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 23 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Application of the outcomes and outputs framework**
Consideration (6 February 2007).
- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Customs' Cargo Management Re-engineering project: Australian Customs Service**
Consideration (7 February 2007).
- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 25 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of airport leases follow-up: Department of Transport and Regional Services**
Consideration (8 February 2007).
- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Administration of complex age pension assessments: Centrelink**
Consideration (26 February 2007).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 27 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of air combat fleet in-service support: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation**
Consideration (26 February 2007).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 28 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Project management in Centrelink: Centrelink**
Consideration (26 February 2007).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Implementation of the Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997**
Consideration (20 March 2007).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2006-07—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's management of its relationship with tax practitioners follow-up audit: Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (20 March 2007).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Administration of the Job Seeker Account: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (9 May 2007).

- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Centrelink’s customer charter follow-up audit: Centrelink**
Consideration (9 May 2007).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2006-07—Performance audit—High Frequency Communication System Modernisation Project: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation**
Consideration (9 May 2007).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Preparations for the re-tendering of DIAC’s detention and health services contracts: Department of Immigration and Citizenship**
Consideration (9 May 2007).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of the Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme and Broadband Connect Stage 1: Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 18 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Administration of the health requirement of the *Migration Act 1958***
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 19 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Administration of the Community Aged Care Packages Program: Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 20 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Distribution of funding for community grant programmes: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 21 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Centrelink’s review and appeals system follow-up audit: Centrelink**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 22 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Administration of the Work for the Dole Programme: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 23 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2006-07—Performance audit—The ATO’s administration of debt collection – micro-business: Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (12 June 2007).
- 24 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Managing security issues in procurement and contracting**
Consideration (13 June 2007).

- 25 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of tribunal operations – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal**
Consideration (*14 June 2007*).
- 26 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2006-07—Performance audit—The National Black Spot Programme: Department of Transport and Regional Services**
Consideration (*19 June 2007*).
- *27 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of the Pharmaceuticals Partnerships Program: Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources**
Consideration (*20 June 2007*).

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 29 March 2006

410 **Senator Ludwig:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Howard Government's extreme workplace relations changes which took effect in the week beginning 26 March 2006, and the immediate adverse impact that they have had in undermining the employment security and conditions of all ten million working Australians; and
- (b) calls on the Government to scrap its extreme workplace relations changes and turn its attention to those areas that will realise genuine productivity improvements, in particular, fixing the nation's skills shortage.

Notice given 16 August 2006

501 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government for its failure to keep inflationary pressures in the Australian economy under control, including:

- (a) appropriately addressing the skilled labour shortage;
- (b) recognising that capacity constraints are choking the economy;
- (c) adequately addressing the rising price of petrol; and
- (d) the growing disparity between executive salaries and wages of working Australians.

Notice given 17 August 2006

- 507 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than the end of question time on 5 September 2006, the report on developments in assisted reproductive technology prepared for the Government by Matthews Pegg Consulting Pty Ltd.
Notice of motion altered on 17 August 2006 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 12 September 2006

- 546 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate supports the right of Australians to die with dignity.
- 547 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes, with deep concern, the rise of Islamaphobia in Australia and the growing threat which this poses to the cohesion of Australian society;
 - (b) condemns all manifestations of Islamaphobia wherever they occur; and
 - (c) expresses its unequivocal condemnation of all forms of racial and ethnic hatred, persecution and discrimination.

Notice given 13 September 2006

- 552 **Senators Hogg, Ludwig, McLucas and Moore:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) congratulates the Beattie Government on its re-election on Saturday, 9 September 2006;
 - (b) notes that the Liberal Party campaign was dominated by self-flegellation and that the National Party campaign was clearly spring-bogged; and
 - (c) recognises government senators for their contribution through ‘Dorothy Dixers’ and speeches in the Senate in maintaining Labor in government in Queensland.

Notice given 28 November 2006

- 648 **Senator Ray:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
 - (i) the further statement by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) on 27 November 2006 in response to Senator Ray’s question without notice on 7 November 2006, asking the Minister when he first became aware of a potential breach of 4QA of the Customs regulations in regard to the importation of goods from Iraq without the written permission of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) or his delegate,
 - (ii) that the Minister is hiding behind a current investigation into the matter by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to avoid answering a process question that goes to how long he has known that goods imported into Australia from Iraq in 2000 may not have complied with the Australian Customs Service approval procedures established to meet Australia’s obligations to enforce United Nations (UN) sanctions against Iraq,

- (iii) that the Minister's position is bogus because, as AFP Commissioner Keelty informed the estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 31 October 2006, no government minister is under investigation in regard to the matter, and
 - (iv) that this is yet another attempt by the Government to conceal its inaction and incompetence in failing to ensure that Australian companies trading with Iraq fully complied with the requirements of the UN's Oil-for-Food Programme; and
- (b) calls on the Minister for Justice and Customs to state clearly the date he first became aware that the Customs regulations may have been breached in regard to the import of goods from Iraq in 2000, between when he was appointed as the Minister for Justice and Customs on 30 January 2001 and the referral of the matter to the AFP from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through him on 23 February 2006.

Notice given 7 February 2007

696 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) child care costs are continuing to rise, with the average cost doubling under the Howard Government, and
 - (ii) a recent report from the Department of the Treasury denies there is a crisis in accessible and affordable child care, instead saying that parents are too choosy; and
- (b) calls on the Government to improve the accessibility and affordability of child care for Australian families.

Notice given 26 March 2007

760 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that Monday, 26 March 2007 marks the arraignment of Mr David Hicks before a military commission on a single charge of providing material support for terrorism; and
- (b) recognises that the trial process at Guantanamo Bay allows for conviction on evidence obtained by coercion and evidence that detainees will never be allowed to see, removal of the right to a speedy trial, and removal of the right of habeas corpus.

Notice given 28 March 2007

775 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to create incentives and a market for energy savings, which are additional to energy efficiency activities set by minimum energy performance regulation, through white certificate trading, and for related purposes. *Energy Savings (White Certificate Trading) and Productivity Bill 2007.*

Notice given 12 June 2007

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

(a) notes that the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee report, *Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages* was tabled in the Senate on 7 December 2006;

(b) notes that the report contained six unanimous recommendations, as follows:

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government and state governments facilitate unhindered access to their archives for Indigenous people and their representatives for the purposes of researching the Indigenous stolen wages issue as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs agree on joint funding arrangements for:

- (a) an education and awareness campaign in Indigenous communities in relation to stolen wages issues; and
- (b) preliminary legal research on Indigenous stolen wages matters.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government provide funding in the next budget to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies to conduct a national oral history and archival project in relation to Indigenous stolen wages.

Recommendation 4

The committee recommends that:

- (a) the Western Australian Government:
 - (i) urgently consult with Indigenous people in relation to the stolen wages issue; and
 - (ii) establish a compensation scheme in relation to withholding, underpayment and non-payment of Indigenous wages and welfare entitlements using the New South Wales scheme as a model, and
- (b) the Commonwealth Government conduct preliminary research of its archival material in relation to the stolen wages issues in Western Australia.

Recommendation 5

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government in relation to the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, and the state governments of South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria:

- (a) urgently consult with Indigenous people in relation to the stolen wages issue;
- (b) conduct preliminary research of their archival material; and
- (c) if this consultation and research reveals that similar practices operated in relation to the withholding, underpayment or non-payment of Indigenous wages and welfare entitlements in these states, then establish compensation schemes using the New South Wales scheme as a model.

Recommendation 6

The committee recommends that the Queensland Government revise the terms of its reparations offer so that:

- (a) Indigenous claimants are fully compensated for monies withheld from them;
 - (b) further time is provided for the lodgement of claims;
 - (c) claimants are able to rely on oral and other circumstantial evidence where the records held by the state are incomplete or are allegedly affected by fraud or forgery;
 - (d) new or further payments do not require claimants to indemnify the Queensland Government; and
 - (e) the descendants of claimants who died before 9 May 2002 are included within the terms of the offer.
- (c) notes that the Federal Government has yet to respond to the report's recommendations, more than 6 months after the report was tabled, and did not act on recommendation 3 in the 2007-08 Federal Budget;
 - (d) urges the Federal Government to table a response to the report in the Senate by 7 August 2007; and
 - (e) requests state governments to provide a response to the Senate regarding those recommendations which are relevant to them.

Notice given 14 June 2007

- 814 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to recognise refugees of climate change induced environmental disasters, and for related purposes. *Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007.*

Notice given 19 June 2007

- 823 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) considers the use of Kirribilli House, the Prime Minister's Lodge and Parliament House for political party fundraising to be at odds with the ethical conduct expected of senators, members, ministers and presiding officers; and
- (b) calls on the Government to develop a model code of ethical conduct for ratification and implementation by the Federal Parliament as a matter of urgency.

- 827 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 21 June 2007 marks one month since Afghan Member of Parliament and democracy advocate Ms Malalai Joya was suspended from the Afghan Parliament as a result of criticising some of its members,
 - (ii) Ms Joya's electoral term runs for another 3½ years and she received the second highest number of votes in the district that she represents,
 - (iii) a core criticism of the Taliban regime was that its treatment of women was deeply oppressive, and
 - (iv) Ms Joya has been a strident critic of the continued oppression of women in Afghanistan and has said that life for women in Afghanistan today is no better than life under Taliban rule, and

- (v) supporters of Ms Joya are organising, around the world in the week beginning 18 June 2007, to mobilise international support for her case and call for her reinstatement to the Afghan Parliament; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) communicate to the Afghan Government its concern at the suspension of Ms Joya from the Parliament and request that she be reinstated to the Afghan Parliament, and
 - (ii) urge the Afghan Government to take steps to protect and promote the rights of women in Afghanistan.

Notice given 20 June 2007

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

- (a) acknowledges that 2007 is the half-time progress mark in the global effort to meet the Millennium Development Goals, which aim to halve extreme global poverty by 2015;
- (b) notes that, since the Millennium Declaration was signed by the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) and other world leaders, there has been progress, with:
 - (i) an additional 34 million children worldwide afforded the opportunity to enter and complete primary school,
 - (ii) more people than ever receiving treatment for HIV, and
 - (iii) 30 of the world's poorest countries receiving debt cancellation or some reduction;
- (c) affirms the positive contribution that Australia has already made, by:
 - (i) providing up-front, Australia's 10-year contribution to multilateral debt relief for poor nations,
 - (ii) increasing Australia's aid budget to approximately \$4 billion by 2010,
 - (iii) strengthening Australia's commitment to coordinate aid with other donors and better aligning Australia's aid with partner countries' own priorities and processes, and
 - (iv) renewing the focus of Australia's aid on education and health;
- (d) notes that on current progress, the promise of the declaration will not be fulfilled and that many of the Millennium Development Goals will not be achieved unless new action is taken and new resources are mobilised;
- (e) affirms the work of the 'Make Poverty History' and 'Micah Challenge' campaigns in raising public awareness and generating new support for international poverty reduction efforts; and
- (f) calls on Australia to continue to play its part in supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by maintaining and increasing its efforts through:
 - (i) a generous, effective and poverty-focused aid program,
 - (ii) a commitment to reducing the unsustainable debt burden of poor countries,
 - (iii) the promotion of good governance in developing country institutions and communities,
 - (iv) advocacy for fairer international trade rules, and
 - (v) addressing the development challenges posed by climate change.

- *830 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the Senate requests that the Government ask that an appropriate examination or review be undertaken of the remuneration and entitlements of members and senators by the Remuneration Tribunal, on the basis that it take a holistic view with respect to members' and senators' salary packages and allowances, what they need to do their jobs, and their superannuation entitlements; and that the tribunal report to the Government in 2008.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June 2007 pursuant to standing order 77.

- *831 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* to limit unfair banking and credit card penalty fees, and for related purposes. *Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007.*

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

- 1 ***Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

- 2 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2006***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

- 3 ***Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania—Variation, dated 23 February 2007***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Barnett, 14 June 2007*).

- 4 ***Australia—Indonesia Institute—Report for 2005-06***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Ian Macdonald, 14 June 2007*).

- 5 ***Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman's report on inspections of surveillance device records for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006—Australian Crime Commission and Australian Federal Police***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

- 6 ***Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report for 2005-06 on the operations of the Act***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Ian Macdonald, 14 June 2007*).

- 7 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 126/07 to 137/07***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

8 Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (Livecorp)—Report for 2005-06

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

9 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 138/07 to 199/07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).

10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2006—Social justice (Report no. 1/2007)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2006—Native Title (Report no. 2/2007)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

Orders of the Day

1 Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(Senate bill)

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)—(Senators Bartlett and 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*).
- 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—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 12 October 2006*) (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 21 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2004]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
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*).

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

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

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

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

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 (*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 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 (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*).

49 Administration—Government accountability

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate notes that:

- (a) over a decade in office the Howard Government has established a new low for government integrity and accountability; and
- (b) the Howard Government's record is littered with scandals involving rorts, waste and incompetence (*2 March 2006*).

50 Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

51 Family and Community Services—Child care

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lundy—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government for ignoring in the Budget the urgent needs of parents struggling with the cost, availability and quality of child care, noting:

- (a) the incompetence of the Howard Government in allocating \$60 million for child care places that will never be delivered given that there are already 100 000 unallocated places due mainly to the shortage of child care professionals;
- (b) the failure to bring forward the 30 per cent rebate on out-of-pocket child care expenses despite criticism of the rebate from the Government's own backbench and the fact that child care fees are rising far in excess of other goods and services; and
- (c) that parents who cannot find child care, cannot work, adding to the skills shortage (*Senator Kemp, in continuation, 11 May 2006*).

52 Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006

Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006—(Senate bills)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2006*).

53 Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2006*).

54 Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Access to Detention Centres) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 19 June 2006*).

55 Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), in continuation, 14 September 2006*).

- 56 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 June 2006*).
- 57 **Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 22 June 2006*).
- 58 **Australian Defence Force commitment to southern Iraq—Ministerial statement**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 22 June 2006*).
- 59 **Australian Defence Force commitment to Afghanistan—Ministerial statement**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 August 2006*).
- 60 **Family and Community Services—Housing affordability**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—
 (a) condemns the Howard Government for its failure to address the widely acknowledged affordability crisis in Australia’s rental and home ownership markets; and
 (b) calls on the Howard Government to show leadership on this critical issue by working with state, territory and local governments, industry, business and the not-for-profit sector to develop a national housing strategy.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Bartlett—Omit paragraph (a), substitute:
 “(a) condemns the Howard Government and the state and territory Labor governments for their failure to address the widely acknowledged affordability crisis in Australia’s rental and home ownership markets; and”
 (*Senator Sherry, in continuation, 10 August 2006*).
- 61 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 August 2006*).
- 62 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Return to Procedural Fairness) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 August 2006*).
- 63 **Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 September 2006*).

64 Health—Medibank Private

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Government is divided over the sale of Medibank Private,
- (ii) the public is concerned about the consequences of the sale of Medibank Private and its impact on the affordability of private health insurance, and
- (iii) despite government promises to keep private health insurance premiums low, they have risen by almost 40 per cent since 2001; and

(b) calls on the Government to abandon plans to sell-off Medibank Private.

And on the amendment moved by Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)—At the end of paragraph (b), add “, unless the Government is prepared to produce a white paper that substantiates and supports its proposal, to engage in a genuine period of public consultation, and to be able to confirm it has widespread public support for its sale” (7 September 2006).

65 Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2006*).

66 Social Security (Helping Pensioners Hit by the Skills Shortage) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Evans)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Campbell, in continuation, 14 September 2006*).

67 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2003 [2006]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Bartlett and McLucas)

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 10 October 2006*).

68 Migration Legislation Amendment (Enabling Permanent Protection) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 12 October 2006*).

69 Skills for the future—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nettle—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Wong, in continuation, 12 October 2006*).

70 Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fifield, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).

71 Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Review) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).

- 73 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Human Rights) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 74 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 75 **Economy—Inflation and interest rates**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate notes:
- (a) that the interest rate rise on 8 November 2006 is the eighth consecutive increase since May 2002 and the fourth since the 2004 election;
 - (b) that the headline inflation rate increased to 3.9 per cent for the year ending September 2006;
 - (c) that national and personal debt levels are increasing; and
 - (d) the lowering of productivity and trending down in manufacturing and services export (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 76 **Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) Bill 2006 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Carr)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*30 November 2006*).
- 77 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Fair Process) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 30 November 2006*).
- 78 **Climate Change Action Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 22 March 2007*).
- 79 **Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown, and Senators Bishop and Bartlett)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 5 December 2006*).
- 80 **Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senators Stott Despoja, Troeth, Nettle and Carol Brown)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).
- 81 **Removal of Recognition of US Military Commissions (David Hicks) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senators Nettle and Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 7 December 2006*).

- 82 **Australian Territories Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 8 February 2007*).
- 83 **Environment—Human activity and climate change**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the continued scepticism of the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) over the link between human activity and climate change,
(ii) that the Howard Government has dragged the chain on climate change for more than 10 years, and
(iii) the environmental and economic cost of past inaction and any future delays in tackling this challenge; and
(b) calls on the Government to recognise the link between human activity and climate change and join in the efforts of the international community by ratifying the Kyoto Protocol (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 8 February 2007*).
- 84 **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 27 February 2007*).
- 85 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Nettle*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 86 **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007**—
(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 87 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Removal of Unjust Restrictions) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 88 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 89 **Environment—Nuclear energy**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) nuclear energy is not economically viable in Australia,
(ii) nuclear energy is not a climate change solution for Australia, and
(iii) the delay in establishing nuclear power would only exacerbate the 11 years of inaction under the Howard Government; and

- (b) calls on the Government to publish the details of any plans, including possible locations, for nuclear reactors and high level nuclear waste dumps in Australia (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 90 **Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography Materials) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Campbell, in continuation, 21 March 2007*).
- 91 **Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Nettle*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 26 March 2007*).
- 92 **Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison and Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 29 March 2007*).
- 93 **Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 29 March 2007*).
- 94 **Global initiative on forests and climate—Ministerial statement**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison), in continuation, 29 March 2007*).
- 95 **Economics—Budget 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate notes the 2007-08 Budget:
(a) fails to:
 (i) tackle Australia's poor productivity performance,
 (ii) meet the challenges of climate change,
 (iii) deliver practical solutions to the water crisis, and
 (v) ensure long-term investment in broadband infrastructure; and
(b) focuses on a short-term election fix rather than long-term nation building (*Senator Humphries, in continuation, 10 May 2007*).
- 96 **Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).
- 97 **Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).
- 98 **Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 18 June 2007*).

99 **Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 18 June 2007*).

*100 **Independent Contractors Amendment Bill 2007 (No. 2)**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Sterle*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Sterle, in continuation, 20 June 2007*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 31 July 2007

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Next day of sitting (7 August 2007)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

*1 **Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 June 2007*).

*2 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 June 2007*).

On 9 August 2007

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector.

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

Report to be presented on Australia's public diplomacy.

Five sitting days after today (14 August 2007)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2007

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Australian Federal Police Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 326 and made under the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, be disallowed. [F2006L03972]

Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 15 August 2007

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the current level of academic standards of school education.

On 16 August 2007

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations.
- 2 **Economics—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on private equity markets.

Eight sitting days after today (10 September 2007)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 June 2007

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2007 and the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2007, made under subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*, be disallowed. [F2007L00371 and F2007L00372]

Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2007 (12 September 2007)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Standing Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2007.

On 13 September 2007

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the cost of living pressures on older Australians.

On 20 September 2007

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Patient Assisted Travel Schemes.

On 15 October 2007

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2007

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the extensive history of violence directed towards human rights defenders and non-violent activists in Colombia, and
 - (ii) that Article 3 of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits violence against civilians in the context of armed conflict that occurs within the borders of a sovereign state and is not of an international character;
- (b) recognises the importance of human rights and peace work in the current situation in Colombia;
- (c) recalls its resolution of 4 August 2004, in which it expressed its ‘hope that the Colombian Government will guarantee the safety of the people of San José de Apartadó, and of the international observers who accompany them’;
- (d) remembers the death of Luis Eduardo Guerra, leader of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, his partner and child, in a massacre of eight people in the Department of Antioquia, Colombia in February 2005;
- (e) notes that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has strongly condemned these murders and called on Colombian authorities to prosecute those responsible;
- (f) recognises the importance of the Colombian Public Prosecutor calling in 69 soldiers from the 17th Brigade, based in Carepa, Department of Antioquia, for questioning in regards to this tragic crime; and

- (g) calls on the Colombian Government to:
- (i) ensure that this investigation is carried out in an exhaustive and impartial manner to ascertain all the relevant facts and bring to justice those responsible for the murders, and
 - (ii) open an investigation of the 130 murders of members of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó which have not yet been duly investigated.

On 30 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 13 June 2007; reporting date: 31 July 2007*).

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

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government Bills

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.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Private Senators' Bills

Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 1 March 2007.

Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 19 June 2007.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 3211 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 representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (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

- 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.

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.
- 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

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 3 May 2005

583 **Senator 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.

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.

588 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

590 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

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 18 August 2005

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 representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—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 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

1232 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 5 October 2005

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 5 January 2006

- 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 18 January 2006

- 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.

- 1510 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 16 February 2006

1591 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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.

Notice given 27 March 2006

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1656-1657)—

- (1) What amount of money has the Government provided to the Jean Hailes Foundation since 2000, including the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) Can the Government confirm that its funding to the Jean Hailes Foundation for professional development for clinicians and community education primarily focused on the health and wellbeing of women aged between 35 and 65 years is due to expire at the end of June 2006.
- (3) Does the Government intend providing the Jean Hailes Foundation with more funding after this date; if so, what will be the amount of that funding and over what period of time; if not: (a) why not; and (b) will an equivalent sum of money be provided to another organisation to continue professional development for clinicians and community education on the health and wellbeing of women aged between 35 and 65 years.

1656 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1657 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1660 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of reports that the organs of executed prisoners in China are removed without their knowledge or consent and used for transplant purposes.
- (2) What information does the Minister have on the validity of these reports.
- (3) Has the Government investigated whether any Australian citizens have received organ transplants from executed prisoners in China; if so, what were the findings from this investigation; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government investigated whether Australians are involved in overseas commercial organ transplant activities; if so, what were the findings from this investigation; if not, why not.
- (5) What current laws regulate the involvement of Australians in commercial organ transplant activities in Australia and overseas.

Notice given 4 May 2006

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1719-1720)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recent letter in the *Australian Doctor* magazine that reports that some medical practices are refusing to perform pap smears.
- (2) What information is available on the prevalence of medical practitioners or medical practices refusing to provide services to patients requesting them, including the nature of the services.
- (3) What information is available on the reasons that medical practitioners or medical practices may be refusing to provide services to patients requesting them.
- (4) Does the Government intend to investigate why some medical practitioners or medical practices may be refusing to perform particular services; if not, why not.
- (5) What are the legal requirements for medical practices and individual medical practitioners with regard to providing access to medical services.
- (6) What processes, if any, does the Government require medical practitioners receiving government funds to put in place to ensure that their patients have access to comprehensive medical care.

1720 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

Notice given 6 June 2006

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1883-1911)—Did the Minister host a post-budget function after the release of the 2006-2007 Commonwealth Budget on 9 May 2006; if so:

- (a) where was the function held;
- (b) who was invited to the function;
- (c) who attended the function;
- (d) what was the cost of hosting the function;
- (e) was the cost charged to the Commonwealth; if not, to whom was it charged;
- (f) was a ticket price charged; if so, what was the ticket price;

- (g) if no ticket price was charged, was a donation requested;
- (h) how much revenue was collected by way of tickets charged or donations received; and
- (i) to whom was the revenue paid.

1884 Minister representing the Treasurer

1885 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1888 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1891 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

1911 Minister representing the Deputy Prime Minister

Notice given 8 June 2006

1938 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can details be provided of all Commonwealth-funded state funerals since October 1996.
- (2) For each state funeral, can details be provided of the itemised cost to the Commonwealth.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1985-2003)—What is the quantum of payments made as settlements to claims for monetary compensation by the departments and agencies for which the Minister is responsible that are consistent with Legal Services Directions issued under section 55ZF of the *Judiciary Act 1903*, by financial year, since the first Legal Services Directions were issued.

1985 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1994 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Notice given 16 June 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2069-2070)—

- (1) Can details be provided of all costs associated with the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America, Canada and Ireland in May 2006, disaggregated to show costs including: (a) transport; (b) accommodation; (c) food; (d) beverages; (e) security; and (f) other specified costs.
- (2) Can details be provided of costs associated with all: (a) personal staff; (b) departmental staff; (c) family members; and (d) other persons who accompanied the Prime Minister on this visit.

2069 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2071 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America, Canada and Ireland in May 2006: Can details be provided of the accommodation for each night, including:

- (a) the name and address of the accommodation;
- (b) the number of rooms or suites booked for: (i) the Prime Minister, and (ii) other members of the Prime Minister's party;
- (c) the cost of accommodation for: (i) the Prime Minister, and (ii) other members of the Prime Minister's party; and
- (d) the cost of: (i) food, (ii) beverages, and (iii) other specified items, for: (A) the Prime Minister, and (B) other members of the Prime Minister's party.

2078 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What costs would be incurred and what ramifications are there if the administration of the Medicare Levy surcharge was adjusted to ensure that it affects or is calculated for same sex couple on the same basis as mixed sex couples.
- (2) In view of the Prime Minister's statements in favour of ending discriminatory provisions, does the government intend to address this deficiency.

Notice given 14 July 2006

2155 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the Preparing to Appear Before Parliamentary Committees seminars hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission:

- (1) Can details be proved for each seminar since inception, including the date, duration, location, presenters (including external presenters) and number of attendees by department and agency.
- (2) Can a copy of all related training materials be provided.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that attendance at each seminar costs departments and agencies \$1,700 per officer.
- (4) What related attendance fees has the Australian Public Service Commission collected from each department and agency.
- (5) For each seminar, what costs were incurred by the Australian Public Service Commission, disaggregated to show venue, food, beverages, external consultants and other identified costs.

2156 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the Parliamentary Committees – Managing the Politics, Perception and Risk sessions hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission:

- (1) Can details be provided for each session since inception, including the date, duration, location, presenters (including external presenters) and number of attendees by department and agency.
- (2) Can a copy of all related training materials be provided.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that attendance at each seminar costs departments and agencies \$230 per officer.
- (4) What related attendance fees has the Australian Public Service Commission collected from each department and agency.
- (5) For each session, what costs were incurred by the Australian Public Service Commission, disaggregated to show venue, food, beverages, external consultants and other identified costs.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that: (a) the Australian Public Service Commission advertised a session in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* advising prospective attendees that attendance would help them understand 'how you need to prepare for a successful parliamentary committee appearance and what approach can be career-threatening'; and (b) the same description of the session is published on the Australian Public Service Commission website.

- (7) Can details be provided of the 'career-threatening' approaches covered in the session.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees that attendance would help them gain an understanding of the 'politics behind' the parliamentary committee process.
- (9) Does section 10(1) of the *Public Service Act 1999* provide that 'the APS is apolitical, performing its functions in an impartial and professional manner'.
- (10) What is the nature of the political advice provided to attendees at these sessions hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission.
- (11) What political expertise does the Australian Public Service Commission possess.
- (12) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees they would receive 'insider tips on how to provide evidence'.
- (13) What 'insider advice' is offered by the Australian Public Service Commission at these sessions.
- (14) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees they would receive 'advice on questions on notice'.
- (15) What advice does the Australian Public Service Commission provide at these sessions in relation to questions on notice.

Notice given 19 July 2006

2234 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) On what date did Austral Ships first apply for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia.
- (2) How many visas did Austral request.
- (3) (a) On how many subsequent occasions has Austral applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.
- (4) (a) What were the skills required by Austral in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (5) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (6) Were the above positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (7) Did Austral seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.

- (8) How did the Government ensure that the above positions were properly advertised by Austral prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.
- (9) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by Austral; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2235 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) When did the engineering company, United Group first apply for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia.
- (2) How many visas did United Group request.
- (3) (a) On how many subsequent occasions has United Group applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.
- (4) (a) What were the skills required by United Group in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (5) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (6) Were the above positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (7) Did United Group seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.
- (8) How did the Government ensure that the positions were properly advertised by United Group prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.
- (9) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by United Group; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2236 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Has Qantas applied for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia; if so, how many visas has Qantas requested.
- (2) (a) On how many occasions has Qantas applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.

- (3) (a) What were the skills required by Qantas in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (4) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (5) Were these positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (6) Did Qantas seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.
- (7) How did the Government ensure that the positions were properly advertised by Qantas prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.
- (8) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by Qantas; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2237 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) How many Long Stay Migrant [457] Visas have been issued to foreign workers employed in the red meat processing sector by: (a) month; (b) year; and (c) employer.
- (2) Has the Government set a minimum hourly rate for foreign workers holding 457 visas who are employed in the red meat processing sector in line with the Government's 'Work Choices' amendments to the *Workplace Relations Act 1997*; if not: (a) on what basis has the Government determined that the minimum pay rates provided for under the program should be inconsistent with the Work Choices amendments that apply to Australian workers in the red meat processing sector; (b) what is the minimum rate of pay that applies to these workers; (c) how was that rate determined; (d) to what hours of work does the minimum rate apply; and (e) how is the payment of the minimum rate enforced.
- (3) Does the Long Stay Migrant Visa Program provide for a reduction in the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders employed in regional centres; if so, is the reduction in the minimum rate for these workers set at a specific level or is the rate determined by the specific circumstances of an employer.
- (4) If the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders in regional centres is set at a specific level, is that rate specified by legislation, or some other form of legal authority; if not: (a) how is the rate set; and (b) how is compliance with the minimum rate enforced.

- (5) If the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders employed in regional centres is determined by the specific circumstances of an employer: (a) who determines what the rate of pay will be; (b) who monitors the payments to these workers to ensure that they are paid that rate; (c) what is the quantum of the discretion available to determine pay rates in these circumstances; and (e) how is the quantum determined.

Notice given 28 July 2006

- 2265 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Can the following details be provided for each of the compensation payments made to Australian veterans since 1996: (a) the date of the payment; (b) the payment amount; (c) the nature of the compensable injury; (d) the legislative vehicle through which payment was effected; (e) whether the case was the subject of appeal and the out of that appeal; and (f) the cost of legal services associated with the case.

Notice given 31 July 2006

- 2269 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that on 25 July 2006 a member of the House of Lords asked a written question of the British Government concerning its knowledge of any payments made by British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Limited to Ansett Transport Industries Operations Limited and East West Airline Operations Limited, under an agreement dated 3 September 1993, in connection with design flaws in the BAe 146 aircraft, allowing contamination of cabin air by oil and other fumes.
- (2) Is the Government aware of any payments pursuant to such an agreement: (a) if so: (i) what is the quantum of these payments, (ii) what are the full terms of the agreement, and (iii) can a copy of the agreement be provided; and (b) if not, will the Minister investigate this matter.

Notice given 8 August 2006

- 2316 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1866:

- (1) Has the Minister reviewed the Hansard which records his answer to a question without notice from the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives on 30 May 2006 concerning the Grains Research and Development Corporation-funded work by Single Vision on alternatives to the 'single desk' for wheat exports.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that his answer to the question from the Leader of the Opposition does not disclose the date on which he became aware of this work by Single Vision.
- (3) On what date did the Minister become aware of the Grains Research and Development Corporation-funded work by Single Vision on alternatives to the 'single desk' for wheat exports.
- (4) How did the Minister become aware.

Notice given 9 August 2006

2322 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to: (a) the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* dated December 1998 that ministers attending Cabinet or Cabinet committee meetings declare private interests that give rise or are likely to give rise to a conflict with their public duties; (b) the requirement under the *Cabinet Handbook* dated March 2004 that ministers should take into account the interests of family members and all interests of their own when considering whether to make a declaration of interest; and (c) the Prime Minister's admonition to ministers to adhere to 'the spirit as well as the letter' of the *Cabinet Handbook*:

- (1) Did the Treasurer declare the Qantas gift of a business class upgrade for his three children on a flight between Los Angeles and Melbourne preceding Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route: (a) if so: (i) on what date was the declaration made and recorded by Cabinet officers, and (ii) did the meeting excuse the Treasurer from the discussion or explicitly agree to his taking part; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what action has the Prime Minister taken with respect to the breach of his ministerial code of conduct.
- (2) Did the Treasurer declare any other matters including complimentary airline lounge memberships, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines; if so: (a) what was the nature of the declaration; (b) on what date was it made; and (c) was the Treasurer excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.
- (3) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing declare the Qantas gift of a business class upgrade for himself and his wife on a flight between Sydney and London preceding the Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route: (a) if so: (i) on what date was the declaration made and recorded by Cabinet officers, and (ii) did the meeting excuse the Minister from the discussion or explicitly agree to his taking part; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what action has the Prime minister taken with respect to the breach of his ministerial code of conduct.
- (4) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing declare any other matters including complimentary airline lounge memberships, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines; if so: (a) what was the nature of the declaration; (b) on what date was it made; and (c) was the minister excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.
- (5) Which other Cabinet ministers declared complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines preceding Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route.
- (6) In each case please identify the minister and provide details of: (a) the declaration; (b) the date it was made; and (c) whether the minister was excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.

- (7) With reference to chapter 9 of *APS Values and Code of Conduct in Practice: A Guide to Official Conduct for APS Employees and Agency Heads* dated 2005 relating to avoiding and managing conflict of interest: (a) does the department maintain up-to-date registers of pecuniary interests and/or gifts related to agency heads, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and those acting in SES positions; (b) did the Prime Minister and the Secretary of his department ensure that details were up-to-date with respect to officers responsible for the provision of advice in relation to the Government's review of international air services policy; and (c) did relevant declarations include complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines.
- (8) With reference to the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: has any member of the Prime Minister's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so, were those interests immediately declared and recorded in a written register; and if, in any case, such interests have not been immediately declared and recorded, why not.

2324 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to chapter 9 of *APS Values and Code of Conduct in Practice: A Guide to Official Conduct for APS Employees and Agency Heads* dated 2005 relating to avoiding and managing conflict of interest:

- (1) Does the department maintain up-to-date registers of pecuniary interests and/or gifts related to agency heads, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and those acting in SES positions.
- (2) Did the Treasurer and the Secretary of the department ensure that details were up-to-date with respect to officers responsible for the provision of advice in relation to the Government's review of international air services policy.
- (3) Did relevant declarations include complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines.
- (4) With reference to the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* dated December 1998 that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: has any member of the Treasurer's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so, were those interests immediately declared and recorded in a written register; and if, in any case, such interests have not been immediately declared and recorded, why not.

Notice given 15 August 2006

2378 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to House of Representatives question on notice no. 2116 (House of Representatives *Hansard*, 29 May 2006, p. 156) concerning the development of land at Badgerys Creek, in which the Minister advised ‘The Government also previously said that it would retain the land at Badgerys Creek in Commonwealth ownership and protect the site from incompatible development in surrounding areas’.

- (1) What type of development is defined as ‘incompatible development’.
- (2) What type of development is defined as ‘compatible development’.
- (3) Given that the site is to be protected from incompatible development, what does the Government intend to do with this site.
- (4) If the Government has no plans for the site at present, when will a final decision be taken on this site.
- (5) Does the Minister intend to allow development on the land that is exempt from state and local government planning regimes.

Notice given 17 August 2006

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2399-2416)—Has the Minister met with representatives of the Wilderness Society in the past 5 years; if so, on what dates.

2400 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2402 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Notice given 24 August 2006

2431 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the report *Review of Illegal Workers in Australia: Improving immigration compliance in the workplace* published by the department:

- (1) Has the Government issued a response to this review; if not: (a) why not; and (b) does the Government intend to issue a response.
- (2) For each recommendation, can an indication be given of: (a) the current status of the implementation of the recommendation; (b) the progress of the implementation of the recommendation; (c) any monies expended in the implementation of the recommendation; (d) whether any punitive action has been taken against an employer as a result of that recommendation; if so, can details be provided; and (e) whether any legislative change is necessary to implement the recommendation, for instance, the Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006; if so, what is the status of the legislation.
- (3) Have any persons been removed from Australia as a direct result of the implementation of any of these recommendations; if so, how many have been removed.

2432 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Is the department currently drafting any legislation to give effect to any of the recommendations of the report *Review of Illegal Workers in Australia: Improving immigration compliance in the workplace* published by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs; if so, which

recommendations are being used as a basis to draft legislation, and can details be provided.

Notice given 28 August 2006

- 2446 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that agency fees and commissions are not included in the list of items that can be deducted from wages under regulations for 457 visas.
 - (2) Does the department undertake any monitoring of whether 457 visa holders are being forced to pay agency fees or commissions.
 - (3) What penalties apply if organisations or individuals are found to have deducted agency fees or commissions from the wages of 457 visa holders in breach of the regulations.
 - (4) How many individuals or organisations have been penalised for deducting agency fees or commissions from the wages of 457 visa holders in each of the past 3 financial years.
- 2447 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the 457 visa program, can a table be provided that displays the full breakdown of all occupations filled by principal applicant 457 visa holders who entered Australia in each of the financial years, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.
- 2448 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) What was the total number of 457 visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2006.
 - (2) How many of these people were principal applicant 457 visa holders.
 - (3) Can a list be provided of all occupations filled by principal applicant 457 visa holders who were in Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- 2449 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the investigation into reported misuse of 457 visas by T&R Pastoral that was referred to in Senate question time on 16 August 2006:
- (1) On what date did the department commence its investigation.
 - (2) On what date was the Minister's office first made aware that an investigation was underway.
 - (3) Was the investigation actually undertaken by the department or was it performed by someone external to the department; if it was undertaken by someone outside the department, who was that person and/or organisation.
 - (4) On what date was the investigation completed.
 - (5) On what date was the Minister's office first informed that the investigation had been completed.
 - (6) When was the department first advised of the investigation's findings.
 - (7) When was the Minister's office first advised of the investigation's findings.
 - (8) What were the findings of the investigation.
 - (9) What penalties/sanctions, if any, have been imposed against T&R Pastoral.
 - (10) Can a copy of the investigation report be provided; if not, why not.

2450 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the list, 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs: Arrivals by Visa Category 457 by ASCO occupation, financial year 2004-05', referred to in Senate question time on 17 August 2006, includes separate categories for inadequately described, self-employed, retired, pensioner (disability), pensioner (other), home duties, non-working child, student, unemployed and not stated.
- (2) Are any of the people who appear in the above separate categories, also counted as part of the other occupational categories in this list; if so, why.
- (3) Are any principal applicant 457 visa holders counted in the above separate categories.
- (4) What is the meaning of the 'not stated' category on this list.
- (5) Does the 'not stated' category include any principal applicant 457 visa holders.

2451 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all employers in Western Australia sponsoring workers on 457 visas in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the number of principal applicants on 457 visas sponsored by each of the above employers in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (3) Can a list be provided of the number of other 457 Visa holders sponsored by each of the above employers in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (4) What is the location of each of the above employers, including the federal electorate they are located in.

2452 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) What is the total number of workers on 457 visas employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006.
- (2) What is the total number of workers on 457 visas, who were the principal applicant, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006.
- (3) For all principal applicant 457 visa holders, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006, what is the number occupying each relevant ASCO classification.
- (4) For all principal applicant 457 visa holders, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006, is the period they have been in Australia under that visa: (a) less than 1 month; (b) 1-2 months; (c) 2-6 months; (d) 6-12 months; (e) 12-18 months; (f) 18-24 months; (g) 24-36 months; and (h) 36 months or more.
- (5) Has the department received any complaints of non-compliance by the employers of workers on 457 visas in the federal electorate of Forrest in the 2005-06 financial year; if so, what was the nature of those complaints and what action was taken to investigate those complaints.

2453 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Did the Minister sign off on new migration regulations to provide for minimum salary levels and occupations for the business long stay visa on 15 June 2006.
- (2) Is it the case that the words ‘calculated on a 38 hour week’ were included in subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of these regulations.
- (3) Is it the case that the previous regulations, that were issued by the Minister on 24 April 2006 and revoked by the regulations issued on 15 June 2006 did not include the words ‘calculated on a 38 hour week’.
- (4) What will be the effect of inserting the words ‘calculated on a 38 hour week’ into the regulations, for example, does it mean that 457 visa holders on the \$41 850 minimum salary level need only work a 38 hour week to earn that amount and if they work more than 38 hours must receive additional salary.
- (5) Does the insertion of those words mean that 457 visa holders are effectively paid a minimum hourly salary of \$21.18.
- (6) Does the insertion of those words mean that 457 visa holders are paid an additional \$21.18 per hour for every hour worked over 38 hours.
- (7) Is it the Minister’s intention that 457 visa holders who work 45 hours a week receive overtime equivalent to \$148.26 in addition to the \$804.84 that they are entitled to for working a 38 hour week; if so, what actions have been taken to inform all employers and 457 visa holders of this change.

2455 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Can a copy be provided of the list that the Minister was referring to in an answer to a question without notice from Senator Bernardi in Senate question time on 17 August 2006.

Notice given 6 September 2006

2476 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the trade skills training visa (subclass 471) applications:

- (1) What trade qualifications are being sought by each applicant.
- (2) Have any of the applications been approved; if so, which ones; if not, what is the timetable for approval or refusal.
- (3) Have any of the applicants been approved as sponsoring organisations; if so, which ones; if not, what is the timetable for approval or refusal.

Notice given 21 September 2006

2503 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to funding priorities for the 2006 Living in Harmony Funded Community Projects:

- (1) What are the Australian values that funded community projects will promote.
- (2) How were these values identified.
- (3) (a) What criteria are being used to evaluate grant applications in regard to the promotion of Australian values; and (b) how were they developed.

Notice given 4 October 2006

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2523-2543)—With reference to meetings between the Minister and representatives of the Exclusive Brethren: Has the Minister met with representatives of the Exclusive Brethren in the past 5 years: if so, in each case: (a) when was the meeting; (b) where was the meeting held; (c) who attended the meeting; and (d) what matters were discussed.

- 2525 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2526 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2527 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 2528 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2529 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2530 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2535 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2537 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2538 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2539 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 2541 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 2542 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 2543 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

Notice given 18 October 2006

Senator McLucas: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2576-2579)—With reference to applications for relief and/or assistance under the Cyclone Larry/Monica relief package:

- (1) (a) How many applications were received; (b) how many were approved; and (c) what was the total funding approved for each application.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the applications that were rejected and the reasons for each rejection.

- 2576 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 2577 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 2579 Minister for Human Services

Notice given 19 October 2006

2586 **Senator Hurley:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the report in the *Australian* on 22 August 2006 that 110 Chinese nationals obtained their passports and citizenship illegally:

- (1) Were both of the people charged in this incident departmental officials before, when or after the incident was uncovered; if so: (a) what were their positions; and (b) between which dates were they employed by the department.
- (2) Were the two people charged employed by any government department at anytime.

- (3) With what crimes were these two people charged.
- (4) Were there only two people charged in this incident; if not, were the additional people charged employed by the department or any other government department at anytime.
- (5) When and how did the department become aware that this incident was occurring.
- (6) What measures has the department put in place to ensure that this corrupt practice does not continue within the department.
- (7) Have any new false passport and citizenship cases been exposed since the two people were arrested.
- (8) Excluding the 110 Chinese nationals, how many false passports and citizenships have been detected by government officials for each of the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (9) Is the Government conducting an enquiry into this incident; if so: (a) who is conducting it; (b) when will the findings be handed down; and (c) will the findings, in their entirety, be made public.
- (10) Whose decision was it to allow the 110 Chinese nationals to keep their passports and maintain their Australian citizenship.

Notice given 6 November 2006

2614 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Has the department instituted an internal costing or cost recovery system; if so, what was the reason for instituting this system.
- (2) How many staff are there at each Australian Public Service (APS) level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch as at 30 September 2006.
- (3) What is the average salary of staff at each APS level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch as at 30 September 2006.
- (4) (a) What is the methodology used to calculate time and cost of the preparation of answers to questions on notice; (b) what is the justification of this costing methodology; and (c) why has the department not embraced a cost estimate system linked to blocks of time such as that used by law and accounting firms.
- (5) What is the justification of the methodology used to calculate the time and cost of the preparation of this answer, including: (a) the number of staff involved; (b) the substantive or acting levels of the staff members involved; (c) the salary cost per staff member involved; (d) the on costs per staff member involved; and (e) the time taken per staff member in the preparation of the answer.

Notice given 7 November 2006

2615 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) With reference to government assistance provided to the Tasmanian Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment to prepare a draft eradication plan for rabbits and rodents on Macquarie Island and to the Tasmanian Government's appointment, with Commonwealth assistance (through National Heritage Trust (NHT) funding), of a project officer to

further develop this plan: (a) what steps has the Minister taken to allocate funds, from the NHT or other sources, for the implementation of the plan in conjunction with the Tasmanian Government; and (b) if no such steps have been taken, when will the Minister allocate funds.

- (2) Given that Commonwealth funding has been provided for various phases of the vertebrate pests program for the Macquarie Island World Heritage Area as stated in the answer to question on notice no. 1915 (Senate *Hansard*, 6 September 2006, p. 153), will the Government make a commitment to provide sufficient funds to complete the program.
- (3) What has been the effect so far on the nesting habitat and breeding success of the Macquarie Island grey-headed albatross population, listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, given that the location of the only colony, with 80 breeding pairs only, has been severely damaged by rabbits.
- (4) What has been the effect of rabbit grazing on the breeding success of Macquarie Island populations of: (a) wandering albatross, with approximately 19 breeding pairs only; (b) blue petrels; and (c) fairy prions, all listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (5) How many king penguins and their chicks were killed as a result of the recent rabbit-induced landslip at Lusitania Bay.
- (6) How will the recent landslip at the Sandy Bay tourist boardwalk affect the experience of the tourists landing on Macquarie Island in 2006.
- (7) What steps has the Minister taken to review the conservation status of endemic species and subantarctic vegetation communities on Macquarie Island in light of the observed increase in rabbit damage and its associated impacts on Macquarie Island biodiversity and landscape.
- (8) Given the accelerating degradation of the environment of Macquarie Island, with increasing risks of landslips due to vegetation loss as a result of rabbit grazing, what are the increased occupational health and safety risks to personnel of the Australian Government Antarctic Division and Bureau of Meteorology working on the island, many of whom travel along the coasts and slopes as part of their professional duties.

Notice given 8 November 2006

2623 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) At the end of each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many medically-qualified staff by rank or type were in each of the services.
- (2) By type, what is the current shortfall of qualified medical staff in each of the services.
- (3) (a) What is the most common form of employment of medically-qualified personnel; and (b) at present, what percentage of the total are contracted.
- (4) What estimate is there of medical consultations or individual provisions of medical service conducted currently for: (a) the Defence Health Services Division (DHSD) on base: (i) each week, and (ii) annually; and (b) private or public medical services off base: (i) each week, and (ii) annually.
- (5) (a) How many rehabilitation cases are currently active within the system; and (b) for each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date, what was the total number of active rehabilitation cases.

- (6) For each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date: (a) what was the cost of rehabilitation treatment; and (b) which providers received the five largest amounts.
- (7) What was the distribution of rehabilitation cases for the 2006-06 financial year, by type of injury or illness, for each of the services.
- (8) For the 2005-06 financial year: (a) what was the total sum paid to private medical providers off base for the treatment of Australian Defence Force serving personnel; and (b) by type, what was the sum paid for medical specialists.
- (9) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many cases of: (a) alcohol substance abuse and addiction; and (b) drug dependency, were treated by the DHS.

Notice given 9 November 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2631-2650)—

- (1) Has the department instituted an internal costing or cost recovery system; if so: (a) what was the reason for instituting this system; and (b) can details be provided of the costs associated with instituting this system.
- (2) As at 30 September 2006: (a) how many staff are there at each Australian Public Service (APS) level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch; and (b) what is the average salary of staff at each APS level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch.

2631 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2637 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

2638 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2639 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2643 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

2644 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

2647 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

2648 Minister for Justice and Customs

2649 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2651 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:

- (1) (a) What is the necessity for the planned deforestation; and (b) what alternatives are available.
- (2) (a) What buffer will be kept between logging and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area; and (b) how will this be managed.
- (3) (a) Does this buffer or lack thereof, accord with World Heritage respect and values; and (b) have World Heritage experts agreed with this; if so: (i) who are the experts, (ii) what is their complete advice, and (iii) when was it given.
- (4) (a) What areas of the coupe will not be logged; (b) why; and (c) on whose advice.
- (5) Will Gunns Limited be a receiver of wood products from the coupe; if so: what volume and percentage of the commercial wood will go to Gunns Limited.

- (6) Has the Minister inspected logging in the World Heritage value forests of the Weld; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (7) Will the Minister, as part of his portfolio responsibilities, visit the Weld River coupe WR15F to ensure Tasmania's World Heritage values are not contravened in any way while the current Minister is in office.

2652 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the cancellation of Transair's air operator's certificate (AOC) by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on 24 October 2006 was not disclosed to the public until the opposition asked questions about the matter at the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee estimates hearing on 30 October 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p 109).
- (2) Why did CASA fail to disclose the cancellation of Transair's AOC on 24 October 2006.
- (3) Did CASA propose to keep the cancellation a secret until the expiry of the automatic stay period or a decision by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on an application to review the cancellation was made.
- (4) Has CASA previously published notices of AOC suspensions and cancellations on its website; if so: (a) when did this policy change; and (b) why.
- (5) Is it the case that disclosure of AOC suspensions and cancellations are in the public interest.

2655 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cancelled Transair's air operator's certificate on 24 October 2006 because the company failed to fulfil its obligations under an enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) entered into on 4 May 2006, and to respond to show cause notices issued on 14 August and 26 September 2006.
- (2) Which of the seven undertakings listed in the EVU did Transair fail to fulfil.
- (3) Why did not CASA apply to the Federal Court of Australia for an order under section 30DK(7) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* in relation to breaches of the terms of the EVU.

2656 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) Which specific breaches or grounds were notified in the show cause notice issued to Transair on 14 August 2006; and (b) how was the notice served.
- (2) (a) Was Transair invited to attend a show cause conference related to this show cause notice; if so, on what date and in what form; and (b) if a conference was conducted: (i) on what date, (ii) what was the location, and (iii) who attended.
- (3) (a) Which specific breaches or grounds were notified in the show cause notice issued to Transair on 26 September 2006; and (b) how was this notice served.

- (4) (a) Was Transair invited to attend a show cause conference related to this show cause notice; if so, on what date and in what form; and (b) if a conference was conducted: (i) on what date, (ii) what was the location, and (iii) who attended.

Notice given 10 November 2006

2657 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* require the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to publish details of enforceable voluntary undertakings on the Internet.
- (2) Why did CASA not publish parts 1 to 9 and parts 11 to 14 of the Transair enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) on its website which included: the dates of audits for the years 2001 to 2006 which disclosed to CASA auditors ongoing compliance and structural problems, the details of 14 identified safety breaches, Transair's admission that corrective action is required and the timetable for the implementation of the undertakings.
- (3) Why did the details published on the CASA website identify just five undertakings by Transair when part 10 of the Transair EVU contains seven undertakings.
- (4) Does the CASA publication *CASA New Enforcement Procedures: A Fairer and More Transparent System*, contain the following advice 'Is an EVU public? Yes. The legislation requires that CASA must publish details of EVUs on its website'.
- (5) Why were all details of the EVU not published on the Internet by CASA.
- (6) Did the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee recommend that an EVU scheme should be accompanied by a publicly-available register.
- (7) Did the explanatory memorandum for the Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003 advise the Parliament that the Government's proposed EVU scheme had been revised to take into account the above committee's recommendations, including the publication of EVU details on the Internet.
- (8) Did the explanatory memorandum also advise the Parliament that the Government's EVU scheme was modelled on section 87B of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.
- (9) Is it the case that the guide on section 87B undertakings, published by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in August 1999, states that 'the Commission's view is that all s.87B undertakings should be a matter of public record and open to public scrutiny'.
- (10) Is it the case that the ACCC maintains a public register of all undertakings made under section 87B of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and publishes a copy of each signed undertaking on its website.
- (11) Is the Minister satisfied that CASA has complied with section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* by failing to publish parts 1 to 9 and parts 11 to 14 of the Transair EVU and failing to publish full details of the specific undertakings contained in part 10.

- 2660 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1472 (Senate *Hansard*, 22 June 2006, p. 313):
- (1) Does Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), still maintain offices in Canberra, Melbourne, Moorabbin and at his home.
 - (2) For the each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how many days did Mr Byron spend working from: (a) his Canberra office; (b) his Melbourne office; (c) his Moorabbin office; (d) his home office; and (e) any other location.
 - (3) (a) Why did CASA pay for the installation of a satellite telephone link at Mr Byron's home costing \$1 896.75 including a first month charge of \$89.95; (b) on what date was the satellite telephone link installed; and (c) for each of the financial years since installation, including 2006-07 to date, what sum has CASA spent on fees associated with the satellite telephone service.
 - (4) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what equipment, if any, has been purchased for Mr Byron's home office; and (b) what other costs has CASA incurred in relation to the operation of the home office.
 - (5) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, what costs has CASA incurred in relation to Mr Byron's offices in: (a) Canberra; (b) Melbourne; and (c) Moorabbin.
- 2664 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) spokesperson Mr Peter Gibson in the *Australian* newspaper report 'Freefall to Death' of 23 January 2006, that proposed rule changes for the entire sports aviation industry have been delayed since 1998, but CASA would make an announcement about rule changes soon:
- (1) What rule changes have been under consideration since 1998.
 - (2) Why has the implementation of the rule changes been delayed for eight years.
 - (3) Can a copy be provided of all related Notices of Proposed Rule Making.
 - (4) When will rule changes be implemented.
 - (5) How many people participating in sports aviation, including: (a) skydiving (b) ultralight aviation; (c) ballooning; and (d) other sports, have died in Australia since 1998.
- 2668 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the total cost of introducing the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Generated Minimum Equipment List (GMEL) system, by year.
 - (2) Can the cost be disaggregated to include: (a) software adaptation; (b) project team costs; (c) trial costs; (d) payments to Transport Canada; and (e) other costs
 - (3) Can details of all GMEL Review Board members be provided.

- 2670 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the cost of establishing and maintaining the Office of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Industry Complaints Commissioner in the 2005-06 financial year.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner received 219 complaints in the 2005-06 financial year.
 - (3) What matters, by category, did the complaints concern in the 2005-06 financial year.
 - (4) How many complaints did the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner investigate in the 2005-06 financial year.
 - (5) How many recommendations by the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner in the 2005-06 financial year resulted in: (a) action by the original CASA decision maker to overturn a decision; (b) action by the CASA Chief Executive Officer to overturn a decision; and/or (c) a change to a CASA procedure.
 - (6) How many recommendations from the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner were not accepted in the 2005-06 financial year.
 - (7) Were all complaints dealt with in accordance with the service charter.
- 2673 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Regulation 7 (CAR 7) as contained in the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, which provides that the Director of Aviation Safety 'may, in writing, delegate to a person all or any of CASA's powers and functions under CAR':
- (1) Does the Director of Aviation Safety issue delegations to positions rather than persons; if so, do these delegations comply with CAR 7 which provides for delegation to 'a person'.
 - (2) Does the Director of Aviation Safety ever issue unsigned delegations stamped with an electronic signature.
 - (3) Can a schedule showing the current functions and powers delegated under CAR 7 and the name of the person exercising that delegated power be provided: if not, why not.
- 2674 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, can details be provided of all costs associated with domestic travel for Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, by year, including: (a) fares; (b) accommodation; (c) meals; (d) insurance; and (e) other costs.
 - (2) Can the same details be provided for any domestic travel undertaken by members of Mr Byron's family.
- 2677 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the cost of the Civil Aviation Safety (CASA) telephone survey of general aviation operators and organisations commissioned in September 2005.

- (2) Will CASA undertake an extensive survey of all aviation sectors in the 2006-07 financial year, as planned; if so, what is the estimated cost of this survey.
- 2678 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement in the Civil Aviation Safety (CASA) annual report for the 2005-06 financial year that CASA issues 'continue to cause some concern in the Minister's office': Can the Minister outline the nature of these concerns with CASA's performance.
- 2687 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Why does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) annual report for 2005-06 report that the highest remuneration paid to a CASA executive other than the Chief Executive Officer in the 2004-05 financial year was in the \$310,000 - \$324,999 band when the CASA annual report for 2004-05 reports that the highest remuneration paid to a CASA executive other than the Chief Executive Officer in the 2004-05 financial year was in the \$280,000 - \$289,999 band.
- 2690 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* that requires the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to publish details of enforceable voluntary undertakings (EVUs) on the internet:
- (1) What is the basis of the claim by the Chief Executive Officer of CASA, Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that because the Act requires publication of 'the details' of EVUs and not 'the detail', CASA may only publish a summary.
 - (2) (a) On what date did CASA seek legal advice on its obligations under section 30DK(4) of the Act; and (b) can a copy of the advice be provided.
- 2693 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority General Counsel, Mr Rick Heap, issue a memorandum of advice on 9 May 2006 requesting publication of the details of the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair, dated 4 May 2006, on the Internet.
 - (2) Did Mr Heap's memorandum note that the structure of the company's operations needed to change 'to rectify the problems identified in the background to the undertakings'.
 - (3) Given its relevance to the undertakings, why was the background, contained in parts 1-9 of the EVU, not published on the internet.
- 2695 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On what date did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) publish on its website a summary of the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair accepted by CASA on 4 May 2006.
 - (2) On what date did CASA remove a summary of the EVU from its website.

2697 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in September 2006 Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) spokesperson Mr Peter Gibson told *The Australian* newspaper that 'none' of the issues subject to the Transair enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) dated 4 May 2006 'can be linked directly' to the tragedy at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005.
- (2) What is the basis of CASA's claim that none of the fourteen safety breaches identified in the Transair EVU can be linked to the Lockhart River crash.

2698 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Gemmell, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that CASA failed to enforce training requirements mandated in the Transair operations manual prior to the Lockhart River tragedy in May 2005:

- (1) Is the Minister aware Mr Gemmell told the committee 'whilst we may have known it was occurring, we did not enforce that because, quite frankly, if we sought to enforce it they could simply cross it out of the manual, and that would be the end of it'.
- (2) Does Civil Aviation Regulation 215(9) as contained in the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 require each member of the operations personnel of an operator to comply with all instructions contained in the operations manual in so far as they relate to his or her duties or activities.
- (3) Did CASA knowingly fail in its duty by failing to enforce compliance with Civil Aviation Regulation 215(9).
- (4) Which other instructions contained in the Transair operations manual has CASA knowingly permitted the operator to disregard.

2700 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 34 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) annual report for 2003-04 and page 38 of the CASA annual report for 2004-05 and the answer to question on notice no. 352 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 May 2005, p. 271), concerning a review of the new CASA enforcement regime:

- (1) Which CASA officers managed the review.
- (2) Did the review conclude in May 2005.
- (3) On what date was the review report presented to the CASA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron.
- (4) What necessary changes to the enforcement regime did the review identify.
- (5) What necessary amendments to the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* did the review identify.
- (6) Can a copy of the review report be provided.
- (7) On what date did Mr Byron provide a report to the Minister on the review outcomes.
- (8) How did the Minister and the department consider the review.
- (9) When did the Minister's consideration of the review conclude.
- (10) What changes to the enforcement regime have resulted from this consideration.
- (11) What legislative amendments can be attributed to the review.

- 2701 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can a copy be provided of the Transair air operator's certificate (AOC) BN426646-31 issued on 20 October 2005.
 - (2) Was this AOC current as at 4 May 2006 when Transair entered into an enforceable voluntary undertaking with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
 - (3) Were any Transair AOCs issued between 4 May and 17 May 2006; if so, can a copy of each AOC be provided.
 - (4) Can a copy be provided of the Transair AOC BN426646-33 issued on 17 May 2006.
 - (5) Did Transair operate on three AOCs within the space of a fortnight in May 2006; if so, can an explanation for this be provided.
- 2702 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it the case that section 28 of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* provides that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may only issue an air operator's certificate (AOC) if it is satisfied that the applicant has complied with, or is capable of complying with, the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.
 - (2) On each occasion that CASA has issued an AOC to Transair, has CASA satisfied itself that Transair has complied with, or is capable of complying with, the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.
 - (3) Can a list be provided of all identified occasions that Transair has not complied with the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.
- 2704 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister confirm evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Gemmell, to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 24 May 2005 that the CASA audit of Transair in February 2005 found 'nothing serious or significant'.
- 2705 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) How many serious and imminent risk suspensions has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued under section 30DC of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*; and (b) can details be provided of each suspension, including the holder of the civil aviation authorisation and the reason for the suspension.
 - (2) In each case where CASA has made an application to the Federal Court of Australia under section 30DE, what has been the outcome.
- 2706 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) identify all external maintenance organisations that conducted maintenance on VH-TFU between the CASA audit of Transair in November 2001 and the tragedy at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005.

- (2) Did CASA audit these organisations during this period; if so, can the dates and related findings of these audits be provided.
- (3) Has CASA received complaints about compliance with regulations by these organisations during this period; if so, can details of these complaints be provided, including the action taken by CASA in response to these complaints.

2707 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it the case that section 28(2) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* provides that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may take into account the financial position of an applicant when determining whether to issue an air operator's certificate (AOC).
- (2) What action, if any, has CASA taken to examine the financial position of Transair when issuing AOCs to this operator.
- (3) Has CASA established whether Transair has maintained a satisfactory credit rating with providers of material and services, such as spare parts suppliers and external maintenance providers.

2708 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Have ramp inspections of Transair aircraft undertaken since November 2001 revealed any problems, including fuel leaks; if so, can details be provided, including the date and the nature of each identified problem.
- (2) Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority received any complaints from airport owners since November 2001 about the condition of Transair aircraft; if so, can details provided, including the source, date and nature of each complaint.

2710 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) safety recommendation R20060002 issued on 24 January 2006 during the course of the investigation into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005:

- (1) Is it the case that the co-pilot of the Transair flight had not been trained in global positioning system navigation or area navigation global navigation satellite system approaches.
- (2) Has the Government acted to ensure that co-pilots are required to hold an endorsement for any navigation aids being used to navigate an aircraft during flight.

2713 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) safety recommendation R20060005 issued on 10 February 2006 during the course of the investigation into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005:

- (1) Why are maintenance and testing requirements for cockpit voice and flight data recording systems not defined in Australian regulations.
- (2) (a) What is the timetable for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's consideration of the ATSB recommendation relating to the maintenance requirements of cockpit voice and flight data recording systems; and (b) when will consideration of this matter conclude.
- (3) What additional training in the maintenance of cockpit voice and flight data recording systems has been provided for airworthiness personnel.

- 2714 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—When will the Government act on Australian Transport Safety Bureau safety recommendation R20060006 arising from the May 2005 Lockhart River disaster in May 2005 and permit approved maintenance organisations to replay in-flight cockpit voice recorder data for legitimate maintenance and testing purposes.
- 2716 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 20.16.1 that requires operators to ensure that a copy of a load sheet is retained on the ground at the aerodrome of departure for aircraft engaged in regular public transport services:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that: (a) the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has found that a copy of the load sheet for the Transair-operated flight from Bamaga to Lockhart River by VH-TFU on 7 May 2005 was not located at Bamaga; and (b) current and former employees of Transair have advised the ATSB that it was not routine practice for load sheets to be left at Bamaga.
 - (2) What action has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority taken in response to this ongoing breach of CAO 20.16.1.
- 2718 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Senator Abetz, the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services in the Senate on 6 November 2006, told the Senate on 6 November 2006 that the interim reports by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005 contained 'no suggestion' that the tragedy was due to any failure by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
 - (2) Is it the case that the ATSB has not endorsed CASA's regulatory oversight of Transair.
 - (3) Is it the case that the ATSB interim factual report published on 31 August 2006 states that the investigation is ongoing and will include further work on 'regulatory oversight of the operator's activities, including approvals and surveillance undertaken'.
 - (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that on 6 November 2006 Senator Abetz told the Senate that the CASA Director of Aviation Safety 'has assured himself that there is no imminent threat which would prevent Transair flights continuing at this time'; and (b) how did the Director of Aviation Safety assure himself.
- 2719 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to CASA 19 asked at additional estimates in February 2006, concerning the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) investigation of allegations about Transair operations: Is the claim that 'the company had an open culture and responses to the CASA investigation were cooperative and taken with a view to improving things if required' supported by the company's continuing non-compliance with aviation safety regulations evidenced by, the admission of fourteen breaches of safety rules in the company's Enforceable Voluntary Undertaking dated 4 May 2006, the necessity to issue show cause notices on 14 August 2006 and 26 September 2006, and the decision to cancel the company's air operators certificate on 24 October 2006.

- 2721 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence by the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006, that Transair was not mentioned in reports presented to him before the May 2005 aviation tragedy at Lockhart River in May 2005: Why was no report made to Mr Byron about Transair's 'ongoing compliance and structural problems' identified at CASA audits in November 2001, August 2004 and February 2005.
- 2723 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Director of Aviation Safety, Mr Mick Toller, to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 19 February 2001, that Civil Aviation Regulation 206 (CAR 206) as contained in the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988* that mandates an air operator's certificate for any form of commercial flying training, including training in an ultralight:
- (1) Does commercial flying training in an ultralight still fall within the scope of CAR 206.
 - (2) Do all other forms of commercial flying training in sports aviation aircraft still fall within the scope of CAR 206.
 - (3) Is it the case that it is still not possible to issue an exemption from CAR 206.
 - (4) Has CASA enforced CAR 206 in relation to commercial flying training in sports aviation aircraft; if not, why not.

Notice given 13 November 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2724-2750)—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, based on actual program expenditure compared with the program budget estimate, what were: (a) the 10 largest underspending programs; and (b) the 10 largest overspending programs, in the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) For each identified program in paragraph (1): (i) what was the budget estimate, (ii) what was the actual expenditure, (iii) what was the variance, and (iv) can an explanation for the variance be provided.

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- 2758 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued air operator's certificate (AOC) number BN426646-30 to Transair on 30 September 2005 authorising Transair to conduct regular public transport operations in aircraft including a Fairchild SA227-DC with the serial number DC-818B and registration mark VH-TFU.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that a Fairchild SA 227-DC with the serial number DC-818B and registration mark VH-TFU operated by Transair was destroyed at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005 in a tragedy that cost 15 lives.
 - (3) Why did CASA issue an AOC to Transair in September 2005 authorising the operator to carry passengers on an aircraft that had been destroyed in one of Australia's worst aviation disasters 4 months earlier.
- 2760 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) How many ex-military aircraft are registered in Australia, by aircraft-type, by state/territory; and (b) how many of these aircraft are engaged in commercial operations, by aircraft-type, by state/territory.
 - (2) Can an outline be provided of the regulatory regime that governs the operation of ex-military aircraft registered in Australia engaged in: (a) non-commercial; and (b) commercial operations.
- 2762 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Bulletin 02-018 issued on 20 October 2006 applicable to all BAC 167 Strikemaster and Jet Provost aircraft and relating to airworthiness information arising from a fatal crash of a Strikemaster aircraft near Bathurst on 5 October 2006:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the possible structural failure of other Strikemaster aircraft and Jet Provost aircraft registered in Australia prompted the bulletin.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the bulletin draws attention to United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (UKCAA) Mandatory Permit Directives (MPDs) relating to Strikemaster aircraft.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that some of these UKCAA MPDs concern cracking in wing structures on Strikemaster aircraft.
- (4) On what date(s) did CASA issue Airworthiness Directives (AD) AD/Strikemaster/3 and AD/Strikemaster/4 under Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) 39.001 as contained in the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1988 mandating compliance with UKCAA MPDs 1995-101 and 1995-109 respectively.
- (5) Is it the case that CASR 39.003 prohibits the operation of an Australian aircraft that is covered by an AD in breach of any requirement of the AD.
- (6) Has any Strikemaster aircraft registered in Australia operated in breach of AD/Strikemaster/3 and/or AD/Strikemaster/4.
- (7) Have any requirements been mandated, in the form of an AD or otherwise, in relation to the operation of Jet Provost aircraft in Australia; if so, what are the requirements; if not, why not.

Notice given 15 November 2006

2768 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Outback Stores Initiative announced by the Government on 14 August 2006:

- (1) (a) Since the announcement was made, how many community stores have come under this program; (b) can a list be provided of those stores; and (c) given that the program is voluntary are all those stores, now under the program, voluntary participants.
- (2) What is the criteria by which stores are judged to be eligible to join the program.
- (3) How much of the \$48 million allocated to the program over 4 years has: (a) been disbursed; (b) to whom; and (c) under which broader funding program; (for example, a health program or under Indigenous Business Australia).
- (4) (a) Can a breakdown be provided of the funding that has been spent on the program to date (for example, on new stores, supplies, transport or other requirements); and (b) is there a breakdown for the proposed use of the \$48 million over the 4 years.
- (5) (a) How often has the Board of Outback Stores met; and (b) where have these meetings been held.
- (6) (a) How many community stores have been visited by board members, or their delegates; and (b) can a list of the visits be provided.
- (7) Given that the Minister said that the expertise of both Woolworths and Coles will be available to offer invaluable support and technical assistance without commercial interest in the stores, if one of these major food chains is supplying community stores, who bears the loss if for any reason a store is subsequently unable to pay for those supplies.
- (8) (a) Where do the funds come from to meet any board expenses; (b) who provides secretariat support to the board; and (c) of what does that support comprise.

- (9) In what way do Woolworths and Coles provide support and technical assistance to the stores.
- (10) Given that one of the reasons given for the need for this program is concerns over poor financial management in community stores, how many stores, that are now coming under the program, had their management replaced or changed.
- (11) (a) Is the community store at Beswick Community (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory one of those in this program; and (b) can the Minister confirm or deny that this store has made a very substantial loss which the community are now being asked to repay.

Notice given 17 November 2006

2770 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Airservices Australia declined to provide the department with a copy of legal advice it obtained in March 2002 relating to its capacity to enter into commercial ventures.
- (2) Did that legal advice question the capacity of Airservices Australia to enter into commercial ventures in the absence of specific legislative authority.
- (3) Can a copy of the legal advice be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Was Airservices Australia empowered by its enabling legislation to enter into airspace management contracts with the Solomon Islands Government in April 1998 and May 2003.
- (5) Can details be provided of other documents Airservices Australia has declined to provide to the Minister or to the department relating to its commercial ventures.

2771 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, the Airservices Australia relationship manager suggested to his manager that an internal audit be conducted of various aspects of the administration of the contract, including the practice of making third party payments.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that no internal audit was conducted until July 2003.
- (3) Why were the audit proposals ignored for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- (4) Who was the Airservices Australia relationship manager during this period.
- (5) Who managed the relationship manager.

2772 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Which consulting firm undertook the review of Airservices Australia's internal audit functions in June 2004.

- (2) When did the review commence.
- (3) How much did the review cost.
- (4) Can a detailed outline be provided of the review findings.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the report of the review; if not, why not.

2773 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: (a) Can a copy be provided of the following reports relating to Airservices Australia's administration of the payment of air navigation fees: (i) the July to September 2003 Airservices Australia internal audit report, (ii) the August to October 2003 Airservices Australia, Office of Security Risk Management review report, and (iii) the June to November 2005 Airservices Australia internal audit report; and (b) if copies of any of the reports cannot be provided, why not.

2774 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the finding of the Australian National Audit Office in Audit Report no. 8 of 2006-07 that, until 2006, Airservices Australia reported to the Australian Parliament that the air navigation fee revenue collected on behalf of the Solomon Islands' Government was held on trust:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the revenue collected by Airservices Australia under its airspace management contract with Solomon Islands has not been held on trust.
- (2) Why did Airservices Australia fail to provide an accurate report to the Parliament about this matter.
- (3) Why did the Government not ensure that Airservices Australia provided an accurate report about this matter.

2775 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2133 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 166), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that all third party payments were requested in writing by either email or letter.
- (2) Can a copy of all emails and letters requesting third party payments be provided.

2776 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2134 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 167), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government:

- (1) What advice did Airservices Australia receive about its potential liability in May 2006.
- (2) Can an itemised costing be provided of the legal advice worth \$22 733 sought and received in May 2006 in relation to the contract.
- (3) Has Airservices Australia sought any further legal advice in relation to its management of the contract; if so: (a) when did it seek advice; (b) from whom was advice sought; (c) when was the advice received; (d) what was the nature of the advice; and (e) what did it cost.

- (4) Has the Minister's department sought any legal advice following the tabling of reports by the Australian and Solomon Islands Auditors-General in late 2006; if so: (a) when did it seek advice; (b) from whom was advice sought; (c) when was the advice received; (d) what was the nature of the advice; and (e) what did it cost.

2777 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided, by financial year since the 1997-98 financial year, of all significant business opportunities within Australia or overseas notified by Airservices Australia to the Minister, including but not necessarily limited to notifications required under section 15(1) of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.
- (2) Can a copy of all written directions provided to Airservices Australia under section 15(3) of the Act be provided.

2778 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2135 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 167), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government: Can the Minister explain why, if his department has 'no involvement in the contract' and Airservices Australia is 'custodian of all information and documentation relevant to the administration of such agreements as that which exists between it and the Solomon Islands Government', an extract of the confidential draft report of the Auditor-General of the Solomon Islands was provided to the Minister's office by Airservices Australia on 28 April 2006.

2779 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2129 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 163), which confirms that Airservices Australia has identified and reconciled \$2.2 million in third party payments associated with the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government, can the following be provided: A schedule of all third party payments, by financial year, including: (a) the date of payment; (b) the quantum of payment; (c) the date of purported authorisation by a Solomon Islands official; (d) the form of purported authorisation (for example, letter or email); (e) the name of the Solomon Islands official who purported to authorise the payment; (f) the purpose of the payment; (g) the Airservices Australia officer who authorised the payment; (h) the recipient of the payment; and (i) the form of the payment (for example, cash, cheque, electronic funds transfer—if electronic funds transfer, the account to which the funds were paid).

2780 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2131 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 165) concerning airspace management contracts between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:

- (1) Is Airservices Australia a Commonwealth statutory authority incorporated for a public purpose by an Act of the Australian Parliament.
- (2) Can details be provided of the precise term or terms of the contracts that would make the release of the contracts to the Australian Parliament unlawful.

- (3) Can the contracts be released with the consent of the parties to the contracts; if so, has the Minister sought the consent of the parties to release the contracts.

2781 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2132 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 166) concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:

- (1) When did the review of Airservices Australia's Performance Enhancement Program, including key performance indicators for officers involved in the administration or management of off-shore activities, commence.
- (2) When did the review conclude.
- (3) Can an outline be provided of the post-review and pre-review performance indicators.

2782 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement by the Minister, on 18 October 2006, in response to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) What did the Minister mean when he said 'I am committed to the findings of the report'.
- (2) (a) On what date did the Minister write to Airservices Australia requiring it to review the ANAO report and to provide him with a detailed response; and (b) can a copy of the letter be provided; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) On what date did Airservices Australia respond to the Minister's request; and (b) can a copy of the response be provided; if not, why not.

2783 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, prior to the receipt of the draft ANAO report, Airservices Australia and the department disagreed on whether airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract, such as the Honiara Flight Information Region, was Australian-administered airspace.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Airservices Australia and the department have now reached a shared understanding on whether airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract is Australian-administered airspace.
- (3) Can: (a) an outline of that shared understanding be provided; and (b) a copy be provided of all advice, including advice from the Australian Government Solicitor, dated 22 September 2006, sought by Airservices Australia and the department in relation to this matter.
- (4) For all airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract, can the Minister advise whether the airspace is Australian-administered airspace.

- 2784 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) Can a copy be provided of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands, signed in April 1998.
 - (2) Can an outline be provided of all services provided by Airservices Australia, consistent with the MOU, with the exception of upper airspace management services provided under contract since 1998.
- 2785 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Can the Minister confirm that a file relating to a 2003 review by Airservices Australia's Office of Legal Counsel of the management of the contract was unable to be located for ANAO examination; if so: (a) how did the file disappear; (b) when did the file disappear; (c) what documents were held on the file; and (d) what efforts were made to locate the file.
- 2786 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Why did Airservices Australia fail to identify and assess the nature of the relationship established by the revenue collection and repatriation elements of its contract with the Government of the Solomon Islands, including the requirements and conditions that needed to be satisfied in remitting the air navigation fees and its fiduciary duties.
- 2787 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Did Airservices Australia make third party payments in response to all requests for such payments between the years 1998 and 2003; if not, which requests were refused and, in each case, why were they refused.
- 2788 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) On what date did the company secretary of Airservices Australia provide advice to the then Minister, Mr Anderson, on allegations of misuse of air navigation revenue published in the *Solomon Star* in June 2001.
 - (2) Did the advice to Mr Anderson reveal that Airservices Australia had made payments for the purchase of education, training, equipment repairs and vehicles.
 - (3) Did the advice address the question of Airservices Australia's obligations under its contract and/or the legality of third party payments under Solomon Islands law; if not, why not.

- (4) Did Mr Anderson seek advice from Airservices Australia about its obligations under its contract and/or the legality of third party payments under Solomon Islands law; if not, why not.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the written advice to Mr Anderson in June 2001; if not, why not.
- (6) Did Airservices Australia also provided verbal advice to Mr Anderson in or around June 2001; if so: (a) on what date and (b) was the advice provided over the telephone or at a meeting.
- (7) If the verbal advice was provided at a meeting: (a) what was the location of the meeting; and (b) who attended.

2789 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Can an outline be provided of the progress on implementing each of the additional Airservices Australia governance processes outlined on pages 70 to 71 of the report, including the adoption of anti-bribery guidelines.

2790 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, despite the contract not authorising cash advances and payments, 17 transactions involving cash advances and payments totalling \$28 558 were made with Airservices Australia corporate credit cards between February 2000 and June 2003.
- (2) Can full details be provided for each of the 17 corporate credit card transactions.
- (3) On what dates was the Airservices Australia relationship manager advised that the credit card transactions were not in accordance with the corporate credit card conditions of use.

2791 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that performance agreements for Airservices Australia staff have given weight to increasing commercial revenue and developing international business opportunities.
- (2) Can a quantitative measure be provided of the performance bonuses paid to Airservices Australia staff associated with the contracts.

2792 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: In preparing advice on the authorisation of transactions by Solomon Islands officials in June 2001, why did the Airservices Australia Office of Legal Counsel not consider whether the officials had actual, and not just ostensible, authority.

- 2793 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Did Airservices Australia advise the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands in September 2003 that it would manage the contract in accordance with the contract's conditions and would reconcile all financial transactions made under the contract; if so: (a) why has Airservices Australia continued to hold in its bank account air navigation fees that the Solomon Islands Government did not request to be remitted despite the contract requiring fees to be paid to the Solomon Islands Government shortly after the end of each month; and (b) why did Airservices Australia not undertake a reconciliation of all financial transactions until 2005.
- 2794 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) Is the Minister concerned that the ANAO found that 'at no stage did Airservices Australia seek to satisfy itself that the revenue repatriation arrangements complied with Solomon Islands law and/or provided the necessary transparency to the Solomon Islands Government'.
 - (2) Why did Airservices Australia fail to satisfy itself that the revenue repatriation arrangements complied with Solomon Islands law and/or provided the necessary transparency to the Solomon Islands Government.
- 2795 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the report warns that 'it is important that Airservices Australia's commercial focus not overshadow the fact it remains a Commonwealth statutory authority incorporated by an Act of the Australian Parliament for a public purpose'.
 - (2) Has Airservices Australia permitted its commercial focus to overshadow its statutory responsibilities.
- 2796 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: On what date were Airservices Australia's internal procedures amended to ensure that, prior to entering into future contracts, Airservices Australia takes necessary steps to identify the requirements and/or conditions that need to be satisfied when collecting and remitting statutory revenue.
- 2797 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) On what date did Airservices Australia commence consultation with the Solomon Islands Government to ensure that the manner in which Airservices Australia is paid for managing airspace in the Honiara Flight Information Region fully complies with the requirements of the Solomon Islands Constitution.
- (2) What action, if any, has been necessary to ensure the manner in which Airservices Australia receives payment is lawful.

2798 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Airservices Australia Board Governance Manual 2006: Has the Minister issued Airservices Australia with a statement of expectations: (a) if so: (i) on what date, and (ii) can a copy be provided; and (b) if not, why not.

2799 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Airservices Australia, Gifts and Benefits Policy 2006:

- (1) Does the policy provide for the Airservices Australia Office of Legal Counsel to maintain a permanent register of all facilitation payments made by Airservices Australia officers and employees and the circumstances of such payments.
- (2) Can a schedule be provided of all facilitation payments made by Airservices Australia officers and employees and the circumstances of such payments since 1998.

2800 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the financial years 1996-97 to 2006-07 to date, can a schedule be provided containing details of all memoranda of understanding relating to the provision of commercial services entered into by Airservices Australia.

2810 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can the complete list of recipients of the June 2001 cablegram briefing from the Australian High Commission in Honiara to Australian Ministers and officials concerning allegations published in the *Solomon Star* about the misuse of air navigation fees collected by Airservices Australia on behalf of the Solomon Islands Government be provided.

Notice given 20 November 2006

2814 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can a copy be provided of the air operators certificate under which Transair was operating the aircraft VH-TFU on 7 May 2005.

2815 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided of each air operators certificate (AOC) issued to Transair since 1 July 2001, including: (a) number; (b) date of issue; (c) period of validity; (d) listed aircraft permitted to conduct regular public transport; and (e) listed aircraft permitted to conduct charter operations.
- (2) In each case, if the AOC is not effective, can the Minister advise whether the AOC is not effective due to expiry, suspension, cancellation or any other specified reason.

Notice given 21 November 2006

2819 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What action is the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) taking against the directors of Westpoint Corporation Pty Ltd.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any proposed legislation or amendments that would have prevented the actions of the Westpoint directors.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any representation made by ASIC to have legislation amended that would have prevented mezzanine finance deals similar to those employed by Westpoint.
- (4) Did ASIC believe that Westpoint mezzanine funds were regulated products.
- (5) On what dates did KPMG sign off on Westpoint's accounts in the past 6 years.
- (6) What action did the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and ASIC take when they first discovered that Westpoint was acting as a bank without a licence.
- (7) Why did APRA and ASIC take a long time to realise that Westpoint was breaking the law.
- (8) Why has APRA not increased the limits for Financial Industry Complaints Service jurisdiction.

Notice given 23 November 2006

2821 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) conduct a review of the engine condition monitoring programs of other operators in Queensland following the fatal crash; if so:
 - (a) when did the review commence;
 - (b) how was the review conducted;
 - (c) when did the review conclude;
 - (d) how were operators selected for review;
 - (e) how many operators were reviewed; and
 - (f) how many operators were found to be failing to comply with relevant requirements.
- (2) Has CASA conducted a national review of compliance with engine condition monitoring requirements:
 - (a) if so:
 - (i) when did the review commence,
 - (ii) how was the review conducted,
 - (iii) when did the review conclude,
 - (iv) how were operators selected for review,
 - (v) by state/territory, how many operators were reviewed, and
 - (vi) by state/territory, how many operators were found to be failing to comply with relevant requirements; and
 - (b) if not, why not.

- 2822 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001: Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) audit of the operator's maintenance organisation in August 2001 identify problems with the operator's maintenance resources; if so: (a) what problems did it identify; and (b) what action did CASA take; if no action was taken, why not.
- 2823 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Following the resignation of the operator's full-time maintenance controller in August 2001, did the operator's chief engineer fill that role with the approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
 - (2) Was the chief engineer's initial appointment as maintenance controller approved by CASA on 3 August 2001, based on a telephone interview with a CASA inspector.
 - (3) Was the further appointment of the chief engineer as maintenance controller approved by CASA on 17 August 2001.
 - (4) Were CASA's approvals made in the absence of formal guidelines on the criteria, qualifications or competencies that should be considered when evaluating the suitability of a person to act in a managerial role for a maintenance organisation.
- 2824 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Was the operator's fleet of aircraft maintained by external maintenance organisations until the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved a change in maintenance arrangements in early 2001.
 - (2) How did CASA satisfy itself that the operator was capable of conducting maintenance on its own aircraft when it issued the operator with a certificate of approval valid to September 2001.
 - (3) Is it the case that CASA took no action when the certificate of approval expired in September 2001 because it had been mistakenly annotated in the CASA database as being valid for 12 months.
 - (4) Was the certificate of approval renewed on 21 November 2001 on the basis of a telephone conversation with the operator; if so, why was the certificate of approval renewed on the basis of a telephone conversation.
- 2825 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Were the aircraft's engines operating on a life extension to 5 000 hours time between overhaul (TBO) in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Directive AD/ENG/5 Amendment 7.

- (2) Is it a requirement of the Airworthiness Directive that, if the engines were operating to a 5 000 hour TBO, they had to be subject to an engine condition trend monitoring (ECTM) program.
- (3) Prior to the fatal crash, was CASA aware that the operator's maintenance controller had not completed ECTM training and was not qualified to conduct ECTM functions.
- (4) Was CASA aware that the operator had entered into an arrangement to have ECTM data analysed by the engine manufacturer's field representative but failed: (a) to ensure this arrangement was documented by the operator; and (b) to establish whether the ECTM data was being submitted for analysis on a regular basis.
- (5) Is it the case that in the 4 months prior to the fatal crash, ECTM data was not recorded or submitted for analysis in accordance with the engine manufacturer's requirements and AD/ENG/5.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that the ATSB supplementary report published in August 2006 found that ECTM data indicated that a potentially significant problem had been developing in the left engine in the months preceding the fatal crash and 'was both real and indicative of a trend significant enough to warrant a proactive response to identify and rectify a developing problem in the engine'.
- (7) Why did CASA surveillance fail to detect problems with the operator's ECTM program prior to the fatal crash of VH-LQH.

Notice given 24 November 2006

2831 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, at the Corporate Governance in the Public Sector conference on 20 April 2004, that he had the agreement of the then Minister (Mr Anderson) to hold a formal meeting 'at least every two months' on the basis that regular structured communication is an essential element in ensuring CASA's governance arrangements operate successfully:

- (1) On what dates have regular formal meetings involving Mr Byron, the Minister and the Secretary of the department been conducted.
- (2) If regular formal meetings have been abandoned, can the Minister advise: (a) when; and (b) why these meetings were abandoned.

Notice given 28 November 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2839-2856)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many staff are engaged under a Certified Agreement (CA).
- (2) How many staff are engaged under the provisions of an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).
- (3) Does the department or portfolio agency have any staff engaged under the provisions of a common law contract; if so: (a) by level, how many staff are under these contracts; and (b) for what reason has the department or agency determined that common law contracts are preferred employment instruments over either CAs or AWAs.

2839 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

- 2840 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2841 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2842 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 2843 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2844 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2845 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2846 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 2847 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2850 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2851 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 2852 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2853 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2854 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 2856 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2859 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) By year since 1996, how many non-compliance notices have been issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority or any other relevant agencies to international aviation providers undertaking regular passenger transport in Australian controlled airspace.
 - (2) In each case what was the: (a) reason for the issue of the notice; and (b) the name of the international carrier.
- 2864 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the decision by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on 25 November 2006 to suspend Transair's air operators certificate (AOC) under section 30DC of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* on the grounds the operator had engaged, may be engaging and was likely to engage in conduct constituting, contributing to, or resulting in, a serious and imminent risk to air safety:
- (1) Is a serious risk one where conduct has caused, or is reasonably likely to cause, an aviation accident or incident.
 - (2) On what basis did CASA determine the risk was serious.
 - (3) On what basis did CASA determine the risk was imminent.
 - (4) On what date did CASA first receive information about the serious and imminent risk.
 - (5) On what date did CASA seek from Transair a written explanation of events and/or undertakings necessary to alleviate the serious and imminent risk.
 - (6) In what form was the request made.
 - (7) On what date did the operator respond to that request.
 - (8) Which officer authorised the suspension action.
 - (9) On what date and at what time did CASA decide to suspend the AOC.
 - (10) (a) On what date and at what time; and (b) in what form, was the suspension notice served on the operator.

- (11) Can a copy of the suspension notice be provided; if not, why not.
- (12) If there was a delay between the decision to suspend the operator and the service of the suspension notice, what is the explanation for the delay.
- (13) On what date and at what time was the suspension effective.
- (14) On what date did CASA make an application to the Federal Court of Australia (FCA) seeking an order under section 30DE of the Act.
- (15) What order of the FCA did CASA seek.
- (16) Did CASA seek costs.
- (17) Can a copy of the application and supporting affidavit be provided; if not, why not.
- (18) What was the outcome of the application, including the details of any order made by the FCA.

2870 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer given to question on notice W1 (o) asked during the 2006 Budget estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee:

- (1) Of the 28 cases listed under military justice, six of which concern sexual harassment: (a) how long has each of those cases been active; (b) at what stage are proceedings with respect to mediation, court hearings, or negotiation; (c) how many await applicant responses or input; and (d) how are the remaining 22 categorised.
- (2) Of the asbestos cases: (a) what is the age distribution of those from original date of lodgement; (b) how many cases are active with respect to court proceedings, mediation or negotiation; and (c) how many have already received disability compensation payments.
- (3) Of the F III claims, how many of those cases have already received a compensation payment under the act of grace scheme administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- (4) With respect to those cases listed under 'contract law': (a) who are the claimants; (b) where known, what are the sums sought; (c) how long has each case been active; and (d) what is the current stage of the process in each case.

2871 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer given to question on notice W1 (o) asked during the 2006 Budget estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee: (a) without identifying the claimant, of the eight cases listed for compensation under the heading of 'military justice': (i) what is the substance of each claim, and (ii) how long has each claim been active; and (b) of the eight cases listed under 'medical': (i) what is the nature of each claim for which payment is sought, and (ii) how long has each case been active.

Notice given 29 November 2006

2877 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to Table 5.7 on page 259 of the department's annual report for 2005-06: (a) what was the categorisation of investigations undertaken by the Service Police in the 1222 cases on hand for the Army as at 30 June 2006; (b) what percentage in each category resulted in the offence being proven; and (c) what disciplinary measures resulted.

2884 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Australian Defence Force personnel have served overseas in: (a) East Timor; (b) Afghanistan; (c) Iraq; and (d) the Solomon Islands.
- (2) For each of those deployments: by percentage and disability category, how many personnel are now in receipt of, or have received, disability compensation; and of those: (a) how many are still serving; and (b) how many have been discharged as medically unfit.
- (3) How many from each deployment are now in receipt of: (a) a totally and permanently incapacitated pension; or (b) incapacity pay as being unable to work.
- (4) For all personnel who have served in the above deployments: (a) how many have entitlement to the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and the *Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1989* combined; and (b) how many have access only to the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2005*.

2893 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the decision by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on 25 November 2006 to suspend Transair's air operator's certificate under section 30DC of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* on the grounds the operator had engaged, may be engaging and was likely to engage in conduct constituting, contributing to, or resulting in, a serious and imminent risk to air safety:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a CASA spokesperson, Mr Peter Gibson, told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *PM* program on 27 November 2006, that the information that prompted the suspension was 'new information, information which literally only came to light in the last few days. So in no way does it relate to the accident at Lockhart River'.
- (2) Is this statement accurate.

Notice given 6 December 2006

2921 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—By medical speciality, does the Government have data on districts of workforce shortage; if so, is Sale in Victoria a district of workforce shortage for specialist paediatrics.

Notice given 7 December 2006

2928 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) annual report for 2005-06 does not contain the graph, contained in previous annual reports, of the ABC's operational appropriation in real terms compared with the 1985-86 financial year.
- (2) With reference to a statement by the ABC at the supplementary budget estimates hearing of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee on 31 October 2005 (Committee Hansard, p. 83) that at the time the ABC had \$51 million less in real terms to make programs than in the 1995-96 financial year: (a) can an update be provided on this figure; (b) how much funding will the ABC receive from the Commonwealth to make programs for the

2006-07 financial year; and (c) in real terms, what is the equivalent figure for the 1995-96 financial year.

2929 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) ever place any restrictions, formally or informally, on Mr Murray Nugent or the companies he was involved with, specifically Reward Insurance Ltd and Australian Home Warranty Pty Ltd, on writing licensed builder home warranty insurance (LBHWI) from 1 July 1999 onwards.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Nugent continued to write LBHWI through Rewards Insurance Ltd after 1 July 1999.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that APRA has the power to disqualify an individual from holding roles within the Australian insurance industry; if so, why has APRA never moved to disqualify Mr Nugent from operating in the insurance industry.
- (4) If Reward Insurance Ltd was under the minimum capital requirements for insurance companies from 2001 onwards, why did not APRA shut the company down.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of all investigations, recommendations and directions undertaken and instigated into Reward Insurance Ltd since 1999 by: (a) APRA; and (b) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that investigations by APRA and ASIC into Reward Insurance Ltd and Mr Nugent have stalled since May 2005; if so, why.

Notice given 8 December 2006

2936 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to inspections of occupational health and safety (OHS) in Commonwealth workplaces and workers covered under Commonwealth agreements:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, by state and territory, what was the number of OHS: (a) inspections; (b) investigations; (c) fines; and (d) prosecutions.
- (2) What administrative arrangements are currently in place for OHS regulation in Commonwealth workplaces and workers covered under Commonwealth agreements.

2937 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the presentation by the Minister of a number of Jobs Career Future awards for excellence in Indigenous job services:

- (1) Have any of the following successful organisations ceased receiving, or will they cease to receive, Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) funding as a result of the announcement by the Minister on 6 November 2006 to shut down all CDEPs in urban or major regional areas:
 - (a) Wagga Wagga CDEP, trading as Gannambarra Enterprises, which received the developing business opportunities award;
 - (b) Shoalhaven Community Development Aboriginal Corporation, trading as Koori Habitat, Nowra in New South Wales, which received the gaining employment for CDEP/Indigenous Employment Centres participants award;

- (c) Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation, which received the gaining employment or establishing a commercially viable business award;
 - (d) Kalano Community Association Inc., which received the special partnerships award; and
 - (e) Central Queensland Indigenous Development, which received the outstanding achievement in commercial benefit award.
- (2) Did any of these successful organisations know that they would have their CDEP funding cut in the week following the awards.
 - (3) On what date did/will the CDEP funding for the above organisations cease.
 - (4) Will the above organisations be able to continue all of their successful activities using the Structured Training and Employment Projects funds as provided under the new arrangements.

2938 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the cessation of Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) funding for organisations in urban and major regional cities, as announced by the Minister on 6 November 2006:

- (1) Can a list be provided of the names of the organisations that will cease receiving CDEP funding as a result of this announcement.
- (2) When will CDEP funding for those organisations cease.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year, how much CDEP funding, including both operational and activities funding, was each organisation allocated.
- (4) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total CDEP funding for those organisations.
- (5) What will the funding be used for instead.
- (6) Given that the announcement also provided that these organisations would have the opportunity to apply to be a Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) brokerage service, will all the funding that is saved through the reduction of CDEP be spent on the expansion of STEP.
- (7) What functions of CDEP will a STEP brokerage service not carry out.

Notice given 22 December 2006

2955 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to funding for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC):

- (1) How many staff of the department are working on preparations for APEC 2007.
- (2) How much was spent on travel (including all transport, accommodation, food and beverages, per diem and other costs) by staff of the department working on preparations for APEC 2007 for:
 - (a) domestic travel for the period up to and including May 2006;
 - (b) international travel for the period up to and including May 2006, including a breakdown of: (i) international destinations visited, (ii) the number of trips to each destination, and (iii) the class of travel;
 - (c) domestic travel for the period from 1 June 2006 to 31 October 2006; and

- (d) international travel for the period from 1 June 2006 to 31 October 2006 including a breakdown of: (i) international destinations visited, (ii) the number of trips to each destination, and (iii) the class of travel.

Notice given 12 January 2007

2959 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the decision by the President of the United States of America (US), George W Bush, to send an additional 21 500 troops to Iraq and the Prime Minister's public response on 11 January 2006:

- (1) To what was the Prime Minister referring when he said that Australia would support the move.
- (2) What evidence did Mr Bush provide to the Prime Minister that indicated that these additional troops would achieve victory in the fight against terrorism.
- (3) What were the consequences for the stability of the Middle East to which the Prime Minister was referring.
- (4) Can the Prime Minister guarantee that there will be no impact on Australian troops as a result of this escalation in the deployment of US Armed Forces.
- (5) Why did the Prime Minister not rule out sending more Australian forces to Iraq.
- (6) What are the conditions necessary for a decision to be made to withdraw Australian troops from Iraq.

Notice given 15 January 2007

2960 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Why did the Prime Minister's recent announcement of rebates for bone mineral density scans exclude rebates for people under the age of 70 when osteoporosis typically occurs in women much earlier, at about the time of menopause.
- (2) What preventive measures has the Government adopted for osteoporosis, given that it is largely preventable through weight bearing exercise and calcium supplements.
- (3) (a) Why did the Government take calcium off the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for osteoporosis; and (b) was this against the advice of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.
- (4) Has the Government considered providing blood vitamin D testing given the evidence that the high rate of hip fractures in old people is due to deficiencies in calcium and vitamin D.
- (5) Does the Government accept that people in wheelchairs are unable to do weight bearing exercise and warrant earlier access to bone mineral density scans; if so, will rebates be provided for such people.
- (6) What was the rationale for limiting the Medicare rebate on bone mineral density scans at minimum intervals of 2 years.

Notice given 25 January 2007

2970 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the approval given by the Therapeutic Goods Administration in 2005 for the establishment of human milk banks and the fact that 12 months later, no milk banks had commenced operating:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the substantial benefit to the health of premature babies of providing human milk banks, as recommended by the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Children's Fund.
- (2) Given that there are 11 human milk banks already operating in North America and the United Kingdom and 300 in Brazil, is the Government considering developing a program for the establishment of such banks in all Australian states; if so, at what stage is this process; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the John Flynn Private Hospital on the Gold Coast, Queensland is ready to operate, but needs \$350 000 per year in funding for this to be possible.
- (4) What does the Government consider to be appropriate funding sources for the establishment of human milk banks.

Notice given 29 January 2007

2971 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Government's water policy—

- (1) In Australia, is the water that falls on a person's roof the property of that person or the property of government.
- (2) If it is not the property of the individual person, under what legislation in Australia are rights to water that falls on a person's roof vested in governments, as claimed under clause 2 of the National Water Initiative (NWI) Agreement.
- (3) Under clause 2 of the NWI Agreement, can governments, at their discretion, set entitlement regimes for the use of water that falls on a person's roof in Australia; if so, under what circumstances would state or federal governments issue a specific entitlement to persons who capture water from their roof and what would that entitlement be.
- (4) What magnitude of rainwater collected from roofs would be sufficient to warrant the issuing of specific entitlements to use this class of water as has been proposed by the National Water Commission.
- (5) Does the Government rule out setting an entitlement regime for persons to use water collected from roofs in rainwater tanks; if so, will the Federal Government ask the state governments to amend the NWI Agreement to make clear that no rights to water that falls on a person's roof are vested in governments.
- (6) Is it correct that section 7 of the Victorian *Water Act 1989* states, 'The Crown has the right to the use, flow and control of all water in a waterway and all groundwater'; if so, is it the Commonwealth's view that, for the purposes of the NWI, water from a person's roof comes under this definition.

- (7) Is it correct that section 392 of the New South Wales *Water Management Act 2000* states, ‘the rights to the control, use and flow of ... all water occurring naturally on or below the surface of the ground, are the **State’s water rights**’; if so, does water from a person’s roof come under this definition.
- (8) Is it correct that section 19 of the Queensland *Water Act 2000* states, ‘All rights to the use, flow and control of all water in Queensland are vested in the State’, where: (a) ‘water means... (a) water in a watercourse, lake or spring; (b) underground water; (c) overland flow water; (d) water that has been collected in a dam’; and (b) ‘*Overland flow water* does not include ... water collected from roofs for rainwater tanks’; if so, does water from a person’s roof come under this definition.
- (9) Is it correct that section 124 of the South Australian *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* states, ‘the occupier of land is entitled to take surface water from the land for any purpose’ and does surface water mean ‘water flowing over land’.
- (10) Is surface water in South Australia: (a) water that is not captured and controlled; and (b) no-one’s property.
- (11) Can water that falls on a person’s roof in South Australia be surface water.

Notice given 1 February 2007

- 2973 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005: Was the information available to the ATSB, which formed the basis for the ATSB’s decision to refer Transair Pty Ltd to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions: (a) available from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority’s (CASA) audit and monitoring processes; and (b) acted upon by CASA.

Notice given 6 February 2007

- 2979 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Further to question on notice no. 2828 that refers to the issuing of conscientious objection certificates to employers:
- (1) Have there been any certificates issued to employers in states other than Victoria.
 - (2) To which businesses in Victoria have certificates been issued.
- 2983 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the report of 13 December 2006 by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists *Review of Australia’s Blood Fractionation Arrangements*, found that competitive tendering and offshore fractionation of Australian donated blood plasma will undermine access to intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) by:
 - (a) increasing the costs to the Australian health services in the regulation of plasma fractionated off shore;
 - (b) increasing the price of plasma due to increased international handling costs (e.g. transport, special storage and warehousing);

- (c) reducing the amount of plasma available due to lower yields achieved by offshore fractionation technology;
 - (d) increasing the vein to vein time between donation of plasma and clinical use as a finished blood product;
 - (e) elevating the risk of disturbance of supply (transportation by shipping) the consequences of which are costly and highly disruptive; and
 - (f) undermining of the volunteer ethos of blood donation and the high regard in which the Australian Red Cross Blood Service is held.
- (2) Will the Government be adopting recommendation 10 of the Review which states: 'Australia should maintain its reservation regarding the procurement of blood fractionation services under the Australia - United States Free Trade Agreement. The reservation exempts the procurement of plasma fractionation services from the government procurement provisions in Chapter 15 of the Agreement. The CSL Act should also be maintained.'; if not: (a) why not; and (b) how will the Government ensure that access to intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) does not deteriorate by becoming more expensive, less available and less reliable.
- (3) What plans does the Government have to maintain and encourage volunteer blood donation.

Notice given 8 February 2007

2985 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did the Minister first receive the proposal from Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Wright to identify the remains of Australians killed at Fromelles and Pheasant Wood in France during World War I.
- (2) Will the Minister consider the proposal.
- (3) Can a breakdown be provided of the \$150 000, for Dr Tony Pollard's geophysical survey, quoted on page 5 of the *Australian* of 8 February 2007.

2986 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many entitlement cards have been allocated to Australian participants in British nuclear testing.
- (2) Have any entitlement cards been allocated to Commonwealth Police officers; if so: (a) how many; and (b) to whom were they allocated.

Notice given 15 February 2007

Senator Ray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2987-3016)—(a) Has the Minister, Assistant Minister or Parliamentary Secretary in the portfolio been provided with a pay television package by the department for: (i) the electorate office, (ii) the ministerial office in the home state, and/or (iii) home; and (b) if so, what was the cost of each pay television package.

2987 Minister for Finance and Administration

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Notice given 23 February 2007

- 3027 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) With reference to sub section 93(1)(b)(ii) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, how many British subjects coded as being eligible to vote on 25 January 1984 still remain on the Electoral Roll as non-Australian citizens.
 - (2) Given the current interest in and debate concerning Australian values and an obligation and commitment to Australia, is the Government of the view that voting in federal elections should only be available to citizens of Australia.
 - (3) Since some non-citizens can vote in elections but not others; since at the local level voting in some jurisdictions is also given to property owners, and in others to non-citizen residents; and, in light of trends in other democracies to widen the franchise to permanent residents or other categories: does the Federal Government consider it opportune to review the varied rights to vote in the three tiers of government in Australia.

Notice given 26 February 2007

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3028-3029)—With reference to the proposal to pipe water from Googong Dam to Goulburn, announced on 24 January 2007, by the Liberal Party of New South Wales:

- (1) Has the Minister or the Assistant Minister/Parliamentary Secretary ever had contact with the Leader of the Liberal Party of New South Wales, Mr Peter Debnam or other members or representatives of the New South Wales Opposition in relation to the proposal; if so, in each case: (a) who instigated the contact; (b) who was involved in the contact; (c) when and where did the contact occur; (d) what was the nature of the contact; (e) what was the purpose and outcome of the contact; (f) who was present and in what capacity; and (g) do written records of the contact exist; if so, can copies be provided.
- (2) Has the Minister, Assistant Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or the department had contact with other members of the Commonwealth Government in relation to the proposal; if so, in each case: (a) who instigated the contact; (b) who was involved in the contact; (c) when and where did the contact occur; (d) what was the nature of the contact; (e) what was the purpose and outcome of the contact; (f) who was present and in what capacity; and (g) do written records of the contact exist; if so, can copies be provided.
- (3) Has the department been asked to do or commission any work in relation to any such proposal; if so: (a) when was the work commenced and finished; (b) by whom was the work done; (c) who instigated the work or instructed the department to commission the work; (d) what was the outcome or findings of the work; (e) was the nature of the work financial modelling or engineering feasibility analysis; (f) can the product of that modelling be provided; if not, why not; (g) what was the total cost of the work; and (h) what is the estimated cost of the proposal or proposals.

3028 Minister for Finance and Administration

3029 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

3030 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the intended transfer of the land on which Googong Dam is situated to the Australian Capital Territory Government or its utility, ACTEW Corporation Limited:

- (1) On what date did the Minister and/or the Assistant Minister first become aware of the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (2) (a) Who made the Minister and/or the Assistant Minister aware of this; and (b) in what manner were they made aware.
- (3) On what date and from whom has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department sought legal advice on the view that the Commonwealth never intended to make the transfer.
- (4) What was the cost of that legal advice.
- (5) On what date did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department receive that legal advice.
- (6) On what date did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the Executive as a whole adopt the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.

- (7) Why was this view adopted.
- (8) On what date and in what manner did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department notify the Minister for Local Government Territories and Roads, his staff or the Department for Local Government, Territories and Roads that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (9) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with the Member for Eden Monaro in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if copies cannot be provided, why not.
- (10) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with the Prime Minister, or his Assistant Minister or their offices in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if copies cannot be provided, why not.
- (11) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with Senator Gary Humphries in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if not, why not.

3031 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the intended transfer of the land on which Googong Dam is situated to the Australian Capital Territory Government or its utility, ACTEW Corporation Limited:

- (1) On what date did the Minister and/or the Parliamentary Secretary first become aware of the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (2) (a) Who made the Minister and/or the Parliamentary Secretary aware of this; and (b) in what manner were they made aware.
- (3) On what date and from whom has the Minister and/or the Parliamentary Secretary sought legal advice on the view that the Commonwealth had never intended to make the transfer.
- (4) What was the cost of that legal advice.
- (5) On what date did the Minister and/or the Parliamentary Secretary receive that legal advice.
- (6) On what date did the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or the Executive as a whole adopt the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (7) Why was this view adopted.

- (8) On what date and in what manner did the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or the department notify the Minister for Local Government Territories and Roads, his staff or the Department for Local Government, Territories and Roads that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (9) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or the department had with the Member for Eden Monaro in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if copies cannot be provided, why not.
- (10) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or the department had with the Prime Minister, or his office in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if not, why not.

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3032-3033)—

- (1) With reference to the land upon which the Googong Dam is situated: (a) who owns the land; and (b) who manages the land.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the management of this land requires the manager to outlay funds as part of that management role: if so, for each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how much funding has been outlaid.
- (3) If the land is not managed by the Commonwealth, what is the: (a) type; and (b) quantum, of assistance or payment for management services that the Commonwealth pays to the manager.
- (4) With reference the water in Googong Dam: (a) who owns the water; and (b) who manages the water.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the management of this water requires the manager to outlay funds as part of that management role: if so, for each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how much funding has been outlaid.
- (6) If the water is not managed by the Commonwealth, what is the: (a) type; and (b) quantum of assistance or payment for management services that the Commonwealth pays to the manager.

3032 Minister for Finance and Administration

3033 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3034-3035)—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the intent of the Government to transfer the infrastructure of Googong Dam to the Australian Capital Territory Government or its utility, ACTEW Corporation Limited (ACTEW): if so, what pieces of infrastructure would be subject to such a transfer.

- (2) Since 1989, has it always been the intent of the Commonwealth to transfer these pieces of infrastructure to the Australian Capital Territory Government and/or ACTEW; if not: (a) since 1989, what pieces of infrastructure have been included or excluded; and (b) what is the reason for their inclusion or exclusion.

3034 Minister for Finance and Administration

3035 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Notice given 27 February 2007

3037 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each month since inception, how many calls have been received by the Child Care Access Hotline: (a) in total; and (b) by state and territory.
- (2) How many full-time equivalent staff are allocated to operate the hotline.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year and across the forward estimates period, what is the total budget allocation for the hotline.
- (4) To date, how much has been spent on the hotline.

Notice given 28 February 2007

3040 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the Minister advise when all the residents of Dunlop, Australian Capital Territory, will be able to have ADSL2+ broadband connected to their homes.

Notice given 1 March 2007

3042 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the breast cancer cluster which led to the evacuation of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's studios in Toowong, Queensland:

- (1) What causal role did extremely low frequency electro-magnetic fields (ELFEMF) have.
- (2) Has ELFEMF been eliminated as a cause or contributory factor; if so, on what grounds.
- (3) (a) What were the ELFEMF levels measured in the studios; and (b) how much higher than background ELFEMF were the levels.
- (4) (a) When were those measurements taken; (b) exactly where were they taken; and (c) by whom.
- (5) What are the ELFEMF levels to be expected in a media studio.
- (6) Do ELFEMF levels affect melatonin production; if so: (a) how; and (b) how might this relate to breast cancer.

Notice given 7 March 2007

3043 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the World Heritage nomination of Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct:

- (1) Who were the consultants that prepared nomination for the Commonwealth Government.

- (2) Did the consultants identify the Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct as a possible convict settlement site.
- (3) Given that the above site is the oldest European heritage precinct settlement in Western Australia, clearly established under convict labour, why was this location not included by the Minister in the nomination.
- (4) Given that the Western Australian Government and the city of Albany have already approved icon heritage status to Albany Anzac (with state and federal funding) and the implicit relationship between the Albany Waterfront project and the Residency Museum/Eclipse Museum/Old Gaol Heritage Precinct, was the Western Australian Minister for Housing and Works; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs; Land Information, the Honourable Michelle Roberts MLA and the city of Albany consulted as to the precinct's inclusion for nomination.
- (5) Is the Minister now prepared to include the Heritage Precinct as an addendum to the nomination.

Notice given 16 March 2007

3047 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992*:

- (1) Which categories of contraventions of the Act fall within the statutory reporting obligation.
- (2) Does the Minister report only on contraventions that have resulted in a prosecution or a conviction or does the Minister report also on instances where the department considers that a contravention has occurred but no prosecution has followed.
- (3) For each of the years 2005 and 2006: (a) how many complaints did the department receive about alleged breaches of the Act; and (b) what action, if any, was taken in relation to each of these complaints.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that: (a) in 2006 the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) ruled that radio broadcaster 3AW had broadcast three tobacco advertisements in one program that were not an accidental or incidental accompaniment to the broadcast of other matter; and (b) ACMA stated that this conduct could constitute an offence under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* because the broadcast of a tobacco advertisement in contravention of the *Tobacco Advertisement Prohibition Act 1992* was a breach of licence conditions; if so, why was this not noted in the report on the number and nature of any contraventions of the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act* occurring in the preceding 12 months tabled in the Senate on 7 February 2007, pursuant to subsection 34A of the Act.
- (5) Can the Minister explain how each of the following recent promotional campaigns are permitted to be published under the Act: (a) the catalogue of Gripp Jeans, a Melbourne clothing brand, showing two separate images of young women smoking; (b) the advertisement for Wheels and Dollbaby, a Sydney fashion label, in the March 2007 issue of the Australian *Harper's Bazaar* that shows a young blonde with a cigarette; and (c) the recent billboard from Everlast, a sports clothing company, that shows a teenage boy with a cigarette in his mouth.

Notice given 20 March 2007

- 3049 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the asylum seekers currently being assessed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Indonesia of which some are under the care of the International Organisation for Migration as funded by the Australian Government:
- (1) (a) If granted protection by Australia would the asylum seekers be given permanent protection visas or temporary protection visas; and (b) if granted temporary protection visas, what would be the length of those visas.
 - (2) Have the Indonesian authorities and/or the UNHCR requested that a solution be found for this group of people.
 - (3) Does Australia intend to accept any of this group of people in its refugee or humanitarian intake; if so: (a) how many; and (b) in what time frame would these people be accepted.
- 3050 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to a group of 82 Sri Lankan asylum seekers currently being processed in Nauru:
- (1) While on Christmas Island, when and how were the asylum seekers first informed that they could contact a lawyer.
 - (2) What facilities were made available to the asylum seekers in order to facilitate this contact.
 - (3) Did the asylum seekers express, to any departmental officers or contracted staff, a wish that they wanted to contact a lawyer or migration agent.
- 3051 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to a group of 82 Sri Lankan asylum seekers currently being processed in Nauru, what were the total costs of: (a) the charter flight to transport the asylum seekers from Christmas Island to Nauru; and (b) any charter flights to transport personnel to Nauru to facilitate the arrival of the asylum seekers.
- 3052 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2887, and in particular the answer to parts (1)(a) and (b), can information be provided on overseas recruitment to the Australian Defence Force, and not information on recruitment of an untrained nature which was not specified in the question.
- 3054 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) What is the current rate that the Government of Nauru charges for asylum seekers brought to Nauru for processing, including costs for visas, charges and other expenses.
 - (2) What penalties or recurring payments are charged by Nauru for asylum seekers that are processed on Nauru for more than 3 months.
 - (3) Since 2001, what is the total amount of visa payments made to Nauru for all asylum seekers that have been taken there for processing.

Notice given 21 March 2007

- 3059 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—
What are the implications of cyberspace commercial activities for: (a) the integrity of the Australian taxation system; (b) consumer protection of Australian citizens; and (c) copyright and defamation laws.
- 3061 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services has the department found to be non-compliant with the requirement to issue child care receipts pursuant to section 219E of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
 - (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.
- 3062 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services has the department found to be non-compliant with the requirement to keep children's attendance records pursuant to section 219F of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
 - (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.
- 3063 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services have refused consent for an authorised officer to enter their premises to inspect documents required to be kept by the service pursuant to section 219K of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
 - (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.
- 3064 **Senator Hurley:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to projects where funding is provided as part of the Water Smart Australia Programme and Raising National Water Standards, can an outline be provided, for each state, of the projects, detailing: (a) the cost of each project, including the total cost, Commonwealth contributions, and other contributions where known; (b) each organisation that is responsible for an individual project, for instance a state government, local council or private company; and (c) the expected completion date of the project if the project is not completed already.

Notice given 22 March 2007

- 3066 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Does the Wet Tropics World Heritage Management Plan provide for a transport corridor such as that required for the proposed highway.

- (2) Will the Kuranda Range Highway, if approved, result in more physical damage to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area than existed at the time that it was listed.
- (3) (a) Does the proposed highway compromise the values for which the area was listed; and (b) does it undermine the physical integrity of the site.
- (4) Does this proposal contravene any of the provisions of the World Heritage Convention, in particular Article 6.3.

3068 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can an update be provided on the progress of discussions on a reciprocal health care agreement between Croatia and Australia that commenced in May 2006.
- (2) Did the department provide the Croatian Ministry of Health with a questionnaire in order to ascertain the extent of similarities between the Australian and Croatian health care systems; if so, has this exchange occurred; if not, can advice be provided on the reasons for the delay in this process.

Notice given 26 March 2007

3072 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) (a) Can the Minister provide, for each of the 11 zones across the four sectors of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF), the following figures for the orange roughy: (i) target quota, (ii) bycatch quota, and (iii) trigger limit; and (b) for each of the above categories, will the Minister identify: (i) where each of the quotas and/or trigger limits are published, and (ii) how the quantities were determined.
- (2) Is it the case that the East Coast Deepwater trawl sector has been identified as having an orange roughy trigger limit in the Orange Roughy Conservation Programme, published by the Australian Fisheries Management Association (AFMA) on 7 December 2006; if so, why does the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (non-quota species) Total Allowable Catch (2007 Fishing Year) Determination (cited as 2007 SESSF D2), made under section 15 of the SESSF Management Plan 2003, allocate a 50 tonne bycatch quota.
- (3) Can the Minister explain whether the Orange Roughy Conservation Plan Workshop to be hosted by the AFMA in Melbourne on 12 April 2007 is open to participants other than orange roughy quota holders; if not, why not.

3073 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Can the Minister provide, for each year since 1990, by state and territory, the number of grocery stores and supermarkets in Australia.

Notice given 5 April 2007

3095 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 'MOU on Handling and Slaughtering of Australian Live Animals' signed on 3 October 2006 by the Minister and the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Mr Amin Ahmed Abaza:

- (1) Does the MOU relate to all animals exported from Australia to Egypt.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that there is no distinction made in the MOU in regard of agreed terms for the treatment of Australian sheep, for example whether they are sent to abattoirs or sold privately for home slaughter.
- (3) (a) Can the Minister confirm that, in Egypt, no enforceable legislation exists to prohibit cruelty to animals, within slaughterhouses or elsewhere, or to ensure that the conditions of the MOU are complied with; and (b) given that there is a lack of animal protection laws and that significant animal welfare issues are documented in Egypt, on what basis did the Minister believe that the conditions of the MOU would be complied with.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that he and departmental officials were advised by representatives of Animals Australia, prior to the signing of the MOU, that the treatment and handling of sheep in Egypt did not comply with World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines due to the prevalent practice of on-selling to private buyers and the inept and unregulated handling and slaughter practices that are used, even in major abattoirs, in Egypt.
- (5) What assurances about animal welfare standards in Egypt, if any, were made to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, and to the Australian Government, prior to the granting of an export permit for a consignment of approximately 40 000 sheep from Australia to Egypt in October and November 2006.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that he was advised, in correspondence from Animals Australia dated 22 November 2006, that the welfare of the first shipment of sheep to Egypt since the signing of the MOU was at risk as the import was specifically for Eid-al-Adha (the 'Feast of Sacrifice'), the major religious festival during which sheep are sacrificed in the street and in homes; if so: did the Minister: (a) confirm the information contained in the correspondence; and (b) take action by sending Australian Government representatives to Egypt to monitor the treatment of the sheep that arrived in Egypt in November 2006 in order to assess the adherence to the MOU; if not, why not, given the statement, in the document 'Frequently asked questions—Live trade export – Egypt on the department's website, that 'initial shipments will be closely monitored for compliance with the MOU provisions'.
- (7) Prior to the signing of the MOU, was there any assessment conducted by the Australian Government of market places, abattoirs, transport or handling standards in Egypt, and particularly any assessment of likely adherence to OIE animal welfare guidelines, and therefore the MOU, in regard to sheep; if so, can details of these assessments be provided.
- (8) What assurances were made, by either Mr Abaza or other representatives of the Government of Egypt, to Australian Government representatives in regard to the enforcement of the animal welfare provisions detailed in that MOU, and in particular the adherence to the OIE guidelines for the humane treatment and slaughter of Australian livestock.
- (9) Given that during additional estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee in February 2007, Mr Craig Burns, Executive Manager of the International Division of the department, stated, under questioning about the MOU, that the 'focus' is on the way Australian animals are treated in 'abattoirs and official handling facilities' (Committee *Hansard*, 14 February 2007, p. 57P) in Egypt, and that the footage aired on television of the Animals Australia investigation related to 'leakage from

that official system' (p. 56P), can the Minister confirm that: (a) in Egypt no official slaughter and handling system is in place for sheep; and (b) for each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, Australian sheep have only been exported from Australia to Egypt in the lead-up to the Eid-al-Adha religious festival, and that a large proportion of these sheep are likely to be privately transported and slaughtered.

- (10) Given that the Minister has viewed and is aware of the eye witness, video and photographic evidence, gathered by Animals Australia in Cairo in December 2006, that show multiple and consistent breaches of the OIE guidelines, and therefore the MOU, what measures has the Government taken to investigate the documented breaches.
- (11) What measures can the Australian Government take to compel compliance with welfare requirements within an MOU, apart from refusing to supply livestock.
- (12) (a) What assurances, if any, has Egypt provided that any other shipment of animals from Australia to Egypt will be treated humanely; and (b) if such assurances have been made, does the Minister believe that the conditions of the MOU will be complied with in future given that the Egyptian Government has no capacity to enforce the conditions of the MOU in slaughterhouses or in private premises.
- (13) What further measures will the Australian Government put in place to ensure, and to assure the Australian public, that Australian animals exported to Egypt will be treated in accordance with the OIE guidelines.
- (14) Will the Australian Government refrain from issuing any further export permits for animals from Australia to Egypt if no additional and effective measures are in place to protect these animals.
- (15) Is the Minister aware that the Egyptian Government Organisation of Veterinary Services Animal Welfare Office has recently renewed its policy and practice of authorising the shooting and use of strychnine on stray dogs in the streets of Cairo.
- (16) Given that the Australian Government has, in recent years, negotiated MOUs with Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Eritrea and Jordan on the trade in live animals which relate to the agreed off-loading of animals into the importing country in the event of a suspected disease issue, and were intended to protect against a rejection of Australian livestock similar to the *Cormo Express* incident and given the breaches of the MOU between Australia and Egypt that have been acknowledged in public statements by the Minister, and the apparent disregard by Egypt of the MOU, what confidence does the Minister have that similar MOUs entered into with the remaining countries will be honoured in the event of a suspected major on-board disease event.
- (17) Will the Australian Government report the failure of the Egyptian Government to adhere to the minimum animal handling and slaughter guidelines to the OIE.

Notice given 10 April 2007

3098 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For the COAG Indigenous community trial in the Australian Capital Territory, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trial to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figure be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.

3100 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For the COAG Indigenous community trials in the Murdi Paaki region, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trial to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figure be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the Murdi Paaki Regional Council has helped to devise a number of community action plans for communities in the Murdi Paaki region; if so, what role has the department played in putting those plans into action.

3101 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For the COAG Indigenous community trials in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yakunytjatjara (APY) Lands region, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trial to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figure be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.

3102 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For each of the COAG Indigenous community trials in the Cape York and Shepparton regions, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trials to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figures be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.

3105 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can a list be provided of Job Network providers that currently service remote areas.
- (2) For each financial year since 2002-03: (a) how many Job Network providers have serviced remote areas; (b) what amount of the total funding allocated to Job Network providers have these providers received; (c) how many job outcomes have these providers achieved, including: (i) at first instance, (ii) at 13 weeks, and (iii) at 26 weeks; and (d) what global percentage of the Job Seeker Account amount available have these providers used.
- (3) (a) To date, how much has been spent of the 2006-07 Budget measure, 'Strengthening Indigenous Communities – enhanced opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities', worth \$17.9 million over 4 years and \$3.7 million in the first year; (b) of this amount, how much has been directed to: (i) Job Network, (ii) Centrelink, and (iii) the department; and (c) for each of the above, as a result of the funding, what extra work or activity has been generated.

Notice given 17 April 2007

3111 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
Can a list be provided, for each year since 1997, that details the makes and models of all non-standard private plated vehicles approved for senators and members of parliament, and for each make and model, how many vehicles were approved, and what was the Green Vehicle Guide rating attributed to it.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3112-3113)—

- (1) What research, if any, is being conducted on deep groundwater mapping in Australia.
- (2) What does the Government understand to be the capacity for deep groundwater to provide fresh water supplies for agriculture and urban use in Australia.
- (3) Since 2003, what amount of funding has the Government provided for projects to lower the water table as a form of salinity mitigation.
- (4) Is it the case that drainage projects to lower the water table are now considered largely ineffective.
- (5) (a) What salinity mitigation strategy is considered most effective; and (b) what assessment has been made of the extent, from this form of salinity mitigation, of: (i) dehydration of soils, and (ii) damage to the health of soils.
- (6) (a) What research has been conducted on degraded agricultural soil mapping; and (b) what assessment has been made of the extent in compacted and/or degraded soils of: (i) loss of carbon, (ii) loss of microbes and nutrients, (iii) the reduction in the capacity for water storage, (iv) the reduction in the seepage of fresh water from soil into surface dams and river systems, (v) the reduction in deep soil water percolation, (vi) increases in surface runoff from precipitation, and (vii) salination, as caused by the concentration of soil by the lateral flow of water through degraded soil.

(7) What research is being conducted into the science of soil health.

(8) What involvement does the department have with Healthy Soils Australia.

3113 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3116-3117)—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the study, 'Comparison of treatment effects between animal experiments and clinical trials: systematic review', reported in the British Medical Journal of 27 January 2007 (p. 197), which indicates that much biomedical research conducted on animals is of poor methodological quality and that there is a lack of concordance between animal experiments and clinical trials.

(2) Can the Minister give assurances that this is not also the case in Australia; if so, on what grounds can these assurances be made.

3116 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

3117 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

3119 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1086 (Senate Hansard, 3 November 2006, p. 114):

(1) Since the answer was provided, what new contraceptives, including oral contraceptives, have been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); if none have been listed, can details be provided of any recommendations which have been made by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee for listing of contraceptives on the PBS, including the current status of any recommendations or applications.

(2) What data is available on the clinical and economic impact of alternative contraceptive methods in regard to side effects and reducing unintended pregnancy.

(3) (a) What factors determine the choice of type and level of use of contraceptives; and (b) are contraceptive prices one of these factors; if so, in what way do they impact on the choice.

(4) What is the average cost of: (a) the different categories of contraceptives covered by the PBS; and (b) contraceptives not covered by the PBS.

(5) What information is available, if any, on the level of: (a) individual expenditure on contraceptives; and (b) public subsidy for contraceptives, available in Australia compared to other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries.

(6) How does the cost of contraceptives in Australia compare with other OECD countries.

(7) What evidence is available regarding the cost and rates of use of contraception in different populations.

(8) Is it the case that NuvaRing is not listed on the PBS; if so, why.

(9) What work has the Government undertaken to examine the need for a broader range of cheaper and more accessible forms of contraception as a method of reducing the need for terminations.

Notice given 18 April 2007

- 3122 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Natural Heritage Trust:
- (1) (a) Where is the \$300 million capital base invested and what relevant legislative provisions govern the application of the trust; (b) from this investment, what actual earnings have been made and what is the future assumed earnings rate applied to the capital.
 - (2) (a) Since the 1997-98 financial year, what have been the uncommitted and unobligated amounts in the trust; and (b) for each amount, what were the rollovers or carry forwards.
 - (3) For the financial years up to and including 2010-11 what are the uncommitted and unobligated amounts in the trust.
- 3125 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Can details be provided of the uncommitted and unobligated forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 for: (a) the Workplace Productivity program; (b) the Budget measure ‘Capital Development Pool – additional funding to support learning and teaching’; (c) the Budget measure ‘New Apprenticeships – extension of incentives to Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications; and (d) the Budget measure ‘Tutorial Voucher Initiative – continuation’.
 - (2) Can details be provided of the total uncommitted and unobligated administered and departmental costs in the 2006-07 Budget and across the forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 for the ‘Skills for the Future’ initiatives: (a) ‘Work Skills Vouchers’; (b) ‘Support for Mid-Career Apprentices’; (c) ‘Business Skills Vouchers for Apprentices’; (d) ‘Incentives for Higher Technical Skills’; and (e) ‘More Engineering Places at University’.
- 3126 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Can projections be provided for each financial year up to and including 2010-11, for each onshore and offshore visa class and, where applicable, subclass, of: (a) the number of applicants; (b) the number of applications expected to be approved; and (c) the total revenue raised.
- 3127 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to additional funding provided for the establishment of 25 Australian Technical Colleges announced in the *Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook for the 2006-07 financial year*:
- (1) Can details be provided, for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, of the uncommitted and unobligated forward estimate amounts of the funding.
 - (2) Is the funding ongoing; if so, can the yearly funding profile be detailed.
 - (3) Of the amount budgeted for the initiative in the 2006-07 financial year, what amount has been spent.
 - (4) What is the total funding for Australian Technical Colleges across the forward estimates.

- 3128 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the ‘Voluntary student unionism’ 2006-07 Budget measures ‘transitional arrangements’ and ‘small business incentives for regional campuses’:
- (1) For each of the measures, can details be provided, for each financial year up to and including 2009-10, of the uncommitted and unbudgeted forward estimates amounts.
 - (2) Is the funding for each measure ongoing; if so, can the yearly funding profile be provided.
 - (3) Of the amount budgeted for the measures in the 2006-07 financial year, how much has been spent.
- 3131 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—With reference to the department’s Outcome 3 and, specifically, the Member of Parliamentary Staff (MOPS) Gateway:
- (1) (a) When will the service be delivered; (b) what additional functionality will it deliver; and (c) what resources are expected to be freed once it is introduced.
 - (2) (a) What was the original project budget; and (b) what is the current expected budget.
 - (3) Was the improved automated call centre system implemented by 31 December 2006; if not why not and when is it expected to be implemented; if so, what benchmarks are expected to be set for improved performance.
 - (4) What was the cost of the 104 MOPS courses provided in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 3132 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Can a list be provided that details each Commonwealth agency subject to the efficiency dividend and the rate of the dividend applied to it.
 - (2) Which Commonwealth agencies are not subject to the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend and, for each of these agencies, why is the dividend not applied.
 - (3) Which Commonwealth agencies are subject to the efficiency dividend at a rate less than 1.25 per cent and, for each of these agencies: (a) what is the efficiency dividend rate; (b) to what base is it applied; and (c) for what reason is the reduced rate applied.
 - (4) For each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, what is the aggregate cost of the efficiency dividend for: (a) all Commonwealth agencies; and (b) all Commonwealth programs to which it applies.
 - (5) (a) Can a list be provided, by portfolio, of all Wage Cost Indexes and the weighting between Safety Net Adjustments (SNA) and Consumer Price Index adjustments for each Commonwealth Own Purpose Outlay (COPO); and (b) for each COPO: (i) for the 5 financial years to 2005-06 what has been the percentage and dollar amount of indexation, and (ii) for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, what is the projected indexation percentages and dollar amounts of indexation.
 - (6) What indexation arrangements and guarantees will be put in place to ensure programs are no worse off once SNAs are abolished.

3133 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) (a) Can the forward estimates profile for Official Development Assistance (ODA) contained in the Budget estimates be provided; and (b) of this profile, what component has been committed to current ODA programs.
- (2) What is the uncommitted and unobligated amount currently provided for these programs in the budget forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2009-10.

3134 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can a spreadsheet be provided that details:
 - (a) for each of the measures listed in the 2006-07 Budget Paper No. 2, the amount remaining unspent; and
 - (b) the uncommitted and obligated forward estimates in relation to: (i) the measure ‘securing borders against illegal foreign fishing’, each of the following: ‘quarantine risk management and boat destruction’, ‘increased aerial surveillance for Customs’, ‘use of the Southern Ocean patrol vessel in northern waters’, ‘expansion of the Joint Offshore Protection Command Headquarters’, ‘enhanced regional engagement’, ‘enhanced engagement with Indigenous communities’, ‘project team for replacement of the Customs fleet’ and ‘rapid response vessel for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park’, and (ii) the measure ‘Coastal surveillance – increased patrolling of maritime approaches’.
- (2) Can a list be provided that details the forward estimates for the 2004-05 or 2005-06 Budget measures:
 - (a) ‘National Community Crime Prevention Programme – Australia-wide’;
 - (b) for the Australian Customs Service: (i) ‘National security – enhancing monitoring and analysis of closed circuit television’, (ii) ‘Aviation Security – improving circuit television at airports’, and (iii) ‘additional funding’;
 - (c) ‘Imports - additional revenue compliance activities’; and
 - (d) ‘Providing for Australia’s Security – biometrics for border control - automated border processing’.

3135 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Budget measure ‘Sydney Law Courts – providing additional funding for refurbishment’, can details be provided of the total uncommitted and unobligated administered and departmental costs in the 2006-07 Budget and across the forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11.

Notice given 19 April 2007

3138 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the statement of the Prime Minister on Radio 3AW on 23 March 2007 that the Minister had contacted Mrs Georgette Fishlock and that she was given an ex-gratia payment of \$10 000 for the support of her son:

- (1) From which Budget measure was this payment made.
- (2) Since 1 January 2004: (a) how many other carers have received an ex-gratia payment; and (b) what amounts of ex-gratia payments have been made.
- (3) What are the eligibility criteria for ex-gratia payments.

- (4) Since 23 March 2007, how many other carers have: (a) applied for an ex-gratia payment; and (b) received the payment and, in each case, how much have these payments been.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of the process for the review of the eligibility criteria for the carer payment or allowance.

3145 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) (a) How many people in Australia have autism or related disorders; (b) of this number, how many people: (i) receive disability services funded through the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA), and (ii) do not receive disability services funded through the CSTDA.
- (2) (a) Who represents people with autism/ASD on the National Disability Advisory Council (NDAC); and (b) what relationship do these members have with autism/ASD representative groups.

3147 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the report of the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders, *The prevalence of autism in Australia — can it be established from existing data?*, released on 5 March 2007,

- (1) Given that data from Centrelink was regarded as especially useful, why did Centrelink not provide researchers with a breakdown, by state, of the number of people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) who receive a Carer Allowance, a Disability Support Pension or other benefits.
- (2) (a) Will a breakdown of the number of Carer Allowances relating to autism spectrum disorders be available to researchers in future; and (b) can Centrelink data for autism-related Carer Allowances be provided annually.
- (3) (a) Is Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOSS) a severe and pervasive disorder; and (b) does Centrelink identify persons diagnosed with PDD-NOS; if not, why not.

3148 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the Australian Political Parties for Democracy program, can a copy be provided of:

- (a) all grant applications made under the program to date;
- (b) reports or other documentation generated in assessing each of these grant applications and any related correspondence with the applicant, including e-mails and records of phone conversations.
- (c) a list of grant applications which have been funded, including the amount and duration of the funding; and
- (d) all reports received to date under clause 5.2 of the Grant Deed.

3149 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Is the Government committed to meeting the 2010 biodiversity target set by the Convention on Biological Diversity, namely to achieve a significant reduction in the rate of biodiversity loss.
- (2) How will the Government evaluate its progress in relation to this target.
- (3) Will interim reports be provided between the years 2007 and 2010; if not, why not.

Notice given 23 April 2007

- 3150 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the ‘Skills for the Future’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3151 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Helping people move into work’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what was the cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3152 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Welfare to Work’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3153 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the ‘Telstra 3 Share Offer’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when did it end.
- 3154 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the ‘Eliminating Violence Against Women’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when did it, or when is it planned to, end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.

- 3155 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Keeping the System Fair’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what was the, or is the expected, cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3156 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the ‘Financial Literacy’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3157 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the ‘Access Card’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3158 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the ‘Telecommunications Safeguards’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it, or when is it planned to, end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.

Notice given 24 April 2007

- 3161 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the department’s Output Group 2.2 ‘Workplace relations implementation’, and specifically to Output 2.2.1, ‘Industry and Australian government employment advice’, Output 2.2.2, ‘Assistance to the Employment Advocate’, Output 2.2.3, ‘Workplace relations services’, Output 2.2.4, ‘Office of Workplace Services’, and Output 2.2.8, ‘Building Industry Taskforce’: For each of the outputs, can a list be provided of each subprogram or measure and: (a) its associated budgeted and actual spending for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date; and (b) the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.

- 3162 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In regard to the WorkChoices initiative and its implementation: For each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what was the budgeted and actual spending for any advertising, including production, placement and polling costs; and (b) can details be provided of the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.
- 3163 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What is the annual budgeted and actual spending for the Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group employees for the life of the scheme.
 - (2) If there is variation between the annual budgeted and actual spending referred to in paragraph (1), can detailed reasons be provided as to why.
 - (3) When are claims under the scheme likely to be resolved.
- 3164 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to each of the department's Outcome 4 programs, Program 4.1, 'Primary Care Education and Training', Program 4.2, 'Primary Care Financing, Quality and Access', Program 4.3, 'Primary Care Policy, Innovation and Research' and Program 4.4, 'Primary Care Practice Incentives': Can a list be provided of each subprogram or measure and: (a) its associated budgeted and actual spending for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date; and (b) the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.
- 3165 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to each of the departments Outcome 9 programs, Program 9.1, 'Chronic Disease – Treatment', Program 9.2, 'E-Health Implementation' and Program 9.3, 'Health Information': Can a list be provided of each subprogram or measure and: (a) its associated budgeted and actual spending for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date; and (b) the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.

Notice given 26 April 2007

- 3166 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Government's report, *Tracking to the Kyoto Protocol target*, which shows that Australia will exceed its Kyoto target of 108 per cent of 1990 levels by 2010 by approximately 7 million tonnes under the present proposed abatement measures:
- (1) Does the Government still intend to meet the Kyoto target; if so, what measures will be adopted to abate the reported 7 million tonnes of excess carbon dioxide emissions by 2010.
 - (2) (a) What target for emissions has the Government adopted for 2020; and (b) how does this target compare with the Kyoto target, and how will it be met.

3167 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Has the Government considered the discussion paper prepared by the state governments in August 2006 which reported on the impact of reducing the levels of 2005 greenhouse emissions by 19 per cent by 2030; if so, does the Government agree with the paper.
- (2) (a) Does the Minister accept modelling that shows that if greenhouse emissions were reduced by 19 per cent by 2030: (i) that there would be an increase in the cost of electricity of between \$1 and \$2 a week per household, and (ii) that it would take just 2 months extra to achieve the level of gross domestic product that would otherwise be achieved by 2030; and (b) if the Minister does not accept this modelling, can a detailed answer be provided as to its shortcomings.
- (3) (a) Does the Minister accept modelling in the May 2006 report of Frontier Economics, *Options for moving towards a lower emissions future*, that the cost of reducing greenhouse emissions from the electricity sector by 40 per cent by 2030 would be: (i) an increased cost of between \$5 billion to \$8 billion over 25 years in an economy expected to grow by \$1 600 billion in that time, and (ii) an increase in average electricity prices of between 43 and 71 cents per person per week; and (b) if the Minister does not accept this modelling, can a detailed answer be provided as to its shortcomings.

3168 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Can details be provided of the Renewable Energy Development Initiative grants made to date.
- (2) What evidence is there that the scope of the measure has been limited by: (a) the grants of up to 50 per cent of project costs; and (b) the cap of \$5 million.
- (3) When is it anticipated that the \$100 million budget for these grants be: (a) fully committed; and (b) fully expended.
- (4) Has the Government considered targeted grants for the development and commercialisation of renewable energy technologies that were the result of Australian research but appear likely to be lost to overseas interests.
- (5) Which of the following measures suggested by the Business Council of Sustainable Energy are being considered for adoption: (a) an increase in the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target from 9 500 gigawatt hours (GWh) to 15 500 GWh by 2010; (b) more stringent and extensive minimum energy efficiency standards for appliances and buildings; (c) extension and expansion of the New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme by 6 megatonnes per year in 2010; (d) extension and expansion of the Queensland Gas Scheme to double its contribution by 2010; and (e) an extensive clean energy fund of \$1.5 billion to deploy clean energy technologies.
- (6) For each measure in paragraph (5) that is not being considered, why is it not being considered.

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3170-3172)—With reference to the statement by Origin Energy spokesperson, Mr Tony Wood, in the article ‘Eureka moment puts sliced solar cells on track’ (*Science Magazine*, vol. 315, 9 February 2007, p. 785) that the company plans to announce a commercial plant to manufacture SLIVER cells that will ‘likely be in Europe or North America to be closer to markets and to take advantage of government incentives for alternative energy’:

- (1) Has the Minister, the department, or its officers, discussed SLIVER cells and the future of their development with Origin Energy; if so, can a list be provided of correspondence and meetings with Origin Energy, including the dates, participants and a summary of issues discussed.
- (2) Can a list be provided of solar technologies which were invented, since 1996, in Australia but have been commercialised overseas.
- (3) (a) What analysis has been made of the potential for SLIVER cells and other solar technologies to generate sustainable cost competitive power; and (b) can a list be provided of reports or papers where this analysis is documented, including the title, author, date and a description of the analysis.
- (4) What action will, or has, the Minister taken to ensure that SLIVERs are developed to their full potential.
- (5) Should Australian inventions, such as SLIVERs, be commercialised in Australia.
- (6) (a) What government incentives are available in Europe and North America for alternative energy that are not available in Australia; and (b) will the Australian Government introduce comparable alternative energy incentives.

3171 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

3172 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Notice given 27 April 2007

3173 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can assurances be provided that the United States of America (US) will not take military action against Iran.
- (2) What communication, if any, has the Government had with the US Government regarding possible military action against Iran.
- (3) Has the Government provided advice to the US Administration on Australia’s position on military action against Iran; if so, what was the advice.

Notice given 2 May 2007

3178 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for: (a) the Do Not Call Register; and (b) Digital Australia.

3179 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the following 2006-07 Budget measures: (a) ‘Australian Securities and Investments Commission – broadening surveillance capability’; (b) ‘Australian Securities and Investments

Commission – enforcement funding’; and (c) ‘Tax Practitioner Legislative Framework – implementation’.

- (2) Can the forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the Inspector-General of Taxation.

3180 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the 2006-07 Budget measure ‘Health and social services access card - introduction’, consistent with the format presented on page 295 of the 2006-07 Budget Paper No. 2.

3181 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the Carrick Institute and each of the Carrick Awards for Australian University Teaching.

Notice given 7 May 2007

3188 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Has the department received the Tasmanian Government’s options proposal for the ongoing management of healthy Tasmanian devils in the wild, including plans to release them on Tasmanian offshore islands, particularly Maria Island.
- (2) In light of concerns raised by community groups, will the department seek public comment on these proposals.
- (3) Does the Government agree with proposals to release Tasmanian devils on various offshore islands.
- (4) Does the Government consider the island release option an essential part of the long-term recovery plan for the Tasmanian devil in the wake of the transmissible facial tumour disease.
- (5) What ongoing assistance is the Government offering to the research effort into devil facial tumour disease and for ongoing efforts to safeguard the species survival in the wild.

3192 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2717, what conclusions has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority reached about the adequacy of its oversight of Transair Pty Ltd.

Notice given 8 May 2007

3193 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister, the Minister’s office, or the department had contact with members of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly Opposition in relation to the provision of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and/or assets to provide a temporary crossing of the river at Tharwa; if so: (a) what was the nature of the contact, that is, was it by paper or electronic correspondence, telephone conversation or meeting; (b) who instigated the contact and when; (c) what was the purpose and outcome of the contact; and (d) when did the contact occur.

- (2) If the contact referred to in paragraph (1) was a meeting, who was present at the meeting and in what capacity.
- (3) Do written records of the contact exist; if so, can the records be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) With reference to the contact referred to in paragraph (1): (a) what assets were: (i) sought, and (ii) offered; (b) what number and designation of personnel was: (i) sought, and (ii) offered; (c) what was the total projected cost of ADF assistance: (i) sought, and (ii) offered; (d) was the Government asked to meet the full cost of the assistance sought; if so, is the Government willing to meet this cost; and (e) have members of the ADF or any other entity been commissioned by the Commonwealth to carry out surveying and/or engineering work to determine the location and suitability of the type of temporary crossing sought or offered; if so, what findings have been made.

Notice given 9 May 2007

3194 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Have any flyovers and/or bombing runs been conducted over the Northern Territory by planes taking off from the United States of America base in Guam; if so, how many.
- (2) Of the bombs that have been dropped over the Northern Territory: (a) are any of the bombs ‘bunker busting’ bombs; and (b) is tungsten or uranium a component of the bombs.
- (3) Are cluster bombs a part of the Australian Defence Force inventory.

3195 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
(a) What is the total number of Australian Defence Force personnel who have been deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001; and (b) of these personnel, how many have been discharged as a result of physical and/or psychological conditions.

Notice given 10 May 2007

3197 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—With reference to funding for the federal electorate of Braddon committed during the 2004 election funding and, in particular, for aquatic centres in Burnie and Devonport, with \$1 million committed to each centre:

- (1) Which programs or funding sources were these commitments drawn from.
- (2) What process was followed by the department to allocate funding to these projects.
- (3) How much of the funding has been spent on these projects.
- (4) If these funds have not been spent on the original projects, what has happened to these funds.
- (5) (a) If these funds have not been spent on the original projects in Braddon, what programs do they fall under and what projects have they been spent on; and (b) for each of these projects, what amount of the funding has been spent.
- (6) In relation to the alternative projects referred to in paragraph (5): (a) how was the project determined; and (b) what process was followed to ensure transparency and accountability in the redirection of funding to the project.
- (7) How much of the funding remains unallocated.

Notice given 11 May 2007

- 3198 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) (a) On what basis would persons applying for a visa to enter Australia receive a warning from the department that their conduct and character may prevent them from being granted a visa in the future; and (b) is an individual ever given the opportunity to challenge the accuracy of the information which forms the basis of an immigration official's decision to warn a person.
 - (2) For each year since 1996: (a) how many people were denied a visa; and (b) how many of these determinations were based on a person: (i) having a past criminal conviction, and (ii) having been charged but not convicted of a crime.
 - (3) (a) In relation to character grounds, other than criminal convictions, on what grounds will a decision be made to refuse a visa; and (b) what steps, if any, do immigration officials take to verify the information.
 - (4) For each year since 1996, how many times has the Minister or the previous Minister exercised his or her discretion pursuant to section 499 of the *Migration Act 1958* to permit the entry of people into Australia.
 - (5) For each year since 1996, how many people have exercised their appeal rights to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in relation to decisions to refuse entry on the basis of character grounds.
- 3199 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the article, 'Banks join forces to beat e-fraud', in the *Australian Financial Review* of 24 April 2004, in which it was reported that Westpac's plan to build a national registry of electronic keys to validate public key infrastructure (PKI) technology was on hold, in part due to uncertainty about whether the Federal Government's welfare smartcard will use PKI technology:
- (1) Will the access card proposal use PKI technology; if not, why not.
 - (2) If PKI technology is not being used to secure personal information within the access card system, what alternative security arrangements, if any, is the Minister proposing.
- 3201 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the upgrade of the southern Tasmanian Esperance Coast Road, funded under Auslink's Strategic Regional Programme:
- (1) When an AusLink grant is awarded to a local council, what are the requirements of the Government in regard to that council having followed due process in approving the grant application if a substantial financial commitment by that council is required over the following 2 financial years.
 - (2) What are the processes by which AusLink ensures that a local council follows due process in applying for an AusLink grant and its administration after funding is provided.
 - (3) How does AusLink ensure that a local council has followed due process in allocating funding for the financial year in which it commences work on a project, if that financial year started before the grant was awarded and the funding was therefore not included in the budget for that year.

- (4) What are AusLink's requirements for a local council, which has been awarded a large AusLink grant, to follow due process in obtaining planning permits for any boundary adjustments required for completion of the project.
- (5) How does the Government protect itself against the possibility that a local council does not follow due process in financial and/or planning aspects of carrying out the works.
- (6) In carrying out works for which a large AusLink grant has been awarded, what are the requirements that a local council complies with state planning regulations, such as the State Coastal Policy.
- (7) (a) What is the involvement of the Government in individual projects; and (b) what is the Government's knowledge about the progress of work on such projects before the necessary planning process has been completed, and/or before contracts have been signed.
- (8) (a) Is the Minister aware that a public meeting attended by 250 people was held in Dover on 8 May 2007 in relation to works to be carried out in conjunction with AusLink funding; and (b) was a representative of AusLink present at that meeting.

3202 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to answers to questions taken on notice in 2006 during the Economics Legislation Committee's Budget estimates in response to Senator Webber's question regarding any deficiencies in the *Trade Practices Act 1974* arising out of the case of *Auto Masters Australia Pty Ltd v Bruness Pty Ltd* and to answers from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) indicating that the matter outlined the complexity of the legal principles involved, did the ACCC make any recommendations to the department as a result of the complexity of the legal principles that were exposed by the application of the Act in this instance.
- (2) (a) Can the Minister explain why there have been discrepancies in answers provided to Senator Webber in previous estimates hearings regarding the numbers of unconscionable conduct complaints received by the ACCC; and (b) can the correct number of complaints received for each year since 2000 now be provided.
- (3) With reference to written correspondence from the ACCC to Mr David Coombes, dated 18 December 1998, advising that Auto Masters had withdrawn any threats of breaches or the termination of his franchise: (a) can the ACCC confirm that Mr Coombes again approached the ACCC after Auto Masters issued a breach notice on 24 December 1998; if so, what action did the ACCC take in relation to that matter; and (b) why did the ACCC not secure court enforceable undertakings in accordance with procedures, when Auto Masters breached the understanding with the ACCC.
- (4) Can the ACCC confirm that Mr Coombes again approached the ACCC in March 1999 seeking further clarification of the Act and support when Auto Masters refused to participate in mandatory mediation; if so, what action did the ACCC take in relation to this matter.

- (5) With reference to written correspondence from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell, to Mr Coombes dated 17 October 2002 advising that the ACCC had written to Auto Masters on 1 June 2002 but was unable to find evidence of any breaches of the Act in its responses, did the ACCC seek legal advice before approaching Auto Masters during the trial; if so, can a copy of that advice be provided.
- (6) In response to the finding by the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 4 December 2002, that the conduct of Auto Masters was serious, unfair and oppressive and showing no regard for conscience in breach of the Act, will the ACCC confirm that had it secured undertakings from Auto Masters following the issuing of the breach notice on 24 December 1998, Auto Masters would have been inclined to cease their unconscionable conduct.

Notice given 17 May 2007

3203 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Under what legislation, regulations or codes are ‘public interest disclosure’ and/or whistleblower and like claims processed.
- (2) What criteria are used in the Australian Public Service generally to determine the validity of claims under ‘public interest disclosure’ situations, that is, by whistleblowers or people making whistleblower-like claims or allegations.
- (3) Does the criterion for assessing the validity of a whistleblower or a whistleblower type claim include any psychiatric or psychological assessment; if so, what is the legislative basis for such an assessment, including specific clauses.

Notice given 21 May 2007

3206 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all instances since 1 January 2000 in which the Minister has waived debts to the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection 34(1)(a) of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
- (2) For each instance where a debt has been waived as described in paragraph (1): (a) on what date was the debt waived; (b) what was the value of the debt waived; (c) what was the name of the debtor (individual/organisation etc.); (d) why, briefly, was the debt waived; and (e) what was the nature of any conditions applying to the decision to waive the debt.

3207 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all ‘act of grace’ payments made since 1 January 2000 that were approved by the Minister pursuant to section 33 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
- (2) For each payment described in paragraph (1): (a) on what date was it approved; (b) what was the date of the payment; (c) what was the value of the payment; (d) what was the name of the payment recipient (individual/organisation etc.); (e) briefly, what was the reason for the payment; and (f) what was the nature of any conditions applying to the payment.

Notice given 22 May 2007

- 3208 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Is the National Disability Advisory Council (NDAC) still functioning; if so: (a) who represents people with autism or autism spectrum disorders (ASD) on the NDAC; and (b) what relationship do these members have with autism/ASD representative groups.
- 3209 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Given that researchers recently released a report on the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in Australia and given that, while data from Centrelink was regarded as especially useful, Centrelink did not provide the researchers with breakdowns of statistics by state: Why did Centrelink not provide ASD researchers with a breakdown, by state, of the number of people with ASD who receive a Carer Allowance, a Disability Support Pension or other benefits.
 - (2) Will a state-by-state breakdown of the number of Carer Allowances relating to autism spectrum disorders be available to researchers in future.
 - (3) Can Centrelink data for autism-related Carer Allowances be provided to researchers annually.
 - (4) (a) Is Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOSS) a severe and pervasive disorder; and (b) does Centrelink identify persons diagnosed with PDD-NOS; if not, why not.
- 3210 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) (a) According to official government sources, such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics and/or the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), how many Australians have autism and related disorders; and (b) is this information contained in more than one source; if so, what are the differences between the sources.
 - (2) (a) Is the Minister aware of the recent report on autism prevalence given to the department by the Autism Advisory Board for Autism Spectrum Disorders, which shows that 1 in 160 Australian children aged from 6 to 12 years has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and (b) is there a difference between the prevalence of autism/ASD reported from official government sources and community sources.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that pervasive developmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorders such as Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified, are by definition 'severe and pervasive disorders'.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware that the AIHW has reported that people with autism/ASD are most likely to have a severe or profound level of disability.
 - (5) Does the Government accept and recognise that autism/ASD is one of the most common types of disability experienced by Australian children.
 - (6) (a) How many Australians with autism and related disorders receive disability services that are funded through the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA); and (b) how many Australians with autism and related disorders do not receive disability services through the CSTDA.

- (7) How many Australians with a severe or profound disability due to autism/ASD does the Government recognise as not requiring disability services.
- (8) (a) Does the Government provide disability services on the basis of relative need; if so, how does the government ensure disability services are provided on the basis of 'relative need'; and (b) how many Australians who receive services do not have severe or profound disability.

3211 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many, or what proportion of, Australians with a severe or profound disability need no government-funded disability services.
- (2) (a) Given the limited resources that the Government has available to provide disability services, how does the Government ensure that it provides essential services for the people who need them the most; and (b) is this outcome achieved through the Government's policy of setting priority for service provision based on the 'relative need' of people with a disability.
- (3) What measures ensure the Government's 'relative need' policy is effective.
- (4) Given that the inquiry by the Community Affairs Committee into the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) found that substantial numbers of people with disabilities do not receive essential services, will the Government increase CSTDA funding significantly in the 2008-09 Budget; if so, how much of the unmet need will the funding increase eliminate.

Notice given 24 May 2007

3212 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the evidence given by officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Budget estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 21 May 2007 that the source of the appropriation for the State Coach Britannia was Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007 (F&PA Committee *Hansard*, p. 106P), on what basis did this proposed expenditure satisfy the established tests for expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the government.

Notice given 1 June 2007

3213 **Senator Moore:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to material presented to the Community Affairs Committee in relation to its inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities and, specifically, to the funding provided for 12 months to the Tangentyere Council for the Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre to implement community driven initiatives to combat petrol sniffing:

- (1) Given that the funding was arranged during the early stage of the 8 point plan extension and that the funding is due to run out at the end of June 2007, in what way will the Government ensure that on-going funding is provided to the program.

- (2) (a) Given that the 8 point plan region has an allocation of funds to provide youth worker accommodation in a number of remote communities, including four in southern Northern Territory, what percentage of the funds have been used and how many accommodation units have been built; and (b) what percentage of the completed accommodation is currently being used by youth workers.

Notice given 8 June 2007

3214 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) (a) What percentage of long day care centres participate in the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System; and (b) of these long day care centres, what percentage undertake a self study of their quality on a yearly basis.
- (2) What percentage of long day care centres that submit self-study reports to the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) have their reports independently validated by a member of the NCAC.
- (3) (a) What is the average time that elapses between the submission of a self-study report and its independent validation; and (b) what is the longest recorded time that has elapsed between these stages.
- (4) Of the self-study reports that have been submitted for validation for long day care centres, what percentage of validations do not agree with the reports.
- (5) What percentage of long day care centres: (a) do not end up accredited; and (b) receive at least a standard level of quality across all quality areas.
- (6) Are centres obliged to show parents the results of validation visits.
- (7) Are results of self studies and validations available on the Internet to assist parents in choosing a centre.
- (8) (a) What percentage of centres have failed to meet a standard level of quality across all levels on more than one occasion, that is, they have repeatedly failed to meet the standards; and (b) are any of these centres still operating.
- (9) When did unannounced spot checks of child care services commence.
- (10) Since the commencement of these unannounced spot checks: (a) how many spot checks have been undertaken of: (i) long day care services, (ii) family day care services, and (iii) outside school hours services; and (b) for each of these service types, what percentage of services have undergone spot tests.
- (11) What is the yearly target, as a number and/or a percentage, for spot checks for each of the following types of child care services: (a) long day care; (b) family day care; and (c) outside school hours services.
- (12) What level of resources, including overall funding and the number of staff, is allocated for spot checks of child care services.
- (13) What percentage of centres have failed a spot check.
- (14) Have any spot checks identified problems that might relate to licensing regulations; if so: (a) have licensing authorities been notified and what has been the outcome of these notifications; (b) what is the timeframe that services have for fixing the source of the spot check failure; (c) are the results of spot checks publicly available; if so, how do parents access them.
- (15) What feedback has been received in relation to these spot checks.

- (16) Are there plans to formally evaluate the spot check system; if so: (a) when; and (b) how, will the spot check system be evaluated.
- (17) How was the 6 week timeframe for the unannounced validation visits decided upon.
- (18) Are there any plans to evaluate the change to unannounced validation visits; if so: (a) when; and (b) how, will the unannounced validation visit system be evaluated.
- (19) How many children with additional needs are currently accessing mainstream child care services.
- (20) What data are available to the department on the number of children with additional care needs that are not accessing mainstream child care services or the In Home Care programme.

3215 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Does the Minister believe that accreditation reports are a useful source of information for potential residents of aged care facilities and their families.
- (2) Does the Minister believe that it is useful for potential residents and their families to observe how a particular facility has performed over a period of time, that is, whether it has consistently met the accreditation standards.
- (3) What proportion of aged care homes that have met the standard on their current accreditation report have failed to meet the standard on a previous accreditation report.
- (4) (a) When was the decision made to make only the most recent accreditation report available online; (b) when did this change come into effect online; and (c) what led to this change being made.
- (5) When previous accreditation reports were available online how many were accessed.
- (6) (a) How many requests have there been in writing for copies of previous accreditation reports since the policy regarding online storage of past reports was changed; (b) what is the average response time taken to meet these requests; and (c) what is the longest time that has been taken to respond to a request.

3216 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What are the forward estimates for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10 for funding the Women's Safety Agenda.
- (2) Will expenditure continue at the level of the forward estimates provided in May 2006.
- (3) What percentage of the funds allocated to the Women's Safety Agenda: (a) is directed towards working with perpetrators of violence; and (b) goes to preventing domestic violence as opposed to helping survivors after violence has occurred.
- (4) Can a list be provided of the community-based organisations that have received grants as part of the Women's Safety Agenda grants program and the amount of funding that they have received, disaggregated by state and year.
- (5) For each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, how much money is allocated to the grants for community-based organisations that are an element of the Women's Safety Agenda.

- (6) When does funding cease for the: (a) Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse; and (b) Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault.
- (7) In relation to plans for the 'Violence against Women – Australia Says No' multimedia campaign, for the next 12 months: (a) when are advertisements scheduled to be run; (b) what other activities or products will be involved in the campaign; and (c) for these other activities or products, what is the schedule for these to be released.
- (8) What percentage of the funds allocated to the Women's Safety Agenda goes towards the Mensline telephone helpline.
- (9) What percentage of calls to the Mensline telephone helpline deal with family violence as opposed to other issues.
- (10) Are conversations between callers to the helpline and counsellors recorded; if so: (a) do the recordings have unique identification numbers; and (b) are the recordings stored; if so, for how long.
- (11) Does the Government provide any funding for the White Ribbon Campaign which urges men to speak out against violence against women.
- (12) In relation to the 'Domestic Violence – Crisis Payments to victims who remain in the home' scheme: (a) how many women have accessed payments under the scheme; and (b) what is the total number of payments that have been provided to victims under the scheme.

3217 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can a copy of the written protocols that govern the use of the Prime Minister's official residences for party-political purposes, including fundraising, be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) Did the Prime Minister host a function for Liberal Party Federal Council delegates and business observers at Kirribilli House on Friday, 1 June 2007; if so: (a) can the Prime Minister provide a guest list for the function; and (b) what initial cost was borne by taxpayers, disaggregated to include the amounts for: (i) food, (ii) alcohol, (iii) other beverages, (iv) entertainment, (v) hire of marquee, chairs etc., (vi) floral arrangements, (vii) permanent domestic staff, (viii) casual domestic staff, (ix) security, and (x) other costs.
- (3) Did the Prime Minister reimburse his department for all or some of the costs associated with the function; if so: (a) what amount was reimbursed; and (b) on what date was the amount reimbursed.
- (4) What was the final cost borne by taxpayers for the function.

3218 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Has the Office of the Access Card written to any witnesses who provided submissions to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's inquiry into the Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 to warn about possible legal action against them; if so: (a) what legal action is the office contemplating; and (b) can an explanation be provided of the circumstances that gave rise to the need to contact and warn any witnesses.
- (2) Has the office asked any companies involved in the tendering process for the card to refrain from making public comment about it; if so, on what basis has the request been made.
- (3) Has the office received any advice from the President of the Senate on whether parliamentary privilege applies to any submissions made to the inquiry; if so, in relation to which submissions has the advice been given.

- (4) Is the Government planning to exempt any individuals from having to display an electronic signature on the card.
- (5) Are Government issued smart card readers going to be the same card readers that can be purchased over the counter at an electrical store.
- (6) (a) What Powerpoint presentation is being used to brief interest groups about the proposed Access Card; (b) can a copy be provided of this presentation; and (c) is the information on the Powerpoint presentation accurate and up to date.
- (7) Will people with an existing Medicare relationship be exempt from registering for an Access Card.
- (8) Given that the Access Card photograph described in the Systems Integration (tender 1) request for tender is not a high definition image, what guarantees are there that this image will not be open to tampering and copying.
- (9) Will the Access Card make transactions through EFTPOS, ATM and financial systems.
- (10) (a) Is the purpose of the photograph on the card to facilitate the provision of concessions by state and territory governments; and (b) without a photograph on the surface of the Access Card, how would state and territory public transport authorities offer concessions to individuals.

Notice given 12 June 2007

- 3219 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) (a) Can an itemised breakdown of the total cost incurred in the case of Ms Vivian Solon be provided, including the costs of legal fees and administrative and other related costs; and (b) if any of the costs referred to in (a) are ongoing, can the costs to date be provided.
 - (2) What is the total fee that has been paid to Mr Tom Hughes QC.
 - (3) What has been the total cost and staff hours required to process Freedom of Information requests and to produce subpoenaed documents relating to Ms Solon's case.
- 3220 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—(a) Can an itemised breakdown of the cost of care provided to Ms Vivian Solon, in the Philippines and in Australia, including costs for accommodation, medical care, food, clothing and other items, airfares and transport; and (b) if any of the costs referred to in (a) are ongoing, can the costs to date be provided.
- 3221 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2154 relating to the Ministerial Conversations Series hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission (Senate *Hansard*, 9 October 2006, p. 161):
- (1) Can details be provided for each seminar hosted since 20 June 2006, including the date, duration, location, speaker and number of attendees by department and agency.
 - (2) What costs has the Australian Public Service Commission incurred in relation to each seminar, disaggregated to show costs associated with venue hire, photographers' salaries, food, beverage, external consultancies, printing, direct and indirect salaries and other identified costs.

Notice given 13 June 2007

3222 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) publish a statement on its website on 4 April 2007, 'Response to the Lockhart River investigation report - statement by chief executive officer Bruce Byron'.
- (2) Did the statement include the sentence 'I am unable to accept the conclusion in the Australian Transport Safety Bureau report that Civil Aviation Safety Authority contributed to factors that caused the accident'.
- (3) Was the statement later revised through the amendment or omission of this sentence; if so: (a) on what date and at what time; (b) why; (c) on whose authority; and (d) if the sentence was amended, how.
- (4) Was this statement later removed from the CASA website; if so: (a) on what date and time; (b) why; and (c) on whose authority was it removed.
- (5) Why did Mr Byron deny the publication of this statement in evidence to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on 21 May 2007.
- (6) How will the Minister monitor CASA's consideration and implementation of ATSB recommendations in its report on the Lockhart River crash.
- (7) Does the Minister accept the conclusion of the ATSB that 'the investigation also identified contributing safety factors relating to the regulatory oversight of Transair by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority' (ATSB Transport Safety Investigation Report, *Collision with Terrain 11 km NW Lockhart River Aerodrome—7 May 2005—VH-TFU—SA227-DC (Metro 23)*, p. xv).

3223 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in 2000 undertook to address the issue of guidance for inspectors in assessing airline management and safety system issues; and (b) can details be provided of CASA's intended course of action and the date on which it proposed to take the action.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the ATSB made a recommendation, Output No. R20000238, to CASA in 2001 concerning the need for CASA to 'consider widening its existing skill base within the compliance Branch to ensure that CASA audit teams have expertise in all relevant areas, including human factors and management processes'.
- (3) What specific actions did CASA take to meet this recommendation, and on what date were those actions taken.
- (4) On what dates did the ATSB accept CASA's response and close the recommendation file.
- (5) (a) Was CASA's employment of safety system specialists part of its response to this recommendation; (b) what purpose was to be served by their employment; and (c) when were they employed.

- (6) (a) Does the Minister agree that there was insufficient guidance provided to CASA inspectors in assessing Transair's management and safety systems; and (b) does the Minister agree that if this matter had been addressed then one of the contributing safety factors may not have occurred.

3224 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron, told a media conference on 4 April 2007 that CASA's surveillance of Transair was conducted in accordance with CASA procedures.
- (2) (a) Did ATSB find that CASA's oversight of Transair, in relation to the approval of Air Operator's Certificate variations and the conduct of surveillance, was sometimes inconsistent with CASA's policies, procedures and guidelines; and (b) is the Minister aware that Mr Byron told a media conference on 4 April 2007 that the finding was 'not considered a safety factor' by ATSB.
- (3) Does the Minister endorse Mr Byron's comment.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the ATSB report lists CASA's failure to observe its policies, procedures and guidelines as a safety factor.
- (5) On what basis did Mr Byron make the claim that CASA's failure to observe its policies, procedures and guidelines was not identified as a safety factor by the ATSB.

3225 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the failure of the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron, to accept responsibility for the contributing safety factors and other safety factors attributed to CASA by the ATSB and related to the causes of the crash has offended and upset family members of the victims.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that some family members of the victims have sought an apology for Mr Byron's rejection of the ATSB's findings; if so, how has the Minister and/or Mr Byron responded to these calls.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that some family members of the victims have called for Mr Byron's removal as Chief Executive Officer of CASA; if so, how has the Minister and/or Mr Byron responded to these calls.
- (4) Has the Minister or the Prime Minister ever written or spoken personally to any of the victims' families to express their condolences for the loss of the 15 lives in the Lockhart River crash; if so, can details be provided of these occasions.

3226 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005, can a copy be provided of the document from which the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron, read from in estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Committee on Monday, 21 May 2007, which he described as ‘the answer that I have got’ (RRAT Committee *Hansard*, p. 110P).

3227 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) With reference to the ‘Chart showing audit dates, audit scope, requests for corrective action observations’ attached to the answer to question on notice CASA 18, provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on 1 February 2007, were critical observations made about Transair by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) as early as 18 May 1998 and not 20 December 1999 as shown in the chart.
- (2) With reference to the ‘Summary of CASA oversight of Transair from 1998 to 7 May 2005’, Appendix H of the ATSB’s final report: (a) did CASA, on 18 May 1998, issue three non-conformance notices against Transair; and (b) is it stated that ‘the number of recurring NCNs gives CASA cause for concern’ (p. H-1).
- (3) Does the Minister agree that some entries in Appendix H indicate that not only was Transair not complying with regulations, it was deliberately and systematically flouting regulations, for example the entries dated 31 July 1998, 3 September 1998, 6 December 1999, 17 September 2001 and 2 October 2001, 21 July 2004 and 23 July 2004, 28 August 2004, 28 September 2004 and 4 February 2005.
- (4) Given that Appendix H states that Transair advised CASA on 24 September 1999 that it would be fitting predictive ground proximity warning systems to its Metroliner aircraft: (a) how was CASA advised of the decision; (b) did Transair fulfil its undertaking to CASA; and (c) did CASA follow up to ensure that the fitting of the warning systems had occurred.
- (5) Similarly, given that Transair stated that it would be giving video based training to its crew on flight into terrain awareness and that the company operations manual would be amended to reflect that training: (a) how was CASA advised of the decision; (b) did Transair fulfil its undertaking to CASA; and (c) did CASA follow up to ensure that the training had occurred.
- (6) Is it the case that neither the pilot in command nor the co-pilot of VH-TFU had received ‘controlled flight into terrain’ training.

3228 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Why did the Minister, on 14 December 1999, remove international Regular Public Transport operations from Transair’s Air Operator’s Certificate.
- (2) Given that Transair stated on 7 January 2000 that it intended to introduce a quality assurance system and that the system would incorporate a safety system: (a) did this occur; and (b) did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) follow up to ensure that it had.
- (3) At the time of the crash, did Transair have a quality assurance system in place, including a safety system; if so, can details be provided of the system that was in place at the time.

- (4) Given that Transair, on 14 January 2000, made various undertakings following the drafting of a show cause notice against its chief pilot: (a) did Transair fulfilled any of these undertakings; and (b) did CASA follow up to ensure that it had.
- (5) Does the ATSB consider that the events outlined in the chart attached to the answer to question on notice CASA 18, provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on 1 February 2007, and Appendix H of the ATSB's final report on the crash constitute a consistent pattern through the period of issues not being fixed or corrected.

3229 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) (a) What was the purpose and the methodology used for Safety Trend Indicator (STI) assessments when they were instituted by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA); (b) why were the assessments instituted; (c) what sort of information did they provide; and (d) how was information obtained in the assessments used by CASA.
- (2) For each STI assessment conducted on Transair, can details be provided of the specific areas assessed, the qualifications and expertise of the officers involved in the assessment, the duration of the assessment, the details of the findings of each assessment and any subsequent action that was taken by CASA.
- (3) (a) Is it the case that of the five STI assessments conducted on Transair that in four of the assessments Transair was listed as a high risk; (b) was a score of 17 registered in April 2000; and (c) is this the highest STI risk score that has been recorded by an Australian airline; if not what is the highest recorded score.
- (4) Is it the case that in October 2002 Transair still recorded an STI score of 12 and that any score over 7 is defined by CASA as being high risk.
- (5) Is it the case that no special audit or spot check was carried out on Transair after December 1999 because CASA inspectors from the Brisbane airline office did not consider Transair to be a high-risk operator.
- (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that in a matter of six months, from October 2002 to May 2003, Transair's weighted STI score fell from 12 to 3, that is from a high-risk operator to a low-risk operator; and (b) what actions taken during in that period, by CASA and/or Transair, led to this change.
- (7) After the abandonment of STI assessments in 2003, why was no replacement made available to CASA, particularly as audits were reduced from being undertaken twice yearly to once yearly.
- (8) Has CASA developed a replacement risk assessment model; if not, does it intend to.
- (9) Does the Minister consider a risk assessment model to be a critical part of CASA's capacity to ensure the safety of the travelling public.
- (10) Is it correct that in 2003 an audit of CASA recommended development of a risk assessment model, and a number of suggestions were provided on how it should work.

3230 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) examine its files on Lessbrook prior to the grant of necessary approvals in relation to setting up the Big Sky operation in New South Wales, including the ports of Grafton, Gunnedah, Taree, Inverell, Cooma and Sydney; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) Did the CASA audit of Transair in September/October 2002 result in 7 requests for corrective action (RCAs) and two observations being issued; (b) did the subsequent 3 CASA audits of Transair, in February and August 2003 and February 2004, result in 1 RCA and 4 observations being issued; and (c) did the CASA audit in August 2004 result in 13 RCAs and 16 observations being issued.
- (3) Were there any differences in approach, the number of inspection personnel, the skills and expertise of inspection personnel, the duration of the audits, supervisory rigor, audit scope and content between the three audits of Transair in February and August 2003 and February 2004 and those preceding and after them.
- (4) Can a chart be provided that details all audits of Big Sky Express, including the date and scope of the audit and the number of RCAs and observations issued.
- (5) Can details be provided of any correspondence, written or verbal, contact or meeting between Transair and/or Lessbrook and the Minister and/or members of his staff, the department and CASA in relation to the setting up of Big Sky operations in New South Wales.

3231 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Were any directions, show causes or conditions issued, at any time in relation to any of the items raised either in the chart attached to the answer to question on notice CASA 18, provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee on 1 February 2007, or to Appendix H of the ATSB's final report; if so, can details be provided.
- (2) Were any of the directions, show causes or conditions referred to in paragraph (1) recommended, for example by the relevant Area Manager, at any time in relation to any of the items raised; if so: (a) was each direction, show cause or condition complied with; (b) how long was taken to comply; and (c) what action was taken by the operator.
- (3) (a) Was consideration given, at any time, to suspend or cancel Transair's Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) on the basis of the issues identified; and (b) were penalties imposed for any of these items; if so what were the penalties.
- (4) (a) Was consideration given, at any time, to the cumulative impact of the items identified between May 1998 and March 2005 with a view to show cause, cancellation or suspension; and (b) can the Minister provide all correspondence between the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the operator concerning the items raised.

- (5) (a) How many of the problems of a like kind that were raised in the chart or in the summary recurred between May 1998 and the withdrawal of Transair's AOC; and (b) for each problem, what was its nature.
- (6) Given that a number of maintenance issues were raised: (a) who carried out unauthorised maintenance; (b) on whose instructions was it carried out; and (c) in each instance of unauthorised maintenance, what type was undertaken.
- (7) (a) Who were the unauthorised and/or unqualified persons who acted as instructors or conducted pilot checks and training mentioned in the chart and the summary; (b) on how many separate occasions were incidents of this nature identified; and (c) for each occasion, can details be provided.

3232 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Have all of Transair's approved routes, areas and airports been examined to establish whether all flight and turn times are realistic and fall within prudent limits.
- (2) Given that the ATSB's final report on the crash indicates that VH-TFU was scheduled to depart each terminal on the route no more than 20 minutes after arrival, do the ATSB and CASA consider those turn times were prudent.
- (3) (a) Is it the case that the chart attached to the answer to question on notice CASA 18, provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on 1 February 2007, made the observation in relation to an audit of Transair on 16 to 24 August 2004 that the turn times were unrealistic; (b) which routes and aircraft types did this observation apply to; and (c) in each instance, how long after arrival at each terminal the aircraft was scheduled to depart.

3233 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Does the Minister accept that a pilot can undergo both a ground school and flying conversion course for Metroliner aircraft in one day and be proficient on the type and able to conduct Regular Public Transport flights safely.
- (2) Is it the case that a ground school can consist of reading a training manual and that no formal training is required.
- (3) (a) Who conducted the ground school and flying conversion courses for the two pilots of VH-TFU; (b) was that person qualified; if so, what are those qualifications; and (c) what was the duration and location of each course.
- (4) Are the statements of fact in the ATSB's final report on the crash relating to ground school training consistent with the answer to question on notice CASA 11 from the 2006 additional estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.
- (5) Did the 'fairly fulsome' audit undertaken by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Transair in early 2005 identify any of the problems, failures and regulatory breaches identified in the ATSB report.

- 3234 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005 and in light of the release of the final report into the Lockhart River aviation tragedy by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, will the Minister now provide the information sought in questions on notice nos 2756 (Senate *Hansard*, 21 March 2007, p. 146) and 2833 (Senate *Hansard*, 22 March 2007, p. 183).
- 3235 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron, told a media conference on 4 April 2007 that ‘there were no significant safety breaches [at Transair] that CASA was aware of, that would have led to taking regulatory action against the operator prior to the accident’.
 - (2) (a) Can a schedule be provided that lists the regulatory breaches and breaches of the company’s operations manual prior to the crash that are identified in the ATSB’s final report on the crash; and (b) is the Minister satisfied that none of these breaches constituted significant safety breaches that warranted action prior to the crash.
- 3236 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005, do Civil Aviation Safety Authority records on the assessment of VH-TFU in regard to the issue of an Australian certificate of airworthiness record the installation of the aircraft’s Global Positioning System; if not, why not.
- 3237 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Does Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 108.36 require visual warnings for Ground Proximity Warning System (GPWS) modes 1 through 4 to be within the field of view of both pilots.
 - (2) Were the GPWS annunciators and switches in the cockpit of VH-TFU an estimated 41 degrees to the left of the co-pilot’s field of view.
 - (3) Was the placement of the visual warnings in the cockpit of VH-TFU consistent with the requirements laid down in CAO 108.36; if so, how were they placed.
- 3238 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) authorise Transair to conduct Regular Public Transport (RPT) cargo-only services between Australia and Papua New Guinea in October 1999.

- (2) Did CASA withdraw authorisation in December 1999 because Transair operated the aircraft VH-TFQ on the RPT service despite not being authorised for RPT operations.
- (3) On how many occasions did Transair operate VH-TFQ on the RPT service without authorisation.
- (4) Did CASA take any other action against Transair for operating VH-TFQ on the RPT service without authorisation; if so, what action.
- (5) Was Transair's unauthorised operation of VH-TFQ on the RPT service taken into account when Transair sought authorisation to conduct RPT passenger operations between Christmas Island and Jakarta in September 2001 consistent with CASA's obligation to satisfy itself that all applicants for the issue of, or variation to, an Air Operator's Certificate have complied with, or are capable of complying with, the provisions of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders that relate to safety; if so, how.
- (6) Similarly, was Transair's unauthorised operation of VH-TFQ on the RPT service taken into account when Transair sought authorisation to conduct RPT passenger operations within Australia consistent with CASA's obligations as stated in paragraph (5).

3239 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Transair operated the aircraft VH-TFQ on Big Sky Express Regular Public Transport (RPT) passenger services in New South Wales when the aircraft was not authorised for RPT operations.
- (2) On how many occasions did Transair operate VH-TFQ on Big Sky Express RPT services without authorisation.
- (3) Was this the same aircraft that Transair operated on RPT cargo operations between Australia and Papua New Guinea without authorisation.
- (4) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) conduct en route inspections of Transair's Big Sky Express RPT operations on VH-TFQ without establishing whether VH-TFQ was authorised for RPT operations; if so: (a) why; and (b) can details be provided of each inspection, including the date and route flown.
- (5) (a) On what date did CASA become aware that Transair operated VH-TFQ on Big Sky Express RPT services without authorisation; and (b) what action, if any, did CASA take against Transair for operating the aircraft without authorisation.

3240 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Transair operated the aircraft VH-IAW on Big Sky Express Regular Public Transport (RPT) passenger services in New South Wales when the aircraft was not authorised for RPT operations.
- (2) On how many occasions did Transair operate VH-IAW on Big Sky Express RPT services without authorisation.

- (3) (a) On what date did CASA become aware that Transair operated VH-IAW on Big Sky Express RPT services without authorisation; and (b) what action, if any, did CASA take against Transair for operating the aircraft without authorisation.

3241 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) advise Transair in 1998, while the chief pilot was away on other duties, that another pilot should be nominated and approved to act as chief pilot; if so, on what date and in what form did CASA provide that advice.
- (2) (a) On what date was a pilot approved by CASA to act as chief pilot in the chief pilot's absence; (b) had that pilot previously been found by CASA to be unsuitable for the role; if so, on what basis was the pilot found to be unsuitable.

3242 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—Can the hexachlorobenzene currently stockpiled at the Botany site of Orica Pty Ltd be safely disposed of within Australia; if not: (a) what obstacles exist for its safe disposal in Australia; and (b) how best might these obstacles be overcome.

Notice given 14 June 2007

3243 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Has CASA investigated the discrepancies between Transair's Flight Proficiency Line Check Form and the supervisory pilot's logbook, the pilot in command's logbook and company rosters in relation to a purported proficiency check flight on 26 July 2004.
- (2) Given that the ATSB's final report on the crash lists other similar discrepancies, can details be provided of any investigation in relation to these issues and any subsequent action that has arisen.

3244 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Given that Transair pilots have expressed concerns to the chief pilot about regulatory breaches relating to en-route area navigation (global navigation satellite system) approaches to Bamaga airstrip and the pilot in command's compliance with procedures: (a) were these expressions required to be reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA); and (b) were they reported to CASA.
- (2) (a) Is CASA investigating the issue raised in paragraph (1); and (b) has action been taken subsequent to any reported concerns.

- 3245 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) first authorise Transair to conduct Regular Public Transport (RPT) operations between Cairns and Bamaga on 5 October 2001.
 - (2) Did Transair operate an RPT service between Cairns and Bamaga without authorisation between 17 September and 4 October 2001.
 - (3) (a) On what date did CASA become aware that Transair operated the service without authorisation; and (b) subsequently, what action, if any, did CASA take against Transair.
- 3246 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) first authorise Transair to conduct Regular Public Transport (RPT) operations to Lockhart River on 5 October 2004.
 - (2) Did Transair operate the service without authorisation between 28 August and 1 October 2004.
 - (3) Was the commencement of this unauthorised RPT service reported in the *Cairns Post* on 20 August 2004.
 - (4) (a) On what date did CASA become aware that Transair operated the service without authorisation; and (b) subsequently, what action, if any, did CASA take against Transair.
- 3247 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that after September 2003 Transair pilots received a CD-ROM version of the company's operations manual and not a paper version.
 - (2) Is it the case that the CD-ROM version of the operations manual was not useable and, as a result, some Transair pilots were not familiar with its contents.
 - (3) Is it the case that, when a new version of the manual was issued on CD-ROM, Transair did not indicate to its pilots which sections had changed.
 - (4) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) advise Transair to change the format of its operations manual from paper to CD-ROM; if so, on what date and in what form did CASA advise Transair to do so; if not, how does the Minister explain the chief pilot's claim that the change was driven by feedback from CASA.
 - (5) (a) Is it the case that Transair was required to keep an up-to-date paper copy of its operations manual in the pilot's briefing room at its Cairns base; and (b) did Transair comply with this requirement; if not: (i) on what date did CASA become aware that Transair had not complied, and (ii) what action, if any, did CASA take against Transair for non-compliance.

- (6) (a) Was CASA required to approve the new operations manual; and (b) did CASA approve the new operation manual; if so, when.

3248 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Is it the case that Transair's operations manual did not contain information about the concept of a stabilised approach, including stabilised approach criteria.
- (2) Is the inclusion of stabilised approach criteria in operations manuals desirable.
- (3) (a) Does the ATSB's final report on the crash state that some Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) inspectors believed it was important to have stabilised approach criteria in operations manuals; and (b) is this consistent with the written answer to estimates question on notice CASA 22, provided subsequent to the 2006 additional estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.
- (4) Did CASA discuss, with Transair, the absence of stabilised approach criteria from its operations manual; if so, can details be provided of these discussions.
- (5) (a) Is it the case that Transair's operations manual did not include any information on en-route navigation (global navigation satellite system) approaches; and (b) was CASA aware that this was the case; if so, was any action undertaken to include such information.
- (6) Can details be provided of any action taken by CASA to ensure that the revised CD-ROM version of the manual was suitable and met regulatory requirements.

3249 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did Transair's operations manual state that the number of Transair check pilots would be ascertained by the conduct of a task analysis by the chief pilot.
- (2) Did the chief pilot undertake a task analysis; if not: (a) on what date did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that the task analysis had not been undertaken; and (b) what action, if any, did CASA take in response.

3250 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) flight crew licensing database erroneously record that the Transair chief pilot's check pilot approval had expired or been cancelled in November 1997.
- (2) Did the error remain undetected until March 2007; if so, why.
- (3) What systems are in place to ensure information recorded in CASA's flight crew licensing database is accurate.

- 3251 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Was the chief pilot of Transair issued a delegation under Civil Aviation Regulation (CAR) 5.19 with a condition, from May 1994 to April 2003, requiring him to hold a grade one flight instructor (aeroplane) rating.
 - (2) How many flight tests for the renewal of an instrument rating did the chief pilot conduct between May 1994 and April 2003.
 - (3) Did the chief pilot hold a grade one flight instructor (aeroplane) rating: (a) when he was issued the delegation; and (b) at any time between May 1994 and April 2003.
 - (4) When and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware that the chief pilot did not hold a grade one flight instructor (aeroplane) rating.
 - (5) Why was the delegation removed in April 2003.
- 3252 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Did Transair's operations manual state that the deputy chief pilot was the only supervisory pilot for Transair's Metroliner fleet; and (b) were pilots other than the deputy chief pilot approved by the chief pilot to act as supervisory pilots.
 - (2) When and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that pilots other than the deputy chief pilot had been approved as supervisory pilots.
 - (3) Does CASA's Air Operator Certification Manual state that supervisory pilots should have training in the principles and methods of instruction; and (b) did all Transair supervisory pilots have this training.
 - (4) Was the pilot in command of VH-TFU approved as a supervisory pilot; if so, did the pilot in command have any previous training or supervisory experience.
- 3253 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that there is no regulatory requirement in Australia for flight crew undertaking a type rating on a multi-crew aircraft to be trained in procedures for crew incapacitation and crew coordination, including allocation of pilot tasks, crew coordination and use of checklists.
 - (2) Is it the case that this training is required under the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 1 (*Personnel Licensing*, 8th ed), but that Australia has notified ICAO of a difference with respect to paragraph 2.1.5.2a of this standard; if so, why.

- 3254 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005 and, specifically, to the claim on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority website that Australia is moving to harmonise with requirements in the Standards and Recommended Practices laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): (a) can a schedule be provided of all current differences notified to ICAO, including the reason for the difference and the date of notification; and (b) can details be provided of progress made towards harmonising Australian requirements with ICAO standards.
- 3255 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Did the chief pilot of Transair follow, on all occasions, the training syllabus detailed in Transair's operations manual; if not, when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that the training syllabus was not always observed.
 - (2) Is it the case that, despite the statement in Annex 4 of Part D2 of Transair's operations manual that initial training on a company turbine aircraft would consist of a 4 day ground school on the aircraft, its operating systems and the company operations manual, some Transair pilots who underwent ground school training with the Transair chief pilot were not given any formal classroom training.
 - (3) Is it the case that some of the Transair pilots who received no formal classroom training had no previous turbine aircraft endorsements or multi-crew experience; if so, when and how did CASA become aware this was the case.
 - (4) Did the pilot in command and the co-pilot of VH-TFU complete the Transair Metroliner ground school; if so: (a) when; and (b) did both receive formal classroom training.
 - (5) What steps is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) required to take to ensure that ground schools and other forms on pilot training are adequate.
 - (6) What steps did CASA take to ensure that Transair's pilot training was adequate
- 3256 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that no special design feature endorsement for the pressurisation system was entered into the logbooks of the pilot in command and co-pilot of VH-TFU, when they were issued with their Metroliner endorsements.
 - (2) Did the pilot in command and the co-pilot of VH-TFU receive training on the pressurisation system during their endorsement training for the Metroliner aircraft; if so, when.

- (3) (a) When and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware that no special design feature endorsement for the pressurisation system was entered into the logbooks of the pilot in command and co-pilot of VH-TFU; and (b) subsequently, what action did it take.

3257 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did Transair's operations manual state that, before being cleared to line, company pilots in command and co-pilots were required to undertake a proficiency check over at least two sectors with a check pilot.
- (2) Is it the case that neither the pilot in command nor the co-pilot of VH-TFU were not cleared to line by a check pilot; if so: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware that the pilot in command and co-pilot were not cleared to line by a check pilot; and (b) what action, if any, did it take.
- (3) Are the statements in the ATSB's final report on the crash in relation to paragraphs (1) and (2) consistent with the answer to estimate's question on notice CASA 38, provided subsequent to the 2006 additional estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.

3258 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did Transair's operations manual state that all personnel associated with flight operations would 'as soon as practicable' undergo instruction on the company, its operations manual, its dangerous goods manual, and its safety program.
- (2) Did the operations manual also state: (a) that company pilots, within six months of joining the company, would be required to undertake additional training, including 'GPS under the IFR', prior to being cleared to line and human factors management training; and (b) that company pilots would be required to undertake a recurrent human factors management course.
- (3) Is it the case that the pilot in command of VH-TFU had not completed either the human factors management induction course or the recurrent human factors management course mandated by the company's operations manual; if so, for each course: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that the pilot in command had not completed the courses; and (b) subsequently, what action, if any, did CASA take.
- (4) Is it the case that the co-pilot of VH-TFU had not completed the human factors management induction course mandated by the company's operations manual; if so: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that the co-pilot had not completed the human factors management induction course; and (b) subsequently, what action, if any, did CASA take.

- (5) Did the chief pilot of Transair advise the ATSB that he stopped human factors management training in August 2002; if so, when and how did CASA become aware that Transair pilots were no longer undergoing the induction and recurrent human factors management training mandated in the company's operations manual.
- (6) Did CASA have any discussions with the chief pilot as to whether the requirements referred to in paragraph (2) should remain in the operations manual.

3259 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Is it the case that paragraph 13.3.4 of Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 40.2.1 states that the holder of an instrument rating must only use the types of navigation aids or procedures endorsed in the holder's personal log book when exercising the authority given by the rating.
- (2) Does the CAO require both crew on a multi-crew aircraft to be endorsed on a particular instrument approach in order to conduct that instrument approach.
- (3) Did Transair provide en-route navigation (global navigation satellite system) (RNAV (GNSS)) endorsement training for its pilots.
- (4) (a) Did all Transair pilots based in Cairns have an RNAV (GNSS) approach endorsement; and (b) was it necessary or desirable for Transair's Cairns-based pilots to hold an endorsement.
- (5) Is it the case that the only available instrument approach for Bamaga was an RNAV (GNSS) approach.
- (6) Did any Transair pilots conduct RNAV (GNSS) approaches without endorsement.
- (7) What steps, if any, did CASA take to ascertain whether the relevant Transair pilots had endorsements.

3260 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Does Civil Aviation Regulation (CAR) 218 require that, before a pilot is qualified to act as pilot in command of an aircraft engaged in a Regular Public Transport (RPT) service on a particular route, the pilot shall have been certified as competent for the particular route by a pilot who is qualified for the route.
- (2) Was the pilot in command of the VH-TFU route checked for the Cairns-Bamaga-Lockhart-Cairns RPT service; if not: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware that the pilot in command was not route checked; and (b) did this constitute a breach of CAR 218.
- (3) Were all pilots in command of Transair aircraft engaged in RPT services route checked; if not: (a) when and how did CASA become aware that Transair pilots were not route checked; if not, why not; and (b) what action did CASA take to enforce compliance with CAR 218.

- 3261 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005, did competency and proficiency checks of Transair pilots meet the requirements of Civil Aviation Regulation 217(2) and Civil Aviation Order 40.1.5; if not: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware that the checks did not meet the required regulatory standards; and (b) subsequently, what action did it take.
- 3262 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that, in 2004, Transair's contractor check pilot conducted line flights with pilots from Transair's Big Sky Express operation based in Inverell, New South Wales and, in September 2004, advised the chief pilot that: (a) the service was not up to regular public transport standard; (b) pilots in command were not consistently following standard operating procedures; and (c) pilots had 'a bare bones endorsement', received 'no follow up training' and that their systems knowledge was 'poor'.
 - (2) Is it the case that on 13 January 2004 the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) announced that it had 'given the official go-ahead' for Big Sky Express operations following 'a close review of the operation by CASA's technical experts and a trial flight on the new [Gunnedah-Inverell-Sydney] route'.
 - (3) (a) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) make a statement on 13 January 2004 that CASA's review of Transair's proposed New South Wales operations 'was completed in less than seven weeks, a period which included the Christmas-New Year holiday break'; (b) did the length of the assessment period compromise the standard of the review; if not, how can the findings by the company's contractor check pilot 8 months after the commencement of operations be explained.
 - (4) Did CASA make a statement on 13 January 2004 that 'the Big Sky Express operation meets the appropriate safety standards and CASA will continue to monitor the service to make sure safety is maintained'.
 - (5) (a) How did CASA monitor Transair's Big Sky Express operation to ensure safety was maintained; and (b) did the monitoring reveal that any of the statements made by Transair's contractor check pilot in paragraph (1) were correct.
 - (6) Can a schedule be provided that details all identified regulatory breaches by Transair's Big Sky Express operation and CASA's response to those identified regulatory breaches.
 - (7) Is the Minister satisfied with the quality of CASA's oversight of Transair's Big Sky Express operation.
- 3263 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that aviation safety regulations do not require Air Operator's Certificate holders to establish and maintain a safety management system.

- (2) Can the Minister outline the progress of the implementation of proposed Civil Aviation Safety Rule Part 119 which would mandate the establishment and maintenance of safety management, accident prevention and flight safety systems.

3264 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) inspect minutes of the Transair safety management committee of meetings held before the crash; if so, when.
- (2) Did CASA inspect minutes of the Transair safety management committee of meetings held after the crash; if so, when.

3265 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005 and, specifically, to each of the 24 reports from line pilots received by Transair management between 8 May 2002 and 7 May 2005 that were required to be reported to the ATSB: (a) when and how did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) become aware of each report; and (b) subsequently, what action did it take.

3266 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) Is it the case that Transair's Aviation Safety Manual did not provide for a risk assessment to be conducted either for changes to existing operations or for the introduction of new operations.
- (2) Is it the case that there was no risk assessment for the introduction of Regular Public Transport services into Lockhart River.
- (3) Were risk assessments conducted of all routes for Big Sky Express operations in New South Wales; if so, when.
- (4) Did Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) audits assess the adequacy of the Transair safety program, including the Transair Aviation Safety Manual.
- (5) (a) In 2001, did an audit find that the Transair Aviation Safety Manual was in draft form; (b) in 2002, did an audit find that the manual was still in draft form; and (c) subsequently, what steps, if any, did CASA take to ensure Transair had a satisfactory safety manual.

3267 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) (a) For each Transair application for an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) or variation to an AOC, were all assessment procedures contained in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Air Operator Certification Manual followed; (b) specifically, did CASA evaluate the Transair Operations Manual each time its AOC was varied; and (c) what other documents required by legislation were examined.

- (2) Did CASA also inspect: (a) the operator's organisational structure and staffing, and the proposed operations, facilities, aircraft and aerodromes, including the conduct of proving flights; and (b) the certification of various personnel and the approval of the training and checking organisation.
- (3) Can details be provided of each case of inspection referred to in paragraph (2), including the date of each inspection, the make-up of the inspection team, the location of each inspection, the documents inspected, and the personnel examined.
- (4) Can a copy be provided of all completed checklists placed on Transair's certification file.

3268 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:

- (1) (a) When have Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Regulatory Oversight System checks of Transair been conducted; and (b) for each of these checks: (i) what elements of the system were examined, and (ii) what was the result of the check.
- (2) (a) Can copies be provided of the formal report of all Transair audits, including the index of findings, and the actions to be taken by the operator; (b) have all actions been undertaken; and (c) what steps has CASA taken to ensure that they were.
- (3) Why were no special audits or spot checks conducted on Transair between 20 December 1999 and the date of the crash.
- (4) Is it normal for airlines of the size, scope and expansion pattern of Transair to not undergo special audits or spot checks for a period of 5 years.
- (5) Over a 5 year period, on how many occasions would a similar airline normally undergo: (a) spot checks; and (b) special audits.

3269 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005 and, specifically given that in September 2004 a former Transair pilot made a series of serious safety allegations against Transair to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) the chief pilot of Transair was interviewed and informed that a follow-up investigation to collect documentary evidence was to be conducted:

- (1) Why did CASA not seek documentary evidence on the day the chief pilot was interviewed.
- (2) Why did CASA wait for 5 weeks after the interview to seek documentary evidence.
- (3) Can the preliminary answers given by the chief pilot be provided.
- (4) Can details be provided of the 'higher priority of other matters in this office'.
- (5) What evidence supports the statement by the CASA inspector that 'the person who made the allegations appeared to have problems and had a chip on his shoulder'.

- 3270 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005, why did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority amend its surveillance procedures in 2005 to reduce the number of scheduled airline operator surveillance from two audits to one audit per year.
- 3271 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005 and in relation to the granting of permission from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to TransAir to operate Regular Public Transport flights on the Cairns-Bamaga-Lockhart River-Cairns route:
- (1) On what dates was the application lodged; and (b) on what date was the applicant granted.
 - (2) In relation to the amount of time that has elapsed between the submission of a like application to CASA and its grant, over the past 5 years, what is the: (a) average time that has elapsed; and (b) what is the longest time that has elapsed.
- 3272 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Does the Minister agree with the statement that ‘given the significance of the problems within Transair, and the amount of interaction the Civil Aviation Safety Authority had with the operator, it is reasonable to conclude that some of these problems should have been detected by CASA’.
 - (2) Does the Minister agree that Transair’s application, in 1999, for approval to conduct Regular Public Transport cargo operations should have been subject to a full evaluation process consistent with CASA’s Air Operator’s Certificate Manual and that proving flights and port inspections should have been completed.
 - (3) (a) Does the Minister agree that there should have been explicit monitoring of Transair’s implementation of agreed improvements following the first systems-based audit of the airline in December 1999; and (b) why did CASA apparently not complete the activities it proposed to do, such as ensuring that Transair submitted weekly progress reports and conducting a special audit within 90 days.
 - (4) Why were three of the seven CASA audits of Transair conducted after September 2001 were undertaken by only one inspector rather than multi-disciplinary teams, as recommended under the systems-based audit approach.
- 3273 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005:
- (1) Can details be provided of the employment record of Mr Rob Collins at the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), including the date and location of his employment, the position he was first employed in, any subsequent

positions he has held and where he was located, the date of the cessation of his employment and the reasons for the cessation.

- (2) (a) Did Mr Collins cease employment with CASA in 2006; (b) was he subsequently appointed CASA's acting Industry Complaints Commissioner; if so, can details be provided of that appointment, including the date of the appointment and its cessation, the process under which it was made, and its terms and conditions.

3274 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to a flight operated by AeroTropics between Bamaga and Cairns on Tuesday, 18 July 2006:

- (1) Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) investigating claims made by a passenger on the flight that it was being conducted in an unsafe manner; if so: (a) at what stage is the investigation at; (b) who has been contacted or has made statements in the course of the investigation; and (c) what documents or other material have been collected.
- (2) (a) Was a written complaint about the conduct of the flight made to CASA later in July 2006 and again in September, October and November 2006; and (b) is it the case that CASA did not take a statement from the complainant until February 2007; if so, why was there this delay.
- (3) Is it the case that CASA did not take any action on this complaint until a person in the aviation industry from whom the passenger sought assistance intervened on the passenger's behalf; if so, why.
- (4) When did the official investigation begin.
- (5) Can the following details of the incident be confirmed:
 - (a) that the aircraft, a Cessna Caravan 208, burst a tyre on landing at Bamaga;
 - (b) that the flight was scheduled to depart at 11.15 am but did not take off until 7.45 pm and landed in Cairns at approximately 10 pm;
 - (c) that the maximum distance between emergency landing points for this aircraft is 84 miles;
 - (d) that emergency landing points during night operations must have lights; and
 - (e) that no night emergency landing point exists within the aircraft's maximum distance between Bamaga and Cairns.
- (6) (a) Where did the aircraft come to rest on the Bamaga airstrip; (b) where did it park; and (c) was the Bamaga airstrip closed on that day; if so, what was the cause of the closure.
- (7) Was a Notice to Airmen issued, or was the closure imposed by some other measure; if so: (a) can details be provided of this measure; and (b) is it the case that aircraft were diverted away from Bamaga airstrip that day.
- (8) Is it the case that an aircraft carrying a jack and spare tyre for the original aircraft landed during the day; if so, can details be provided of that landing.
- (9) Was there any official dispensation, authority or permission required to enable aircraft to take off and land at Bamaga airstrip on the day.
- (10) (a) Have details of the Cessna Caravan landing been provided to CASA; if so: (a) on which runway did it land; (b) from which direction did it approach the airstrip; (c) at what point in the landing did the tyre burst; and (d) was any other damage sustained by the aircraft.
- (11) Were there any passengers on board the Cessna Caravan; if so, how many.

- (12) What were the weather conditions on the day.
- (13) Has CASA been able to ascertain whether the landing was conducted in compliance with the company's operations manual and aviation regulations.
- (14) (a) Was the incident reportable; if so, what type of reportable matter was it; and (b) was the incident reported to CASA; if so, by whom and when; if not, why not.
- (15) How many passengers were on the flight when it took off for Cairns.
- (16) Was special dispensation required for the flight; if so, can details be provided.
- (17) Were emergency landing points available within the 84 mile parameter of the Cessna Caravan; if so, can details be provided of the landing points; if not, how far away was the closest emergency landing point.
- (18) Was the return flight to Cairns flown by the same pilot; if so, were flying/rest regulations adhered to.

3275 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005: (a) is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) aware that some trainee pilots employed by Lessbrook Pty Ltd, trading as Transair, make payments of approximately \$10 000 to achieve sufficient hours on Metroliner aircraft to qualify for endorsement for that aircraft type; (b) has the ATO taken any steps to affirm that tax due on these payments has been paid; and (c) has the ATO taken any steps to ascertain to which person or entity these payments were made.

3276 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) (a) For each Aged Care Planning Region, how many provisionally-allocated aged care bed licenses are yet to come online that are: (i) 1 year old, (ii) 2 years old, (iii) 3 years old, (iv) 4 years old, (v) 5 years old, (vi) 6 years old, (vii) 7 years old, (viii) 8 years old, (ix) 9 years old, (x) 10 years old, and (xi) more than 10 years old; and (b) what is the projected date of operation for each of these bed licenses.
- (2) (a) For each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2006-07 to date, by Aged Care Planning Region, how many provisionally-allocated aged care bed licenses have been returned to the department; and (b) what are the key reasons that these licenses were returned.
- (3) What is the average time that it takes for a Community Aged Care Package (CACP) to become operational.
- (4) What are the average times that it takes for an Extended Aged Care At Home (EACH) and an Extended Aged Care At Home – Dementia (EACH-D) package to become operational.
- (5) For each Aged Care Planning Region, can the population data that will be used by the department in 2007 be provided for ages 70 and over.
- (6) For each local government authority in Australia, in December 2006, how many benchmark places, operational places, operational places shortfall, operational places ratio for high and low care residential aged care beds, CACP, EACH and EACH-D places were there.

Notice given 15 June 2007

3277 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) (a) In regard to estimates for departmental expenses for the 2007-08 financial year, what are the reasons for the downward revision of \$4.5 billion from \$54.569 billion (2006-07 Budget Paper No. 1, p. 10-23) to \$49.043 (2007-08 Budget Paper No. 1, p. 10-22); and (b) has there been a change in administered expenses to this revision.
- (2) In regard to estimates for whole of government and inter-agency amounts, what are the reasons for the upward revision of \$9.871 billion from \$49 million (2006-07 Budget Paper No. 1, p. 10-23) to \$9.822 billion (2007-08 Budget Paper No. 1, p. 10-22).
- (3) (a) In relation to comparisons between the 2007-08 budget papers and previous budget papers, what adjustments should be made to ensure that figures are based on the same methodology and/or classifications; and (b) if there have been changes in methodology and/or classification, can a historical profile be provided of departmental expenses based on the new methodology and/or classification for each financial year in the period from 2000-01 to 2005-06.

3278 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the department been involved in any discussions, or undertaken work on the appropriations framework.
- (2) (a) Is it the case that agencies are using appropriated funds for the depreciation of assets; and (b) is the department aware of any instances where agencies have used this funding and then sought additional funding for capital or asset replacement.
- (3) (a) Has work been undertaken on the overall or whole of government funding of depreciation; and (b) how much of this has been used to fund asset replacement.
- (4) Is there any intention to review the existing appropriations framework.

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3279-3308)—

- (1) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the total amount of actual depreciation expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) what are these amounts, by each class of asset.
- (2) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total amount of estimated actual depreciation expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (3) (a) For the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total amount of budgeted depreciation expense and the estimated depreciation expense for each of the forward estimates years planned to be funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (4) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the total amount of actual expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.

- (5) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the difference between the actual expenditure on asset replacement and the original budgeted amount; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (6) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total amount of estimated actual expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (7) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the difference between the estimated actual expenditure on asset replacement and the original budgeted amount; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (8) (a) For the 2007-08 financial year and for each financial year across the forward estimates period, what is the total amount of budgeted expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (9) What is the difference between depreciation expense and expenditure on asset replacement for: (a) each financial year since 2000-01; (b) the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08, as an estimate; and (d) each financial year across the forward estimates period.
- (10) What additional appropriations have been necessary to fund asset replacements.
- (11) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, what amount of the appropriation receivable, if any, is funding for depreciation that is earmarked, for the 2007-08 financial year and for future years, for asset replacements.
- (12) What is the asset replacement strategy for the department.
- (13) Is the annual depreciation expense funded by appropriations sufficient to meet the Minister's portfolio asset replacement requirements or the Minister's asset replacement strategy.

- 3279 Minister representing the Prime Minister
3280 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
3281 Minister representing the Treasurer
3282 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
3283 Minister for Finance and Administration
3284 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
3285 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
3286 Minister representing the Attorney-General
3287 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
3288 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
3289 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
3290 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
3291 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
3292 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
3293 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
3294 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

- 3295 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 3296 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 3297 Minister for Human Services
- 3298 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 3299 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 3300 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 3301 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 3302 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 3303 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 3304 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 3305 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education
- 3306 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 3307 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 3308 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3309-3338)—

- (1) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what was the total amount of actual employee expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) similarly: (i) for the 2006-07 financial year, what is the estimated employee expense, and (ii) for the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total amount budgeted for employee expenses.
- (2) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06: (a) what was the total amount of actual expenditure on employee entitlements; and (b) what was the difference between the actual expenditure on employee entitlements and the original amount budgeted.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the total amount of estimated actual expenditure on employee entitlements; and (b) what is the difference between the estimated actual expenditure on employee entitlements and the original amount budgeted.
- (4) For the 2007-08 financial year and for each of the financial years across the forward estimates period, what is the total amount of budgeted expenditure on employee entitlements.
- (5) What is the difference between employee expense and expenditure on employee entitlements for: (a) each financial year since 2000-01; (b) the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08, as an estimate; and (c) each financial year across the forward estimates period.
- (6) What additional appropriations have been necessary to fund expenditure on employee entitlements.
- (7) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, is any of the appropriation receivable funding for employee expenses earmarked for expenditure on employee entitlements for the 2007-08 financial year and future years.
- (8) Has the Australian National Audit Office reported any concerns about the accuracy of the employee entitlements liability of the Minister's portfolio.
- (9) Does the Minister's portfolio have a strategy for managing its employee entitlements liability; if so, what is it.

- (10) Is the annual employee expense funded by appropriations sufficient to meet the liability for employee entitlements of the Minister's portfolio or its strategy for managing its liability.

- 3309 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 3310 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 3311 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 3312 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 3313 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 3314 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 3315 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 3316 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 3317 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 3318 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 3319 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 3320 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 3321 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 3322 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 3323 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 3324 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- 3325 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 3326 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 3327 Minister for Human Services
- 3328 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 3329 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 3330 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 3331 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 3332 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 3333 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 3334 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 3335 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education
- 3336 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 3337 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 3338 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3339-3368)—

- (1) Was there any appropriation receivable included as an asset in the balance sheet at 30 June 2006.
- (2) Is there an appropriation receivable included as an asset in the estimated balance sheet at 30 June 2007.
- (3) What are the reasons for any movement in the appropriation receivable between 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007.

- (4) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, what amounts have been identified, for the 2007-08 financial years and for future years, for funding employee entitlements or asset replacements from the appropriation receivable balance.
- (5) For the 2007-08 financial year and future years, what other items have been identified for funding from the appropriation receivable balance.
- (6) What tests are applied by the Department of Finance and Administration over access to the appropriation receivable.

- 3339 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 3340 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
- 3341 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 3342 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 3343 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 3344 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 3345 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 3346 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 3347 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 3348 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 3349 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 3350 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 3351 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 3352 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 3353 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 3354 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- 3355 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 3356 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 3357 Minister for Human Services
- 3358 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 3359 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 3360 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
- 3361 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 3362 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 3363 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 3364 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 3365 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education
- 3366 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 3367 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 3368 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

- 3369 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In regard to the Community Business Partnership program administered by the department:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, what was the total cost for hosted partnership days.
 - (2) For the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total budget for the program.
 - (3) Is funding for the program ongoing; if not, when does the current funding cease.
 - (4) For each of the financial years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, what is the budget estimate for the program.
- 3370 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to tabled document no. 8 provided at the estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007, namely a copy of an alleged signed memo by P R Smythe and D M Ryan addressed to Mr M Leishman of the office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force, dated 6 February 1998:
- (1) Has the department: (a) located that memo in its original form; and (b) analysed the memo; if so, can the Minister confirm: (i) that the memo is genuine, (ii) that it was submitted on Australian Federal Police (AFP) letterhead, (iii) that it is date stamped as having been received on 6 February 1998, (iv) that the identity of the initials at the foot of the memo are those of Mr Leishman; if not, whose initials were they, (v) that the annotated seven digit telephone number 06 2497444 was the number of the AFP Canberra Operations Centre at that time, (vi) that the annotated seven digit phone number 08 4191920 was a facsimile number in the South Australian office of the AFP at that time.
 - (2) Have P R Smythe and D M Ryan who allegedly signed the memo been interviewed; if so: (a) by whom; (b) when; (c) where; (d) were the interviews taped; if so: (i) was a transcript made, and (ii) is the transcript available; and (e) have those former officers confirmed the authenticity of the memo.
 - (3) (a) Has Mr Leishman's whereabouts now been traced; and (b) have attempts been made to contact him to confirm the authenticity of the memo; if so, was the authenticity confirmed.
- 3371 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to tabled document no. 8 provided at estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007, namely a copy of an alleged signed memo by P R Smythe and D M Ryan addressed to Mr M Leishman of the office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), dated 6 February 1998:
- (1) Has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) been asked or directed to search its files to locate either the original document or a copy; if so, has it been found.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that in late 1997 Agent P R Smythe was seconded to the Inspector-General of the ADF for the purposes of investigating numerous allegations of theft and fraud within Defence stores in Sydney; if so: (a) what were the terms and conditions of the secondment; (b) what reports on the progress of the various investigations were made back to the AFP; and (c) is it the case that, when Agent Smythe returned to other duties

in the AFP, all his notebooks, discs, tape recordings and other documents were passed to the investigation team, appointed as Operation Majorca; if so: (i) do these documents exist within AFP archives, and (ii) have they been retrieved for the purposes of locating the alleged memo of 6 February 1998.

- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the alleged memo is on AFP letterhead and that this was consistent with the terms of the secondment.
- (4) What public statement, if any, has the Minister or the AFP made about their knowledge of, or possession of, the memo.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the annotated seven digit telephone numbers on the memo are AFP telephone numbers; if so: (a) to which offices were they attached; and (b) what investigation has been conducted to identify whether those numbers were contacted by Mr Leishman or any other officer of the Inspector-General of the ADF's office around the time the memo was allegedly submitted; and (c) how extensive has the search for this document been within AFP records around Australia.

Notice given 18 June 2007

3372 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to submissions of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's inquiry into air safety and cabin air quality in the BAe 146 aircraft in 2000, revealing that fumes containing oil toxins such as tricresyl phosphate (TCP) have in the past leaked into the cabins of commercial aircraft, causing passenger and crew illness and to the committee's recommendations that a national standard be set for checking and monitoring engine seals on all passenger commercial jet aircraft and also to the Government's response that, for economic reasons, it would wait for this to be undertaken at an international level:

- (1) Can information be provided whether such an international standard has been created; if not, will the Minister take steps to implement such a standard in Australia.
- (2) Will the Minister consider funding a study to determine whether TCP is leaking into aircraft cabins.
- (3) What investigation, if any, has been conducted into pilot, crew and passenger illnesses considered likely to be caused by TCP leaking into aircraft cabins.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the United States of America Academy of Scientists has recommended that aircraft interiors be regularly tested for neurotoxins such as TCP.
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Australian and International Pilots Association is co-funding research with the Royal Australia Air Force at the University of Washington to develop a blood test for neurotoxins such as TCP; and (b) will this test be used in Australia; if so, when.

Notice given 19 June 2007

3373 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the four community television stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth:

- (1) What work has the Government undertaken to allot digital spectrum and ensure conversion to digital for these stations;

- (2) What impact has a reliance solely on analogue transmission for these stations had on their community reach and audience share.
- (3) Over the past decade, has government assistance to community radio stations increased ahead of the consumer price index; if not, why not.

3374 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2953 (Senate *Hansard*, 21 March 2007, p. 169) in relation to the finding of the Federal Court of Australia (FCA) in *Eberle v Chief Executive Officer of Customs* [2004] FCA 989: (a) has the Government assessed or considered assessing the financial loss to Mr Eberle, beyond the costs awarded, of the error made by the Australian Customs Service; and (b) if not, will the Minister do so in order to make good the loss; if not, why not.

Notice given 20 June 2007

*3375 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Redfern-Waterloo Partnership Project, outlined in an Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted to the department in October 2006 by a partnership of the City of Sydney and the Redfern-Waterloo Authority, which aims to provide a support service to alcohol-dependent men in the Redfern-Waterloo area with a dry day centre, a short- to medium-term dry accommodation facility and weekly meetings for the local Aboriginal men's group and given that: (a) while the EOI sought \$829 745 in funding assistance from the department, the parties involved were given the impression by departmental representatives that the EOI would be the first step in the development of the project; and (b) the department refused funding for the project on 27 February 2007 with no further consultation or reason given:

- (1) Why did the department refuse funding for the project.
- (2) (a) What alcohol management or support services does the department currently fund in the Redfern region; and (b) can a list be provided that details, for each of these services: (i) its name, (ii) its purpose and main activities, (iii) the regions it intends to cover or service, and (iv) for the 2006-07 financial year, the amount of funding it received.

*3376 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—With reference to the Red Tape Removal and Funding Reform branches of the department:

- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year, for each branch: (a) how many full-time staff are employed in the branch; (b) how is departmental funding provided to it; (c) how much funding for programs or projects is administered by it; and (d) can a list be provided of activities it undertook and the outcomes it achieved.
- (2) In regard to the Red Tape Removal branch, is it the case that consultants have been sent into some Indigenous community organisations to assess and address the issue of red tape; if so: (a) can a list be provided of all community organisations that have benefited from this assistance; (b) what work have the consultants undertaken, or what work do they expect to undertake; and (c) what is the total cost of consultancy fees and associated departmental fees incurred by the initiative.

*3377 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) With reference to the transcript of evidence given to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee estimates hearing on 30 May 2007 concerning the own-motion review to be conducted by the Commonwealth Ombudsman into the allegations that the Department of Defence ('the department') was warned of the dangers of poor maintenance of HMAS *Westralia* prior to the fatal fire in May 1998, is there a term of reference for that review or is it the case that, as stated by the department on 30 May 2007, that the Ombudsman 'would not be limited by any terms of reference or scope of matters that Defence referred to them' (FAD&T Committee *Hansard*, 30 May 2007, p. 33P).
- (2) Will the Ombudsman review:
 - (a) the complaints made by Bailey's Diesel Services to the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) which were referred to the Inspector-General of Defence in late 1997;
 - (b) the conduct and outcome of investigations made into that complaint by the joint Australian Federal Police and Inspector-General (AFP/IG) investigation which is alleged to have reported on or about 6 February 1998, based on the tape recording of interviews with Bailey's Diesel Services now acknowledged by the department;
 - (c) investigations made by others in the department into similar complaints prior to, or following 6 February 1998;
 - (d) the maintenance requirements of the Navy with respect to quality assurance by original equipment manufacturers (OEM's) and their Australian agents;
 - (e) the alleged exclusion of Bailey's Diesel Services from all Navy contracts for the maintenance of fuel injection pumps since 2001;
 - (f) the record of engine maintenance of HMAS *Westralia* prior to the fire of May 1998 and the quality assurance of repairs including non-genuine replacement parts in the fuel supply system;
 - (g) the evidence given to and the findings of: (i) the Board of Inquiry, and (ii) the Western Australian (WA) Coroner's inquiry into the deaths caused by the fire on the *Westralia*; and
 - (h) the provenance of the alleged minute of the AFP/IG report which was the subject of questioning at the estimates hearing, and the processes within the Inspector-General's Office and the department more broadly in the management of this matter since late 1997.
- (3) Is it within the powers of the Ombudsman to recommend the reopening of either the Board of Inquiry or the Western Australian Coroner's inquest or to recommend a further inquiry with greater power.
- (4) Does the Ombudsman have power to seek evidence from non-Commonwealth entities, such as contractors and subcontractors to the Navy responsible for engine maintenance; if not, what measures will the Ombudsman take to ensure that all relevant evidence is sought and considered.
- (5) When is it intended that the review be completed.

*3378 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) On what date was it decided that Operation Majorca be tasked to take over the investigations being conducted by a joint Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Inspector-General of Defence investigation into a range of matters concerning theft, fraud, and corruption within the Defence National Stores Distribution Centre (DNSDC), as well as allegations made by Bailey's Diesel Services of Unanderra, New South Wales, of unsafe practices in the maintenance of Navy ships; (b) by whom; and (c) with what ministerial approval.
- (2) (a) Which officers were appointed and who was in charge of the operation; (b) to whom were reports made; (c) which ministers were advised of progress of the investigation; (d) when did the operation close; and (e) what were the specific outcomes.
- (3) Which Department of Defence officials were appointed to assist the investigation.
- (4) Did the investigation team receive all the reports, interview tapes and all other documents already gathered on the DNSDC and Bailey's Diesel Services allegations; if so, where are they now held.
- (5) Did the investigation team also interview Bailey's Diesel Services about its allegations; if so, does a tape recording and transcript exist and where are they located.
- (6) Did the investigation team interview anyone in the Navy on the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations; if so: (a) who was interviewed; (b) when; and (c) what documentary evidence was obtained.
- (7) Is the running sheet of the investigation into the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations still in existence; if so: (a) where is it held; and (b) will it be made available to the Commonwealth Ombudsman as part of the review to now be conducted into this matter.
- (8) Is there an evidence register of documents received by the AFP in Operation Majorca; if so: (a) are there any documents on it supplied by Bailey's Diesel Services; and (b) how are they titled.
- (9) (a) What records still exist in the AFP information system, PROMIS, on Operation Majorca; and (b) will they be made available to the Ombudsman as part of the review of the allegations made by Bailey's Diesel Services.
- (10) Was technical advice sought by the AFP investigation team on the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations, particularly with respect to the maintenance of diesel fuel injection pumps; if so: (a) from whom; (b) when; and (c) is there a record of that advice; if not, on what basis were the findings made that Bailey's Diesel Services' allegations were unfounded, as referred to at the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007.

*3379 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if complaints were made in 1997 to the department by Bailey's Diesel Services concerning poor and dangerous maintenance of Navy ships, in particular the Oberon class submarines, HMAS *Success* and HMAS *Tobruk*, prior to similar allegations about HMAS *Westralia* and the use of non standard parts in the fuel systems, and prior to the subsequent complaint investigated by the joint Australian Federal Police and Inspector-General of Defence (AFP/IG) team which

interviewed Bailey's Diesel Services on 6 February 1998; if so, can the Minister advise whether any records of the earlier allegations exist within the department or the Navy.

- (2) Is the Minister aware of the allegation that it was the failure to respond to complaints made in 1997 that prompted Bailey's Diesel Services to refer matters to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in New South Wales, and can the Minister confirm that ICAC in turn referred the matter to the Inspector-General of Defence; if so, is there any record of any communication between the department and ICAC at that time; if not, will the Minister direct the department to make such an inquiry of ICAC to check this assertion.
- (3) Was a formal response ever made to ICAC concerning the outcomes of the investigation conducted by the AFP/IG team; if so, on what date was that provided, and what was the substance of the report.
- (4) Were separate investigations of Bailey's Diesel Services' 1997 allegations made by Defence in the period prior to the interview by the AFP/IG team on 6 February 1998; if so, what records exist of those investigations and what were the findings and outcomes.
- (5) (a) When was the investigation of Bailey's Diesel Services' complaints by the AFP/I-G team terminated; (b) for what reason; and (c) was it made with the approval or direction of Ministers; if not, who made the decision.
- (6) Was a decision made in late February or early March 1998 to close the AFP/IG investigation and to upgrade it to become Operation Majorca under the primary control of the AFP.
- (7) In the period leading up to the decision to initiate Operation Majorca, had any complaints been made about the operation of the Inspector-General's office, and in particular about the manner in which the investigation of the Bailey's Diesel Services complaint had been managed; if so: (a) was a review conducted; (b) by whom; (c) with what outcomes; (d) was the agreement of Ministers obtained; and (e) what changes were subsequently made to that organisation.
- (8) (a) How many departmental officials or Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel were appointed to join Operation Majorca; and (b) what were their Australian Public Service levels or ranks.
- (9) Does the department retain all records of Operation Majorca, including reports made to Ministers; if so, what scrutiny have those records received in recent times to establish the circumstances of the investigation into the allegations by Bailey's Diesel Services.

*3380 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In September 1997, were two fuel injector pumps from HMAS *Westralia* sent by Ches Diesel and Marine Services, a subcontractor to Australian Defence Industries (ADI), to Bailey's Diesel Services in Unanderra, New South Wales, for repair.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of allegations that during the repairs non-standard parts were found in those pumps; if so: (a) who repaired those pumps on the previous occasion(s); (b) what check was made by the Navy of quality assurance measures in place at that time to ensure that: (i) only certified genuine parts were used, and (ii) the repairs were carried out by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) certified repairer of that brand of pump;

and (c) what examination was made of other pumps on HMAS *Westralia* at the time to check for similar alleged defects.

- (3) On 16 February 1998, did ADI seek a quotation from Bailey's Diesel Services for the maintenance of 24 or 28 fuel injector pumps through Ches Diesel & Marine Services, as sought by the Navy; if so: (a) were those pumps from HMAS *Westralia*; (b) were the pumps manufactured by L'Orange; (c) which company was eventually awarded the contract; (d) for what price; (e) was the repairer certified by the OEM of the pumps in question; and (f) is Bailey's Diesel Services the only licensed repairer of L'Orange equipment in Australia; if so: (i) why was someone else awarded the contract, and (ii) what quality assurance was obtained by the Navy for that work.
- (4) In September 1998, was a similar tender conducted for the maintenance of fuel injector pumps on HMAS *Tobruk*; if so: (a) which company won that tender; (b) were those pumps made by Lucas Bryce; and (c) was Bailey's Diesel Services the only registered repairer of that equipment in Australia at that time.
- (5) During the 5 years prior to the fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998, on how many occasions had fuel injection pumps been removed in total or individually, and on each occasion: (a) what was the reason to remove them; (b) how many were replaced from Navy stores; (c) what tenders were called; (d) which company was the principal ship repairer awarded the contract; (e) who was the subcontractor which undertook the maintenance on the pumps; and (f) with respect to quality assurance, what evidence was required of the principal ship repair contractor or the subcontractor repairing the pumps as to their certification by the OEM of the pumps.

*3381 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to the transcript of evidence of Rear Admiral Ruting to the estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee of 30 May 2007: (a) what are the precise terms of the new instruction issued after the Board of Inquiry (BOI) report into the fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998, requiring ship repair contractors to sub-contact work only to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's); and (b) what was the wording of those instructions prior to the fire.
- (2) In response to a Freedom of Information request by Dahlmann Burke, lawyers on behalf of Bailey's Diesel Services on this same matter, did the information provided quote the instruction in paragraph 1(a) as 'Department of Defence policy which provides that all work relating to *fuel system components* must be performed by Original Equipment Manufacturers ("OEM") or their Australian agent' and 'The contractor agrees that the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or his Australasian agent shall issue a Conformance Certificate for all work and components relating to *Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) Fuel Systems*'; if so, does this mean: (a) that OEM assurance to be sought from the OEM for all repairs and parts includes the specific OEM of fuel pumps, regardless of company ownership, and (b) that the Navy is absolved from responsibility for non-complying work endangering the safety of its ships.

- (3) In a response to the Western Australian Coroner's recommendations, did the department, as reported at page 114 of the Coroner's Report, say that 'The Commonwealth was not a party to the contract between ADI and Enzed. The Commonwealth was not in a position to know that the wrong hose had been specified in that contract. It was ADI's responsibility to monitor the work of its sub-contractors'; if so, (a) does it accept the Coroner's view that 'the fact that no one in the Navy had any knowledge of which type of hoses had been contracted for even after they were installed demonstrated a gross lack of supervision of the contract'; and (b) does this contracting practice continue today.
- (4) Were the engines on the HMAS *Westralia* at the time of the fire in May 1998 Pielstick engines made by SEMT, now owned by MAN, and were the fuel injector pumps made by L'Orange, a separate company, but also subsequently taken over by MAN; if so, would the new instructions to obtain OEM assurance for all repairs to injection fuel pumps require assurance from only MAN or its registered agent as an OEM for the engines, or does it also require separate assurance from the manufacturer of injector fuel pumps L'Orange or its certified agents.
- (5) Can the Minister advise: (a) which companies, in 1997 and 1998, were the registered agents of L'Orange in Australia; (b) who are they now; and (c) which repair companies have been contracted to maintain Navy L'Orange fuel pumps since 1998.
- (6) Noting that the Navy uses a panel of four ship repairers for engine maintenance work, as referred to by Rear Admiral Ruting on 30 May 2007: (a) what certification does each company have as certified repairers of all the OEM's of all diesel engine types in RAN ships and, in each case, what OEM certification is held by each sub-contractor used by those companies in the maintenance of all Navy diesel injection pumps; and (b) does the Navy hold a register of those certified sub-contractors; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of the certified sub-contractors on that list.
- (7) Can the Minister confirm that the current instructions requiring the Navy's diesel engine repairers to be certified, places total responsibility for the OEM certification of engine maintenance sub-contractors' work on the ship repairer contracted to do the work; if so, what checks does the Navy take to ensure that: (a) such sub-contractors are in fact certified by the OEM as repairers of their product; and (b) only genuine OEM approved replacement parts are used.
- (8) What is the most recent Navy ship to have fuel injection pumps removed for maintenance, and: (a) who was the contracted repairer; (b) what sub-contractor(s) were used; (c) what type of engine was fitted to that ship, who manufactured it, and what brand of injector pump was fitted; and (d) what evidence was sought by the Navy: (i) that the sub-contractors were certified by the OEM of the fuel injector pumps fitted to that ship, and (ii) that only OEM approved replacement parts were used.
- (9) (a) What guarantee and warranty is required of: (i) engine repairers and (ii) fuel injection maintenance sub-contractors, for maintenance work done to Navy diesel engines; and (b) how many times in the past 3 years have the provisions of those been exercised for the rectification of unsatisfactory work, and in respect of: (i) which ships, (ii) which principal contractors, and (iii) which sub-contractors.

*3382 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With respect to the aftermath of the tragic fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998, can the Minister confirm that legal action has been taken against the Commonwealth by some, or all, of the families of the deceased; if so: (a) what is the nature of that action; (b) is Mr Bernard Collaery representing the families; and (c) is Mr Collaery the lawyer to whom the then Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Ms Kelly, responded on 1 November 2005, affirming the existence of the joint Australian Federal Police and Inspector-General of Defence report of the interview with Bailey's Diesel Services, now claimed at the estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007 to have been incorrect advice.
- (2) Has the department now advised Mr Collaery that the previous advice given to him confirming the existence of the 6 February 1998 document is incorrect, as advised at the estimates hearing on 30 May 2007; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) What has it cost so far to defend the action taken by the families; and (b) what part of that cost has been incurred, and by which, if any, outsourced legal firms.
- (4) Have the affected families at any stage sought an act of grace or ex gratia payment from the Commonwealth; if so, with what result.

*3383 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In addition to the tape recording of the 6 February 1998 interview with Bailey's Diesel Services, have other records of the investigation been recovered, including the running sheets and any other reports which may have been made, such as briefs to the Minister; if so, could a list of those files and documents be provided.
- (2) After 6 February 1998, was the investigation of the Bailey's Diesel Service allegations resumed; if so: (a) who conducted the investigation; (b) when did it cease; (c) what were the conclusions; (d) who was interviewed; and (e) was there a complete transfer of all previous records including the tape recordings and running notes, discs and any other records to the new investigation team; if so, where are those records and the records of the subsequent investigation currently located.
- (3) Were reports made to the Ministers at the time, on the progress of the joint Australian Federal Police and Inspector-General of Defence investigation into stolen weapons at Moorebank and the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations; if so: (a) who signed those reports; (b) how many were submitted; (c) did those reports make reference to the investigation of the Baileys allegations; and (d) what reports were provided to the Minister throughout the subsequent period of Operation Majorca.

*3384 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In evidence before the estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee 30 May 2007, did Defence dismiss an anecdote used by Bailey's Diesel Services that a company undertaking maintenance on HMAS *Westralia* prior to the fire of May 1998 'was operating out of the boot of a car and so was an inappropriate source of labour and parts for work on Navy ships' (FAD&T Committee *Hansard*, p. 29).

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Western Australian Coroner, in his report at page 12, referred to Mr Old of the Enzed company, which supplied and fixed the substandard fuel hoses to HMAS *Westralia*, as a person who ‘had left Navy on 14 November 1997 and worked as a “hose doctor” operating a mobile hydraulic hose repair service from the back of a van or truck’, and ‘If the significance of the proposed change had been appreciated by ADI, Enzed would not have been an appropriate subcontractor to use’.

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Amendment to an order of continuing effect

1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents

That paragraph (7) of the order be amended to read as follows:

- (7) The Finance and Public Administration Committee consider the ongoing operation of the order and report on relevant developments from time to time.

(Agreed to 1 March 2007 upon adoption of recommendation 13 in the Finance and Public Administration Committee’s second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06).)

Committees

2 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 Water Resources

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 Affairs

Attorney-General

Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Transport and Regional Services

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*(Agreed to 9 February 2006, amended 8 February 2007.)***3 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.)***4 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

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

*(Agreed to 29 March 2006.)***5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**

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

*(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)***6 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 sittings:

If a member of a committee appointed under standing order 25 is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating

member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

(Agreed to 7 February 2007.)

7 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

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

(Agreed to 18 October 2006.)

8 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.)

Estimates

9 2005-06 Budget 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.)

10 2006-07 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by legislation committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2006-07 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

| | |
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| Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | Friday, 28 July 2006 |
| Finance and Public Administration | Friday, 7 July 2006 |
| Legal and Constitutional | Friday, 14 July 2006 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport | Thursday, 13 July 2006 |

Group B:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Community Affairs | Friday, 28 July 2006 |
| Economics | Friday, 28 July 2006 |

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| Employment, Workplace Relations and Education | Friday, 28 July 2006 |
| Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade | Thursday, 27 July 2006. |

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

11 2006-07 Supplementary Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2006-07 Supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

| | |
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| Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | Friday, 15 December 2006 |
| Finance and Public Administration | Friday, 15 December 2006 |
| Legal and Constitutional Affairs | Wednesday, 13 December 2006 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport | Tuesday, 12 December 2006 |

Group B:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Community Affairs | Friday, 15 December 2006 |
| Economics | Friday, 15 December 2006 |
| Employment, Workplace Relations and Education | Friday, 15 December 2006 |
| Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade | Thursday, 14 December 2006. |

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

12 2006-07 Additional estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2006-07 additional estimates are as follows:

Group A:

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| Community Affairs | Friday, 30 March 2007 |
| Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | Wednesday, 4 April 2007 |
| Finance and Public Administration | Friday, 30 March 2007 |
| Legal and Constitutional Affairs | Friday, 30 March 2007 |

Group B:

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|---|-------------------------|
| Economics | Thursday, 5 April 2007 |
| Employment, Workplace Relations and Education | Friday, 30 March 2007 |
| Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade | Thursday, 29 March 2007 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport | Thursday, 5 April 2007. |

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

13 2007-08 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2007-08 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Community Affairs | Friday, 27 July 2007 |
| Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | Tuesday, 31 July 2007 |
| Finance and Public Administration | Friday, 6 July 2007 |
| Legal and Constitutional Affairs | Friday, 6 July 2007 |

Group B:

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|--|-------------------------|
| Economics | Friday, 27 July 2007 |
| Employment, Workplace Relations and Education | Friday, 27 July 2007 |
| Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade | Thursday, 26 July 2007 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport | Thursday, 12 July 2007. |

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

14 2006-07 Additional estimates—2007-08 Budget estimates—Hearings

That—

- (1) ...
- (2) Estimates hearings by legislative and general purpose standing committees for 2007 be scheduled as follows:

2006-07 additional estimates:

Monday, 12 February and Tuesday, 13 February and, if required, Friday, 16 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 14 February and Thursday, 15 February and, if required, Friday, 16 February (*Group B*).

2007-08 Budget estimates:

Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May (*Group B*)

Monday, 12 November and Tuesday, 13 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 14 November and Thursday, 15 November (*supplementary hearing—Group B*).

- (3) Committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (4) Committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

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

Group B:

Community Affairs
Economics

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) Committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

- (a) Wednesday, 21 March 2007 in respect of the 2006-07 additional estimates; and
- (b) Tuesday, 19 June 2007 in respect of the 2007-08 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 7 December 2006 as part of a longer order—see also 'Meeting of the Senate' below, amended 8 February and 26 March 2007.)

Legislation

15 Senate consideration—Variation

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

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007
Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007.

(Agreed to 14 June 2007.)

Meeting of Senate

16 Meeting of Senate

That—

(1) The days of meeting of the Senate for 2007 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 6 February to Thursday, 8 February
Monday, 26 February to Thursday, 1 March
Tuesday, 20 March to Thursday, 22 March
Monday, 26 March to Thursday, 29 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

Winter sittings:

Tuesday, 12 June to Thursday, 14 June
Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 7 August to Thursday, 9 August
Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (3):

Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October
Monday, 22 October to Thursday, 25 October

Monday, 5 November to Thursday, 8 November
 Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
 Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.

(Agreed to 7 December 2006 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Estimates’ above.)

17 Days and hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

That—

- (1) On Thursday, 14 June 2007:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from 7.30 pm shall be government business only;
 - (c) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (d) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (2) The Senate shall sit on Friday, 15 June 2007 and that:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 4.10 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business shall be:
 - (i) notices of motion, and
 - (ii) government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 3.30 pm.
- (3) On Tuesday, 19 June 2007:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
 - (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10 pm.
- (4) On Thursday, 21 June 2007:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
 - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
 - (c) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 4.30 pm shall be government business only;
 - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below, including any messages from the House of Representatives:
 - ~~Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Township Leasing) Bill 2007~~
 - Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007
 - ~~Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2007~~
 - ~~Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007~~

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
 Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
 Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008
 Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-2007
 Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2006-2007
 Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007
~~Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007~~
~~Communications—Legislation—Amendment—(Content Services) Bill 2007~~
 Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007
 Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
 Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
~~Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007~~
~~Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2007~~
 Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
~~Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Management System and Other Measures) Bill 2007~~
~~Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Restructures) Bill 2007~~
 Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007
~~Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007~~
~~Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007~~
~~Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007~~
~~Governance Review Implementation (Science Research Agencies) Bill 2007~~
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007
~~Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation) Bill 2007~~
~~Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007~~
 Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Bill 2007
~~Migration Amendment (Statutory Agency) Bill 2007~~
~~National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007~~
~~Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007~~

~~Schools Assistance (Learning Together Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007~~

Social Security Amendment (Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up for Australian Apprentices) Bill 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007

~~Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007~~

Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007

~~Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007.~~

(Agreed to 14 June 2007—Strikethrough indicates bill has been finally passed as at 20 June 2007.)

18 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2007:

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 10 August 2006.)

19 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 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 6 February 2007.)

Orders for production of documents

20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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.)

26 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 |

| Date of order | Subject | Addressed to |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 23.08.2001 | Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control | Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) |
| 19.09.2001 | Transport—Ansett Australia | Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services |
| 20.09.2001 | Transport—Ansett Australia | Minister representing the Prime Minister |
| 19.06.2002 | Mining—Christmas Island | |
| 24.06.2002 | Superannuation system | |
| 25.06.2002 | Finance—Retirement and income modelling | |
| 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 |

| Date of order | Subject | Addressed to |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 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 |
| 13.10.2003 | Finance—Calculation of the IBNR levy | Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer |
| 14.10.2003 | Animal Welfare—Live sheep export | |
| 16.10.2003 | Environment—Sepon Mine | Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Hill) |
| 28.10.2003 | Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology | Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) |
| 28.10.2003 | Education—Higher education—Regional impact statement | Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training |
| 25.11.2003 | Finance—Deposit bonds | |
| 01.12.2003 | Taxation—First home owners, ‘bracket creep’ and Intergeneration Report | Minister representing the Treasurer |
| 03.12.2003 | Health—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme | |
| 03.12.2003 | Environment—Sepon mine | |
| 10.02.2003 | Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology | Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) |
| 24.03.2004 | Superannuation—Departing temporary residents | Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer |
| 24.03.2004 | Australian Federal Police Commissioner—Statement | Leader of the Government in the Senate |
| 01.04.2004 | Immigration—Ministerial discretion | Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs |
| 21.06.2004 | Indigenous Australians—Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) | Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs |
| 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 | |

| Date of order | Subject | Addressed to |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 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.

Legislation

Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007

- 5 **Senator O'Brien:** To move (contingent on the Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007 being read a second time)—That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole that:
- (a) the committee divide the Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007 to incorporate Schedules 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in a separate bill; and
 - (b) the committee add to that separate bill enacting words and provisions for titles and commencement.

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
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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

9 **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.

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 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

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 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

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 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

- 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 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

- 14 **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, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

- **Legislative and General Purpose†**
 - Community Affairs
 - Economics
 - Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
 - Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
 - Finance and Public Administration
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
 - Regulations and Ordinances
 - Scrutiny of Bills

- **Standing (Domestic)**

- Appropriations and Staffing
- House
- Library
- Privileges
- Procedure
- Publications
- Selection of Bills
- Senators' Interests

- **Select Committees**

- Administration of Indigenous Affairs
- Lindeberg Grievance
- Mental Health
- Scrafton Evidence

- **Joint Committees**

- **Standing**

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

- **Statutory**

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- 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

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

† The restructure of legislative and general purpose standing committees, agreed to by the Senate on 14 August 2006, came into effect on 11 September 2006. Eight standing committees were established (combining the functions of the previous 16 legislation and references committees) with eight members instead of six.



COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indigenouaffairs_ctte/index.htm

(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

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm

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, Heffernan, Parry 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*)

43rd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2006-07 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Annual report for 2005-06 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

44th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2007-08 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin and Parry and Mr Baird, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mrs May and Mr Wilkie

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Bishop, Parry and Polley and Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (*adopted 4 December 2006*)

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*)

Examination of the annual report for 2004-05 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Examination of the annual report for 2005-06 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 13 June 2007*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm>

Members

The President, the Speaker and Senators Faulkner and Parry and Mr Bartlett, Mr Cadman, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

Community Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber, Wong and Wortley

Current inquiries

Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (*referred 28 March 2007; reporting date: 20 September 2007*)

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; reporting date: 30 June 2008*)

Cost of living pressures on older Australians (*referred 14 June 2007; reporting date: 13 September 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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)

Provisions of the Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented to the Deputy President on 24 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006)

Provisions of Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (tabled 27 March 2006)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (tabled 28 March 2006)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)

National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006)

Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 9 May 2006)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006)

Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (tabled 17 August 2006)

Reports presented by the former Community Affairs References Committee

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*)

Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*presented to the Deputy President on 31 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Reports presented by the Community Affairs Committee

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 October 2006*)

Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

Inquiry into legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart Review—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006*)

Legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart review (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006*) and corrigendum (*tabled 6 November 2006*)

Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [Provisions] and 6 related bills [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Watson, on 9 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*) and additional comments by the Australian Democrats (*presented to the Deputy President on 12 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 17 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm

Members

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

Current inquiries

Superannuation industry (*adopted 30 June 2006*)

Shareholder engagement and participation (*adopted 30 June 2006*)

Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*statutory responsibility*)

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*)

Corporate responsibility: Managing risk and creating value (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure draft] (*presented to the Deputy President on 23 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure draft] and Corporations and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure draft] (*tabled 29 March 2007*)

Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and related bills (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Economics—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Ronaldson (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bernardi, Chapman, Hurley, Joyce, Murray and Webber

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Conroy, Cormann, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hogg, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Watson and Wong

Current inquiry

Private equity markets (*referred 29 March 2007; reporting date: 16 August 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Economics Legislation Committee

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*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the President on 14 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2006*) and erratum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 14 July 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, the Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, the Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*presented to the President on 14 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 22 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 22 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 31 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 September 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Report presented by the former Economics References Committee

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*)

Reports presented by the Economics Committee

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 4 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 October 2006*)

Petrol prices in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Petrol prices in Australia (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and related bills [Provisions] (*tabled 7 February 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 February 2007*)

Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 (*tabled 20 March 2007*) and correction (*tabled 28 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Mrs Mirabella (*Chair*), Senator Sterle (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Carr, Fierravanti-Wells and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest and Mr Griffin

Current inquiry

Certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission (*referred 28 March 2007*)

Reports 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*)

Funding and disclosure: Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates (*presented to the President on 31 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Civics and electoral education (*tabled 18 June 2007*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members

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

Substitute members

Matters relating to the schools and training portfolios—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

The current level of academic standards of school education—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Campbell

Senators Fifield and Birmingham to replace Senators Lightfoot and Fisher, respectively on 25 June and 26 June 2007

Participating members

Senators Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Kemp, Ludwig, Lundy, McLucas, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, Milne, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber, Wong and Wortley

Current inquiries

Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (*referred 6 September 2006; reporting date: 9 August 2007*)

The current level of academic standards of school education (*referred 8 February 2007; reporting date: 15 August 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

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*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and the Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 25 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 September 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

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*)

Reports presented by the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill
 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Perspectives on the future of the harvest labour force (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
 [Provisions] (*tabled 30 November 2006*)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to
 standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs)
 Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on
 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and
 Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy
 President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February
 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing
 order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*) and additional remarks by Australian Labor Party
 senators (*tabled 10 May 2007*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions]
 (*tabled 14 June 2007*)

Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (*tabled
 14 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

**Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing
 Committee**

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Environment and Water Resources; Communications, Information Technology and
 the Arts

Members

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Bartlett (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Birmingham,
 Kemp, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Webber and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Cormann, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stott Despoja, Watson and Wong

Reports presented by the former Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

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*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and the Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (*tabled 19 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

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*)

Living with salinity – a report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

About time! Women in sport and recreation in Australia (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006, Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] and a background paper by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts on the two channels of spectrum for new digital services (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 October 2006*)

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Conserving Australia: Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 12 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 15 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

* Indigenous art – securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

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

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Joyce, Kemp, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Ronaldson, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (*ordered 20 June 2001; terms of reference amended 18 June 2003 and 1 March 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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*)

Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 28 March 2006*) and corrigendum (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Finance and Public Administration References Committee

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*)

Reports presented by the Finance and Public Administration Committee

Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2006*)

Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06) (*tabled 27 February 2007*)

Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 15 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfad/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Crossin, Eggleston, Hutchins, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Payne, Stott Despoja, Trood and Webber and Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Mr Snowden, Mr CP Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

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

Australia's trade with Mexico and the region (*adopted 11 October 2006*)

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*adopted 7 February 2007*)

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*)

Visit to Australian Defence Forces deployed to support the rehabilitation of Iraq – Report of the delegation, 22 to 28 October 2005 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North America (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Australia's relationship with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

Australia's response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2004-05 (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Australia's relationship with Malaysia (*tabled 26 March 2007*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hogg, Sandy Macdonald and Trood

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Hurley, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, McGauran, Mason, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Parry, Polley, Ray, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

Australia's public diplomacy (*referred 7 November 2006; reporting date: 9 August 2007*)

Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 16 August 2007*)

Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 22 June 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—First progress report (*tabled 17 August 2006*) and correction (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

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*)

China's emergence: Implications for Australia (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Reports presented by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 11 October 2006*)

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006*)

Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 8 November 2006*)

Blue water ships: Consolidating past achievements (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Second progress report (*tabled 29 March 2007*)

Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 (*presented to the President on 31 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

House—Standing Committee*Members*

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

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

(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*), Mr Byrne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Faulkner, Ferguson, Nash and Ray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Terrorist organisation provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations – No. 5 (*statutory responsibility*)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 26 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations: Number 4 – recruitment and training (*tabled 14 August 2006*)

Annual report of committee activities 2005-06 (*tabled 11 September 2006*)

Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah as terrorist organisations (*tabled 16 October 2006*)

Review of security and counter terrorism legislation (*tabled 4 December 2006*)

Review of the re-listing of ASG, JuA, GIA and GSPC (*tabled 26 February 2007*)

Review of the re-listing of Tanzim Qa'idate al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Sunna, JeM, LeJ, EIJ, IAA, AAA and IMU as terrorist organisations (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

Senator Barnett (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Ludwig, Parry, Payne and Trood

Participating members

Senators Allison, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fifield, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, Nettle, Patterson, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*referred 13 June 2007; reporting date: 31 July 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

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*)

Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 24 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 27 March 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 13 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 4 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No. 1) 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Legal and Constitutional References Committee

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*)

Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

Reports presented by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 September 2006*)

Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005—Interim report (*tabled 14 September 2006*)

Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 [Provisions], Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 (*tabled 12 October 2006*)

Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 (*tabled 16 October 2006*)

Inquiry into the provisions of the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 13 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 November 2006*)

Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)
 Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 8 February 2007*)
 Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*) and corrigendum (*tabled 22 March 2007*)
 Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 23 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)
 AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 14 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*)
 Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)
 Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 20 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)
 Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
 Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Allison, Hutchins, McGauran, Nash, Trood and Webber

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/lindeberg_ctte/index.htm

(*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

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/mentalhealth_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 8 March 2005; terms of appointment varied 18 August 2005; final report tabled 9 May 2006*)

Members

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

Reports presented

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—First report (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—Final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 28 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

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

Current inquiry

Eligibility requirements and monitoring, enforcement and reporting arrangements for temporary business visas (*adopted 6 December 2006*)

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*)

Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (*tabled 11 September 2006*)

Australia-New Zealand Committee Exchange Program—Report of the parliamentary delegation to New Zealand, 27 to 31 August 2006 (*tabled 4 December 2006*)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Ms AL Ellis (*Deputy Chair*), the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Crossin, Joyce, Lundy and Stott Despoja and Mrs Mirabella, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

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*)

Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Visit to Norfolk Island: 2-5 August 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Review of the Griffin Legacy amendments (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ntlf_ctte/index.htm

(*in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004, the committee ceased operation on 23 March 2006; 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

Reports 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*)

2004-05 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Report on the operation of Native Title Representative Bodies (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 7 December 2005*)

Members

Senator Trood and Mr Adams (*Joint Chairs*), Senators Allison, Hutchins, McGauran, Nash and Webber and Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Wakelin and Mr Anderson

Privileges—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm

Members

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

Current inquiry

Having regard to the material presented to the Senate by the President on 6 February 2007, whether any false or misleading evidence was given to a Senate committee, whether there was any improper refusal to provide information to a committee, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 7 February 2007*)

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*)

127th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren) (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

128th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Karl J O'Callaghan, APM, Commissioner of Police, Western Australia) (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

129th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Dr Clive Hamilton) (*tabled 8 November 2006*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm

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 Abetz, Bartlett, Faulkner, Ferguson, Parry 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*)

First report of 2006—Restructuring the committee system (*tabled 10 August 2006*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpad/index.htm>

Members

Mr Barresi (*Chairman*), Ms Grierson (*Vice Chairman*), Senators Bishop†, Chapman, Hogg, Humphries, Murray and Watson and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Dr Jensen, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming and Mr Tanner

†Senator Bishop to be discharged at the completion of the committee's inquiry into the financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation with Senator Moore to be reappointed in his place

Current inquiries

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005*)

Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation (*adopted 1 March 2006*)

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*)

Report 407—Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between 18 January and 18 April 2005 (*tabled 4 September 2006*)

Report 408—Annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 6 November 2006*)

Report 409—Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004 Report 400: *Review of Aviation Security in Australia* (*tabled 4 December 2006*)

Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2007-08 (*oral report 10 May 2007*)

Committee documents presented

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

Statement on the Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2006-07 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm>

Members

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Mr BP O'Connor (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Hurley, Parry and Troeth and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, 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*)

Fit-out of an extension to leased premises for IP Australia in Woden, ACT (Fourth report of 2006) (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Redevelopment of Post 1945 Conflicts Galleries and Discovery Room for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (Fifth report of 2006) (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Sixty-ninth annual report, March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Civic, ACT (Sixth report of 2006) (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B and C, Canberra City, ACT (Seventh report of 2006) (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for Centrelink at Greenway, ACT (Eighth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

HMAS *Cairns* redevelopment, Cairns, Queensland (Ninth report of 2006) (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

Construction of housing for Defence at Fairview Rise, Ipswich, Queensland (Tenth report of 2006) (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission at 120 Collins Street, Melbourne (Eleventh report of 2006) (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Facilities Project, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Queensland (Twelfth report of 2006) (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

Australian Institute of Police Management redevelopment, North Head, Manly, NSW (Thirteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Facilities upgrade to the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Rockhampton, Queensland (Fourteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

Facilities for troop lift helicopter, RAAF Base Townsville, Queensland (Fifteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

Provision of facilities for Project Single Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct – Phase one (Sixteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Development of canine kennelling and training facilities for the Australian Federal Police at Majura, ACT (Seventeenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relation at 29-31 Brindabella Business Park, ACT (Eighteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Extension and accommodation upgrade to the existing Chancery of the Australian Embassy in Beijing, China (Nineteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 6 December 2006*)

Seventieth annual report, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Redevelopment of propellant manufacturing and other specified capabilities at Mulwala (First report of 2007) (*tabled 28 March 2007*)

Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria (Second report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

National Towers Program, stage 1 – Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne, Rockhampton (Third report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 4, Townsville, Queensland (Fourth report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

- * Provision of facilities for Project Single Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct phase 2 (Fifth report of 2007) (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Publications—Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/publ/index.htm>

Members

Senators Hurley, Marshall, McGauran, Nash, Sterle and Wortley

Current inquiry

Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament (*adopted 1 March 2007; sitting as a joint committee with the House of Representatives Publications Committee, pursuant to standing order 22(1)*)

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*)

10th report (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

11th report (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

12th report (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers series (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

13th report (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

14th report (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

15th report (*tabled 14 September 2006*)

16th report (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

17th report (*tabled 9 November 2006*)

18th report (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

19th report (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

20th report (*tabled 29 March 2007*)

21st report (*tabled 10 May 2007*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Patterson 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*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, May to December 2005 (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2005, dated March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, December 2005 to June 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2006, dated February 2007 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March to December 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

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

Substitute members

Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland—

Senators Trood, Joyce, Hogg and Moore to replace Senators McGauran, Nash, Sterle and McEwen, respectively

Senator Ian Macdonald to replace Senator Adams

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Fisher, Hogg, Hutchins, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McEwen, McLucas, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Payne, Parry, Polley, Ray, Stephens, Sterle, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiry

Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (*referred 26 February 2007*)

Reports presented by the former Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), May 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*tabled 15 June 2006*)

The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Reports presented by the former Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

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*)
 Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—Interim report (*tabled 7 September 2006*)
 Water policy initiatives—Interim report (*tabled 7 September 2006*)
Reports presented by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
 Water policy initiatives—Final report (*tabled 5 December 2006*) and erratum (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—Final report (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 Airspace Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)
 Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)
 Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 June 2007*)
 Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)
 * Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrafton_ctte/index.htm

(*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 Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

Members

Senator Ray (*Chairman*), Senator Adams (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

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*)
 No. 2 of 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2006*)
 No. 3 of 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)
 No. 4 of 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)
 No. 5 of 2006 (*tabled 14 June 2006*)
 No. 6 of 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)
 No. 7 of 2006 (*tabled 9 August 2006*)
 No. 8 of 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)
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 No. 14 of 2006 (*tabled 29 November 2006*)
 No. 15 of 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
 No. 1 of 2007 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 No. 2 of 2007 (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 No. 3 of 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
 No. 4 of 2007 (*tabled 28 March 2007*)
 No. 5 of 2007 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
 No. 6 of 2007 (*tabled 13 June 2007*)
 * No. 7 of 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

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*)
 First report of 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2006*)
 Second report of 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)
 Third report of 2006 (*tabled 14 June 2006*)
 Fourth report of 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)
 Fifth report of 2006 (*tabled 9 August 2006*)
 Sixth report of 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)
 Seventh report of 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)
 Eighth report of 2006 (*tabled 11 October 2006*)
 Ninth report of 2006 (*tabled 18 October 2006*)
 Tenth report of 2006 (*tabled 8 November 2006*)
 Eleventh report of 2006 (*tabled 29 November 2006*)
 Twelfth report of 2006: Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation (*tabled 4 December 2006*)
 Thirteenth report of 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
 First report of 2007 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 Second report of 2007 (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 Third report of 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
 Fourth report of 2007 (*tabled 28 March 2007*)
 Fifth report of 2007 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
 Sixth report of 2007 (*tabled 13 June 2007*)
 * Seventh report of 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip and Senators Abetz, Ludwig, McGauran 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 (*presented 8 February 2006*)
 Report no. 2 of 2006 (*presented 1 March 2006*)
 Report no. 3 of 2006 (*presented 30 March 2006*)
 Report no. 4 of 2006 (*presented 11 May 2006*)
 Report no. 5 of 2006 (*presented 14 June 2006*)
 Report no. 6 of 2006 (*presented 22 June 2006*)
 Report no. 7 of 2006 (*presented 9 August 2006*)
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 Report no. 1 of 2007 (*presented 8 February 2007*)
 Report no. 2 of 2007 (*presented 8 February 2007*)
 Report no. 3 of 2007 (*presented 1 March 2007*)
 Report no. 4 of 2007 (*presented 21 March 2007*)
 Report no. 5 of 2007 (*presented 29 March 2007*)
 Report no. 6 of 2007 (*presented 29 March 2007*)
 Report no. 7 of 2007 (*presented 10 May 2007*)
 Report no. 8 of 2007 (*presented 10 May 2007*)
 Report no. 9 of 2007 (*presented 13 June 2007*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm

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*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 6 December 2005 and 19 June 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 20 June and 4 December 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)

- * Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 5 December 2006 and 18 June 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Declaration of gifts lodged

- * Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament incorporating declaration of gifts lodged between 5 December 2000 and 18 June 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Reports presented

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

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

Report 2/2006: Review of arrangements for registration of senators' interests (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Report 1/2007: Annual report 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Documents presented

Issues raised with the Committee of Senators' Interests by Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz about Senator Bob Brown's statements of interests and the unauthorised disclosure of correspondence from Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz to the Committee of Senators' Interests—Documents and minutes of proceedings, dated September 2006 (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

Explanatory notes for statements of registrable interests, dated March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Birmingham, Carol Brown, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, Sterle and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mr Laming, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiry

All treaties tabled in the Senate

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*)
- Report 72—Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005 (2) (*tabled 28 March 2006*) and erratum (*tabled 30 March 2006*)
- Report 73—Treaties tabled in February 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)
- Report 74—Treaty tabled on 28 March 2006 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)
- Report 75—Treaties tabled on 11 October 2005 (2), 28 February and 28 March 2006 (2) (*tabled 14 August 2006*)
- Report 76—Treaties tabled on 28 March (3) and 10 May 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)
- Report 77—Treaties tabled on 20 June and 8 August 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)
- Report 78—Treaty scrutiny: A ten year review (*tabled 9 October 2006*)
- Report 79—Treaties tabled on 10 May (2), 5 and 6 September 2006 (*tabled 19 October 2006*)
- Report 80—Treaties tabled on 28 March (4) and 5 September (2) 2006 (*tabled 19 October 2006*)
- Report 81—Treaties tabled on 8 August 2006 (2) (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
- Report 82—Treaty tabled on 28 November 2006 (*tabled 7 December 2006*)
- Report 83—Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations (*tabled 26 March 2007*)
- * Report 84—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)
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SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

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

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Trood (*appointed 13 June 2007, 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 Special Minister of State |
| 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 Foreign Affairs Minister for Trade Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues |
| Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Human Services</i> | Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Defence Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Ageing |
| Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i> | Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Minister for Workforce Participation Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service |
| Senator the Honourable George Brandis, SC <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i> | Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Vocational and Further Education |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion <i>Minister for Community Services</i> | Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable David Johnston <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> | Minister for Transport and Regional Services Attorney-General Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads |
| Parliamentary Secretary | |
| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration</i> | |
| Senator the Honourable Brett Mason <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing</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 the autumn and spring 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.