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12 May 1998—15 July 1998

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1998</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1998</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1998</i>
<i>PROGRESS</i>			
Initiated in House of Representatives.....	64	47	111
Received from Senate.....	1	4	5
Previous resolution to lay aside in House rescinded	0	1*	1
Carried over from previous sittings.....	80	100	80
	145	152	197
Passed both Houses and assented to.....	37	69	106
Not passed into law—			
Still before—			
House.....	43	32	32
Senate	57	48	48
Laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House	6 [†]	2	8
Previous resolution to lay aside in House rescinded	0	1*	1
Negatived or discharged in Senate	2	0	2
	145	152	197

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved	9	10	19
Bills referred to—			
Main Committee.....	27	24	51
Other committees for advisory report.....	1	0	1
Bills initiated in House and amended in—			
House.....	13	13	26
Senate	12	19	31
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	1	6	7
Bills declared urgent.....	0	0	0
Private Members' bills—			
Introduced in House	2	5	7
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	2549	1601	4150

† Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 [No. 2] laid aside on 9 Apr

* Resolution to lay aside Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 [No. 2] rescinded on 3 Jul

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—continued

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1998</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1998</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1998</i>
House—			
Sitting weeks	5	5	10
Sitting days	19 [†]	20 [‡]	39
Hours of sittings*—			
Including suspensions of sittings ¹	188	198	386
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹	173	182	355
Main Committee—			
Meetings	9	10	19
Hours of meetings*—			
Including suspensions ²	32	42	74
Excluding suspensions ²	27	33	60
Sittings after midnight	0 ³	0 ⁴	0
Days on which—			
Adjournment motion debated in—			
House	18	16	34
Main Committee	4	5	9
Grievance debate called on and debated	5	3	8
Matters of public importance discussed	9	11	20
Private Members' business given precedence	5	4	9
Meetings of House and joint committees—			
Total No.			526
Aggregate duration in hours			1085
Parliamentary committee reports presented	24	35	59
Items of private Members' business debated	21	21	42
90 second statements by private Members	49	43	92
3 minute statements by private Members in Main Committee	25	30	55
Divisions	59	51	110
Closures of—			
Members agreed to	4	7	11
Questions agreed to	10	9	19
Petitions presented	134	137	271
Signatures to petitions	61 606	128 854	190 460
Questions placed on Notice Paper	307	216	523
Questions without notice	349	381	730
Average number of questions without notice asked			
for each sitting day on which question time occurred	18.4	19.1	18.7
Visitors to the House of Representatives galleries			
during sittings	28 212	31 811	60 023

† The sitting which commenced on 8 Apr and adjourned on 9 Apr comprised one sitting day

‡ The sitting which commenced on 2 Jul and adjourned on 3 Jul comprised one sitting day

* Adjusted to nearest hour

1 For example: suspensions for meals and during sittings 8-9 Apr and 2-3 Jul

2 For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in the House

3 Does not include sitting between 8 and 9 Apr

4 Does not include sitting between 2 and 3 Jul

BILLS

Does not include Bills introduced in Senate but not transmitted to House

PROGRESS

Passed both Houses and assented to (106)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission			
Amendment ^{1*}	3 Dec [†]	20	17 Apr
Appropriation (No. 1) 1998-99	12 May	70	30 Jun
Appropriation (No. 2) 1998-99	12 May	71	30 Jun
Appropriation (No. 3) 1997-98	29 Oct [†]	5	27 Mar
Appropriation (No. 4) 1997-98	29 Oct [†]	6	27 Mar
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1998-99.....	12 May	72	30 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1997-98	29 Oct [†]	7	27 Mar
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ³	26 Mar	50	29 Jun
Australian Science, Technology and Engineering Council			
Repeal	1 Apr	42	17 Jun
Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy			
Imposition ⁴	26 Mar	51	29 Jun
Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies			
Supervisory Levy Imposition	26 Mar	52	29 Jun
Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^{2, 3}	18 Jun [†]	95	23 Jul
Ballast Water Research and Development Funding Levy	24 Sep [†]	21	17 Apr
Ballast Water Research and Development Funding Levy			
Collection ⁵	24 Sep [†]	38	4 Jun
Charter of Budget Honesty ⁶	5 Dec [†]	22	17 Apr
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Amendment	26 Nov [†]	9	6 Apr
Cheques and Payment Orders Amendment	8 Apr	76	2 Jul
Cheques and Payment Orders Amendment (Turnback of Cheques)			
.....	8 Apr	77	2 Jul
Child Care Legislation Amendment	4 Mar	13	16 Apr
Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment	22 Oct [†]	1	24 Mar
Commonwealth Places (Consequential Amendments)	5 Mar	23	17 Apr
Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes)	5 Mar	24	17 Apr
Commonwealth Places Windfall Tax (Collection)	5 Mar	25	17 Apr
Commonwealth Places Windfall Tax (Imposition)	5 Mar	26	17 Apr

† 1997 ‡ 1996

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

2 Introduced as Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1997

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

4 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

5 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to purported amendments and made amendments in place thereof; Senate agreed to House's amendments

6 Introduced as Charter of Budget Honesty 1996 [No. 2]

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Company Law Review ³	3 Dec [†]	61	29 Jun
Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty ¹	8 Apr	78	2 Jul
Copyright Amendment (No. 1) ³	18 Jun [†]	104	30 Jul
Copyright Amendment (No. 2) ³	20 Nov [†]	105	30 Jul
Corporations Legislation Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	30 Jun	86	2 Jul
Crimes Amendment (Enforcement of Fines) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	22 Jun	49	29 Jun
Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) ³	26 Mar [†]	96	23 Jul
Criminal Code Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	25 Mar	12	13 Apr
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^{1*, 7}	3 Dec [†]	8	31 Mar
Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments)	14 May	79	2 Jul
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1)	2 Apr	73	30 Jun
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment	14 May	80	2 Jul
Datacasting Charge (Imposition)	8 Apr	98	27 Jul
Electoral and Referendum Amendment ^{1, 3}	3 Dec [†]	94	17 Jul
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1)	8 Apr	64	30 Jun
Family Law Amendment (No. 1)	24 Jun	89	14 Jul
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability)	1 Oct [†]	10	6 Apr
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Secondary Liability)	1 Oct [†]	11	6 Apr
Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection	26 Mar	53	29 Jun
Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) ⁸	26 Mar	54	29 Jun
Financial Sector Reform (Consequential Amendments) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	23 Jun	48	29 Jun
Financial Sector (Shareholdings)	26 Mar	55	29 Jun
Fisheries Legislation Amendment (No. 1) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	24 Jun	75	30 Jun
Flags Amendment	26 Jun [†]	2	24 Mar
Gas Pipelines Access (Commonwealth) ^{1*}	26 Nov [†]	101	30 Jul
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition ⁴	26 Mar	56	29 Jun
Health Care (Appropriation)	28 May	74	30 Jun
Health Legislation Amendment ^{1*}	1 Oct [†]	19	17 Apr
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ³	27 Nov [†]	37	24 Apr
Income Tax (Untainting Tax)	8 Apr	65	30 Jun
Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Amendment	18 Jun [†]	27	17 Apr
Insurance Laws Amendment ³	4 Dec [†]	35	22 Apr
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment ^{1*, 3}	26 Nov [†]	100	27 Jul

† 1997 ‡ 1996

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

4 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

7 Introduced as Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1997

8 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to another; Senate did not insist on its amendment disagreed to by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
International Monetary Agreements Amendment ¹	12 Mar	28	17 Apr
Interstate Road Transport Amendment	2 Apr	43	17 Jun
Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment	2 Apr	44	17 Jun
Law Officers Amendment	3 Dec [†]	39	4 Jun
Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition ⁴	26 Mar	57	29 Jun
Managed Investments ⁹	3 Dec [†]	62	29 Jun
Medicare Levy Amendment ¹⁰	29 Oct [†]	29	17 Apr
Medicare Levy Consequential Amendment (Trust Loss)	1 Oct [†]	30	17 Apr
National Firearms Program Implementation	27 May	81	2 Jul
National Measurement Amendment	8 Apr	90	14 Jul
National Residue Survey Administration Amendment	4 Mar	31	17 Apr
National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy	4 Mar	32	17 Apr
National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy	4 Mar	33	17 Apr
National Road Transport Commission Amendment	8 Apr	82	2 Jul
Native Title Amendment ^{11, 12}	9 Mar	97	27 Jul
NRS Levy Imposition	3 Dec [†]	3	26 Mar
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment	28 May	66	30 Jun
Payment Systems and Netting	1 Apr	83	2 Jul
Payment Systems (Regulation)	26 Mar	58	29 Jun
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation			
Amendment (No. 1) ^{13, 3}	3 Dec [†]	102	30 Jul
Productivity Commission ³	4 Dec [†]	14	16 Apr
Productivity Commission (Repeals, Transitional and Consequential Amendments)	4 Dec [†]	15	16 Apr
Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition ⁴	26 Mar	59	29 Jun
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation			
Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) ^{4, 3}	3 Dec [†]	93	15 Jul
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation			
Amendment (Pension Bonus Scheme)	26 Mar	67	30 Jun
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation			
Amendment (Retirement Assistance for Farmers)	11 Mar	84	2 Jul

† 1997 ‡ 1996

1 Amended in House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

4 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

9 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and amended another; Senate agreed to House's amendment of the Senate's amendment

10 Introduced as Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 2) 1997

11 Introduced as Native Title Amendment 1997 [No. 2]

12 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to others; bill laid aside; resolution to lay aside bill rescinded; House amended resolution to agree to some amendments and disagree to others; House made amendments; Senate did not insist on its amendments disagreed to by House and agreed to amendments made by House

13 Introduced as Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1997

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Allowance) ^{4,3}	2 Oct [†]	18	17 Apr
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Allowance Consequential and Related Measures) ^{4,3}	5 Mar	45	17 Jun
Stevedoring Levy (Collection) ^{1,3}	8 Apr	87	3 Jul
Stevedoring Levy (Imposition) ¹	8 Apr	88	3 Jul
Student and Youth Assistance Amendment	25 Mar	40	4 Jun
Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition	26 Mar	60	29 Jun
Tax Law Improvement (No. 1) ^{14,1}	27 Nov [†]	46	22 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 1) ^{15,3}	23 Oct [†]	16	16 Apr
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) ^{16,1,3}	4 Dec [†]	47	23 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Company Law Review) ^{1*}	8 Apr	63	29 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Farm Management Deposits)	28 May	85	2 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (Landcare and Water Facility Tax Offset)	28 May	91	14 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (Trust Loss and Other Deductions) ³	1 Oct [†]	17	16 Apr
Taxation Laws (Technical Amendments)	4 Dec [†]	41	4 Jun
Telecommunications Amendment ¹⁷	3 Dec [†]	4	26 Mar
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment	1 Apr	68	30 Jun
Television Broadcasting Services (Digital Conversion) ^{1,3}	8 Apr	99	27 Jul
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment	3 Dec [†]	34	17 Apr
Trade Practices Amendment (Country of Origin Representations) ³	8 Apr	106	30 Jul
Trade Practices Amendment (Fair Trading) ³	30 Sep [†]	36	22 Apr
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card)	3 Jun	92	14 Jul
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings Benchmark)	2 Apr	69	30 Jun
Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment ^{1,3}	14 May	103	30 Jul

† 1997

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

4 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

14 Introduced as Tax Law Improvement (No. 2) 1997

15 Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 1997

16 Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 7) 1997

17 Introduced as Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2) 1997

BILLS—continued
PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—

Still before House (32)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Airports Legislation Amendment	1 Oct †	1 Oct †
Australian Hearing Services Reform	25 Mar	25 Mar
Australian National Training Authority Amendment	24 Jun	24 Jun
Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Amendment	1 Jul	1 Jul
Civil Aviation Amendment	1 Jul	1 Jul
Corporate Law Economic Reform	2 Jul	2 Jul
Criminal Code Amendment (Slavery and Sexual Servitude)	1 Jul	1 Jul
Customs Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	2 Jul	2 Jul
Customs Legislation (Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme)	2 Jul	2 Jul
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 6) 1997	26 Nov †	26 Nov †
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment	24 Jun	24 Jun
Employee Protection (Wage Guarantee) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	23 Mar	6 Apr
Employment Security (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Jun	
Financial Accountability (Commonwealth support of non-public sector bodies) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	25 May	
Higher Education Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	1 Jul	1 Jul
Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment 1996	11 Dec †	11 Dec †
Industry Research and Development Amendment	1 Jul	1 Jul
Legislative Instruments 1996 [No. 2] ¹⁸	5 Mar	5 Mar
Life Insurance (Conduct and Disclosure)	2 Jul	2 Jul
National Measurement Amendment (Utility Meters)	1 Jul	1 Jul
Native Title Amendment 1996	27 Jun †	27 Jun †
Navigation Amendment (Employment of Seafarers)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment 1996	30 Apr †	
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	2 Jul	2 Jul
Rural Adjustment Amendment	24 Jun	24 Jun
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Payment Processing)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Statute Stocktake	1 Jul	1 Jul
Superannuation (Entitlements of same sex couples) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	22 Jun	
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment (Consequential Amendments)	1 Jul	1 Jul
Sydney Airports (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	6 Apr	
Taxation Administration Amendment (Public rulings) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	22 Jun	
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5)	2 Jul	2 Jul

† 1997 ‡ 1996
 18 Amended in Senate

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—continued

Still before Senate (48)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection ¹	2 Apr	4 Jun
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 2) 1997	18 Jun [†]	25 Sep [†]
Adelaide Airport Curfew (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	2 Jul	2 Jul
Administrative Decisions (Effect of International Instruments) 1997	18 Jun [†]	25 Jun [†]
Aged Care Amendment	5 Mar	25 Mar
ANL Sale ¹	26 Nov [†]	12 Mar
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment 1996.....	4 Dec [‡]	19 Mar [†]
Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Amendment 1997	4 Dec [†]	10 Mar
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety	8 Apr	14 May
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments)	8 Apr	14 May
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges)	8 Apr	14 May
Child Support Legislation Amendment ¹	12 Mar	14 May
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1997	26 Nov [†]	4 Dec [†]
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges 1997.....	26 Nov [†]	4 Dec [†]
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service Reform	26 Mar	13 May
Commonwealth Superannuation Board ¹	3 Dec [†]	13 May
Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Amendment ^{1*}	26 Nov [†]	5 Mar
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping) Amendment 1997	25 Jun [†]	27 Nov [†]
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2)	27 May	22 Jun
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment 1997	25 Jun [†]	27 Nov [†]
Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Amendment	13 May	28 May
Film Licensed Investment Company	14 May	28 May
Health Legislation Amendment (Health Care Agreements) ¹	12 Mar	26 Mar
Higher Education Legislation Amendment 1997	26 Nov [†]	9 Mar
Human Rights Legislation Amendment 1997	4 Dec [‡]	19 Jun [†]
Human Rights Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	8 Apr	30 Jun
Judiciary Amendment 1997.....	20 Nov [†]	25 Nov [†]
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 4) 1997.....	25 Jun [†]	3 Sep [†]
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 5) 1997	3 Sep [†]	24 Sep [†]
Migration Legislation Amendment (Strengthening of Provisions relating to Character and Conduct) 1997	30 Oct [†]	19 Nov [†]
National Transmission Network Sale 1997.....	30 Oct [†]	18 Nov [†]

† 1997

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before Senate—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
National Transmission Network Sale (Consequential Amendments) 1997.....	30 Oct [†]	18 Nov [†]
Privacy Amendment	5 Mar	1 Apr
Regional Forest Agreements	30 Jun	15 Jul
Sex Discrimination Amendment 1996	6 Nov [†]	5 Feb [†]
Small Superannuation Accounts Amendment 1997	29 May [†]	17 Jun [†]
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment	25 Jun	1 Jul
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment	25 Jun	1 Jul
Superannuation Legislation Amendment 1997	27 Nov [†]	26 Mar
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds)	28 May	24 Jun
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment ¹	3 Dec [†]	13 May
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment—Saving and Transitional Provisions) ¹	3 Dec [†]	13 May
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4)	2 Apr	3 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) 1997	29 Oct [†]	1 Dec [†]
Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Licensed Investment Company)	14 May	28 May
Taxation Laws Amendment (Political Donations)	28 May	4 Jun
Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) ¹	30 Mar	8 Apr
Workplace Relations Amendment (Superannuation) 1997 ¹	4 Dec [†]	23 Jun

Laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House (8)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Laid aside or removed</i>
Customs Legislation (Economies in Transition) Amendment 1997 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	24 Nov ^{†1°}	3 Jun ^r
Customs Legislation (Willett Review of Anti-Dumping Measures) Amendment 1997 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	24 Nov ^{†1°}	3 Jun ^r
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5) 1997 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	22 Sep ^{†1°}	10 Mar ^r
Native Title Amendment 1997 [No. 2] ¹⁹	9 Mar	9 Apr
Parliamentary Service 1997 [No. 2] ²⁰	10 Mar	6 Apr
Plebiscite for an Australian Republic 1997 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	3 Sep ^{†1°}	10 Mar ^r

[†] 1997 [‡] 1996

1 Amended in House

1° First reading

19 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to some Senate amendments and agreed to others; bill laid aside

20 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to Senate amendments; bill laid aside

r Removed from Notice Paper in accordance with standing order 104B

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House—*continued*

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Laid aside or removed</i>
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment 1997 [No. 2] ²⁰	5 Mar	6 Apr
Public Service 1997 [No. 2] ²⁰	5 Mar	6 Apr

Previous resolution to lay aside in House rescinded (1)

	<i>Resolution rescinded</i>
Native Title Amendment 1997 [No. 2].....	3 Jul

Negatived or discharged in Senate (2)

	<i>Third reading in House</i>	<i>Sec rdg neg'd or disch.</i>
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 1997 ¹	27 Feb	2 Mar ^d
Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1997 [No. 2]	3 Mar	25 Mar ⁿ

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (19)

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
ANL Sale	11 Mar	Mr Tanner
Appropriation (No. 1) 1998-99	26 May	Mr G. J. Evans
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety ^{mc}	14 May	Mr Lee
Child Care Legislation Amendment	12 Mar	Ms Macklin
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service Reform	13 May	Ms Macklin
Film Licensed Investment Company ^{mc}	28 May	Mr McMullan
Health Legislation Amendment (Health Care Agreements)	25 Mar	Mr Lee
Higher Education Legislation Amendment	9 Mar	Mr M. J. Evans
Native Title Amendment	11 Mar	Mr G. J. Evans
Privacy Amendment	1 Apr	Mr Melham
Regional Forests Agreement	15 Jul	Mr S. F. Smith
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Allowance Consequential and Related Measures)	30 Mar	Ms Macklin

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- 1 Amended in House
20 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to Senate amendments; bill laid aside
d Discharged from Notice Paper
mc Moved in Main Committee
n Negatived at second reading

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Second reading amendments moved—continued

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment	1 Jul	Mr Latham
Stevedoring Levy (Collection)	13 May	Mr Tanner
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment	13 May	Mr K. J. Thomson
Superannuation Legislation Amendment ^{mc}	26 Mar	Mr K. J. Thomson
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) ^{aa}	1 Apr	Mr G. J. Evans
Television Broadcasting Services (Digital Conversion)	3 Jun	Mr Lee
Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment	1 Jun	Mr O'Keefe

Referred to Main Committee (51)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment ^a	10 Mar	25 Mar
Appropriation (No. 1) 1998-99 ^u	28 May	2 Jun
^w	2 Jun	4 Jun
Appropriation (No. 2) 1998-99 ^w	28 May	2 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1998-99 ^w	28 May	2 Jun
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety ^u	12 May	14 May
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments) ^u	12 May	14 May
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) ^u	12 May	14 May
Australian Science, Technology and Engineering Council Repeal ^w	12 May	13 May
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Amendment ^w	10 Mar	12 Mar
Cheques and Payment Orders Amendment (Turnback of Cheques) ^w	27 May	28 May
Cheques and Payment Orders Amendment ^w	27 May	28 May
Child Support Legislation Amendment ^{fm}	31 Mar	13 May
Commonwealth Places (Consequential Amendments) ^w	11 Mar	12 Mar
Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) ^w	11 Mar	12 Mar
Commonwealth Places Windfall Tax (Collection) ^w	11 Mar	12 Mar
Commonwealth Places Windfall Tax (Imposition) ^w	11 Mar	12 Mar
Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Amendment ^a	3 Mar	5 Mar
Criminal Code Amendment ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^a	3 Mar	4 Mar
Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Amendment ^w	27 May	28 May
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) ^w	12 May	27 May
Film Licensed Investment Company ^w	27 May	28 May

aa Amendment amended

a Amended in Main Committee

fm Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in Main Committee)

mc Moved in Main Committee

u Reported with unresolved question

w Agreed to without amendment

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Gas Pipelines Access (Commonwealth) ^a	3 Mar	11 Mar
Health Legislation Amendment ^a	10 Mar	25 Mar
Income Tax (Untainting Tax) ^w	12 May	27 May
Insurance Laws Amendment ^{fm}	3 Mar	4 Mar
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment ^a	10 Mar	11 Mar
Interstate Road Transport Amendment ^w	12 May	14 May
Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment ^w	12 May	14 May
Legislative Instruments 1996 [No. 2] ^u	11 Mar	12 Mar
National Firearms Program Implementation ^w	3 Jun	4 Jun
National Measurement Amendment ^w	12 May	27 May
National Residue Survey Administration Amendment ^{fh}	11 Mar	30 Mar
National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy ^{fh}	11 Mar	30 Mar
National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy ^{fh}	11 Mar	30 Mar
National Road Transport Commission Amendment ^w	12 May	13 May
NRS Levy Imposition ^w	3 Mar	4 Mar
Payment Systems and Netting ^w	27 May	28 May
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Pension Bonus Scheme) ^w	31 Mar	8 Apr
Student and Youth Assistance Amendment ^w	1 Apr	8 Apr
Superannuation Legislation Amendment ^u	10 Mar	26 Mar
Tax Law Improvement (No. 1) ^{fm}	25 Mar	1 Apr
Taxation Laws Amendment (Company Law Review) ^a	12 May	27 May
Taxation Laws Amendment (Farm Management Deposits) ^w	3 Jun	4 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Licensed Investment Company) ^w	27 May	28 May
Taxation Laws (Technical Amendments) ^{fm}	10 Mar	30 Mar
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment ^w	26 May	27 May
Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2) 1997 ^w	3 Mar	4 Mar
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment ^w	3 Mar	5 Mar
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings Benchmark) ^w	12 May	27 May
Workplace Relations Amendment (Superannuation) ^{fm}	1 Apr	8 Apr

Referred to other committees for advisory report (1)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
<i>Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund—Joint Committee</i>		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection	2 Apr	1 Jun

a Amended in Main Committee

fm Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in Main Committee)

fh Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in House)

u Reported with unresolved question

w Agreed to without amendment

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—

Nos. 1 and 2 (1998) moved on 11 Mar
No. 3 (1998) moved on 14 May
No. 4 (1998) moved on 3 Jun
No. 5 (1998) moved on 30 Jun

Excise Tariff Proposals—

Nos. 1 and 2 (1998) moved on 11 Mar
No. 3 (1998) moved on 3 Jun
No. 4 (1998) moved on 30 Jun

COMMITTEES

Relates to the period 7 Dec 1997 to 15 Jul inclusive—times are rounded to the nearest ½ hour

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Campbell, Mr Dondas, Mr Entsch, Mr Holding, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr McGauran, Mr Melham, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mr A. C. Smith, Mrs Stone.

Current inquiries

Indigenous businesses.

Review of the Implementation of the Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody.

The committee met 10 times for a total of 19 hours.

The committee also met informally 9 times for a total of 38 hours.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*—from 8 Apr), Mr Hicks, Mr McArthur (from 7 Apr), Mr Sercombe, Mr Zammit (to 7 Apr), Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon (*Presiding Member*—to 8 Apr), Senator Ray.

The committee met 4 times for a total of 2½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

The Speaker (*Chairman*), The President, Mr Adams, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Hicks, Mr Lindsay, Mr Martin, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM (Standing)

Membership

Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr R. A. Cameron, Mrs Crosio, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr McDougall, Mr Marek, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Randall, Mr Tanner, Mr Wakelin, Mr Willis.

Current inquiries

Australian Maritime Safety Authority's annual report for 1996-97.

The role of rail in the national transport network.

The committee met 31 times for a total of 99 hours.

The committee also met informally once for one and a half hours.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Mr Anthony (from 10 Mar), Mrs Johnston, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr McLeay, Mr Sinclair (to 10 Mar), Mr K. J. Thomson, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

Current inquiries

Corporate Law Economic Reform Bill 1998.

Electronic commerce.

Need to reform the law regulating industrial relations and/or corporations to protect employees.

Reports

Company Law Review Bill 1997. (*presented 1 Apr*)

Managed Investments Bill 1997. (*presented 1 Apr*)

The committee met 9 times for a total of 16 hours.

COMMITTEES—continued

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Griffin, Mr McDougall, Senator Faulkner, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Murray, Senator Synon.

The committee met 5 times for a total of 4 hours.

The committee also met informally once for an hour.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Dr Nelson (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Brough, Mr Dargavel, Mrs Elson, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Latham, Mr Marek, Mr Mossfield, Mr Neville, Mr Pyne, Mr Sawford.

Current inquiry

Roles of TAFEs and the overlap with universities.

The committee met 18 times for a total of 50 hours and a subcommittee met once for two hours.

ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Anthony, Mr Billson, Mr Brown, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mr Entsch, Mr Hockey, Mr Jenkins, Miss J. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr, Dr Lawrence, Mr McDougall, Mr Mossfield, Dr Southcott.

Current inquiry

Regulatory arrangements for trading in greenhouse gas emissions.

The committee met 18 times for a total of 51 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Forrest (*Chair*), Mr R. A. Cameron (to 12 May), Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Johnston, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Lloyd (from 12 May), Ms Macklin, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mrs West.

Current inquiry

Indigenous health.

Report

What price competition?: Competitive tendering of welfare service delivery. (*presented 29 Jun*)

The committee met 60 times for a total of 150 hours.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Anthony, Mr Causley, Mrs Gallus, Mr Hockey, Mr Latham, Mr Martin, Mr Mutch, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne, Dr Southcott, Mr Willis, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiry

Alternative means of providing banking and like services in regional and remote Australia.

Reports

Review of the annual report for 1996-97 of the—

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. (*presented 9 Mar*)

National Competition Council. (*presented 29 Jun*)

Reserve Bank of Australia—

Interim report. (*presented 23 Mar*)

Final report. (*presented 22 Jun*)

The committee met 31 times for a total of 59 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 7 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Chair*—from 5 Mar), Mr Sinclair (*Chair*—to 4 Mar; to 4 Mar), Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradford (to 3 Jun), Mr Brereton, Mr Brough, Mr Dondas, Mrs Gallus, Mr Georgiou, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr Jones, Mr Jull (from 3 Jun), Mr Lieberman, Mr McLeay, Mr Nugent, Mr Price, Mr Prosser (from 25 Mar), Mr Slipper, Dr Southcott, Mr Taylor, Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Ferguson, Senator Harradine, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator Margetts, Senator O'Brien, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht, Senator Synon.

Current inquiries

Annual reports of—

Australian Trade Commission.

Department of Defence.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Bougainville peace process.

Circumstances of the sinking of HMAS *Sydney*.

Legislative framework and procedures for the conduct of military boards of inquiry, courts of inquiry, disciplinary cases and judicial hearings

Submission on Australian government's international human rights policy and activities 1994 and 1995.

Reports

Australia and ASEAN: Managing change. (*presented 6 Apr*)

Australia's trade relationship with India: Commonwealth, common language, cricket and beyond. (*presented 29 Jun*)

Funding Australia's defence. (*presented 12 May*)

Improving but ...: Australia's regional dialogue on human rights. (*presented 29 Jun*)

Seminar on the Asian currency crisis and its effect on Australia. (*presented 25 May*)

Visit of the Defence Subcommittee to Sydney Harbour foreshores Defence properties. (*presented 23 Mar*)

The committee met 18 times for a total of 19½ hours and its subcommittees met 74 times for a total of 125 hours.

The committee also met informally 8 times for a total of 6½ hours and its subcommittees also met informally twice for a total of 10½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford.

The committee met twice for a total of 1½ hours.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (*Chair*), Mrs Bailey, Mr Beddall, Mr M. J. Evans, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Forrest (to 2 Mar), Ms Gambaro, Mr Hardgrave (from 4 Jun), Mr Jenkins, Mrs Johnston, Miss J. M. Kelly, Mr Marek (from 2 Mar), Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Connor, Mr Zammit (to 4 Jun).

Current inquiry

Effects on research and development of certain public policy reforms.

Report

A sea of indifference: Australian industry participation in the North West Shelf project. (*presented 30 Mar*)

The committee met 13 times for a total of 23 hours.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, Mr McGauran (from 10 Mar), Mr Melham, Mr Mutch, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Sinclair (to 10 Mar), Mr A. C. Smith, Dr Southcott, Mrs D. S. Vale. (Mr K. J. Thomson served to 12 Jan as a substitute for Mr Price.)

Reports

Don't stop the music!—Inquiry into copyright, music and small business. (*presented 1 Jun*)

Saving our census and preserving our history: Inquiry into the treatment of name-identified census forms. (*presented 25 May*)

To have and to hold: Strategies to strengthen marriages and relationships. (*presented 22 Jun*)

The committee met 17 times for a total of 28 hours and its subcommittees met 6 times for total of 12 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 4½ hours and a subcommittee also met informally once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr Barresi, Mr Causley, Mr Filing, Mr Jones, Mr Nugent.

The committee met twice for total of 1½ hours.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jull, Mr Martin, Mr Neville.

Report

Operations of the Committee for 1997. (*presented 11 Mar*)

Papers

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period—

4 Dec 1997 to 7 Apr. (*presented 8 Apr*)

8 Apr to 1 Jul. (*presented 2 Jul*)

The committee met once for half an hour.

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr E. H. Cameron, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Hicks (from 10 Mar), Mr Holding, Mr Sinclair (to 10 Mar), Dr Theophanous, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

Current inquiry

Visa arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Report

Deportation of non-citizen criminals. (*presented 29 Jun*)

The committee met 11 times for a total of 15 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Mr Dargavel, Ms Ellis, Mrs Johnston, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Dr Southcott, Senator Allison, Senator Carr (from 6 Apr to 23 Jun), Senator R. L. Collins (to 30 Mar), Senator Crossin (from 23 Jun), Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy, Senator West.

Current inquiry

Communications and the external territories.

The committee met 8 times for a total of 19 hours.

The committee also met informally 3 times for a total of 1 1½ hours.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Ferris (*Chair*—from 28 May), Mr Bradford (*Chair*—to 7 Apr; to 14 May), Mr Filing, Mr Sercombe, Mr Sharp, Dr Southcott (from 14 May), Mrs West, Senator Conroy, Senator Gibbs, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

Current inquiry

Performance of statutory duties.

Reports

Examination of the annual report for 1996-97 of the National Crime Authority.
(*presented 9 Mar*)

Third evaluation of the National Crime Authority. (*presented 6 Apr*)

The committee met 14 times for a total of 26 hours.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Entsch (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Dondas, Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus (to 13 May), Senator Evans, Senator Ferris, Senator Reynolds (from 13 May), Senator Woodley.

Current inquiry

Operation of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

COMMITTEES—continued

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—continued

Reports

11th report—*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*.
(presented 2 Apr)

12th report—Advisory report on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill 1998. (presented 1 Jun)

13th report—Examination of 1996-97 annual reports in fulfilment of the Committee's duties pursuant to paragraph 206(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993*. (presented 24 Jun)

The committee met 14 times for a total of 20½ hours and its subcommittees met twice times for total of 4 hours.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, RESOURCES AND RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Causley, Mr Cobb, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Katter, Mr Nairn, Mr O'Connor, Mr S. F. Smith, Mrs Stone, Mr Wakelin.

Report

Adjusting to agricultural trade reform: Australia no longer down under. (presented 22 Jun).

The committee met 18 times for a total of 45 hours.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

Mr E. H. Cameron (*Chair*), the Leader of the House or his nominee, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brown, Mr Holding, Mr Jull, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr McGauran, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr Slipper.

Current inquiry

Matter of disclosure of material relating to the inquiry of the Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund into the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997.

Report

Application for the publication of a response to a reference made in the House of Representatives. (presented 8 Apr)

The committee met 5 times for a total of 3 hours.

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mr Forrest, Mr Martin, Mr Mossfield, Mr Reid, Mr K. J. Thomson.

Report

Ten years on—A review of the House of Representatives committee system. (*presented 1 Jun*)

The committee met 5 times for a total of 5½ hours.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT¹ (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chairman*), Mr Anthony, Mr Beddall, Mr Broadbent, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffin, Mr Sharp, Mrs Stone, Senator Coonan, Senator Crowley, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries

Australian Government purchasing policy and practice.

Review of delayed provisions of the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997.

Review of reports of the Auditor-General for 1997-98.

Reports

356th—Advisory report on the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997. (*presented 12 Mar*)

357th—Jindalee Operational Radar Network Project. (*presented 24 Mar*)

358th—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1996-97—Third quarter. (*presented 31 Mar*)

359th—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1996-97—Fourth quarter. (*presented 31 Mar*)

360th—Internet commerce: To buy or not to buy. (*presented 24 Jun*)

361st—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1997-98: First quarter. (*presented 25 Jun*)

362nd—General and specific purpose payments to the States. (*presented 30 Jun*)

363rd—Asset management by Commonwealth agencies. (*presented 15 Jul*)

Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 1998-99. (*presented 26 May*)

1 Titled amended from Public Accounts on 1 Jan.

COMMITTEES—continued

Public Accounts and Audit—continued

Papers

Finance minutes on—

Report 349—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1995-96. (*presented 25 Jun*)

Report 350—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1996-97: First quarter.
(*presented 25 Jun*)

Report 352—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1996-97: Second quarter.
(*presented 25 Jun*)

The committee met 11 times for a total of 11 hours and its sectional committees met 27 times for a total of 67½ hours.

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Tuckey (*Chairman*), Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Forrest, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Hollis, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries

Bentley, WA—CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research.

Pinjarra Hills, Qld—CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies Stage 2 Development.

Townsville—Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 2.

Reports

HMAS *Albatross* Stage 1 redevelopment, Nowra, NSW (1st report of 1998). (*presented 25 Mar*)

Sixty-first general report. (*presented 25 Mar*)

New facilities for the National Museum of Australia and the Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Acton, ACT (2nd report of 1998). (*presented 23 Jun*)

East coast armament complex, Point Wilson, Vic. (3rd report of 1998). (*presented 30 Jun*)

Development of the Eastern Region Operations Centre at RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW (4th report of 1998). (*presented 30 Jun*)

Redevelopment of facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (5th report of 1998). (*presented 30 Jun*)

The committee met 17 times for a total of 35 hours and its subcommittees met 3 times for a total of 13 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Ms Ellis, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Griffin, Mr Martin, Mr Mutch.

Reports

17th Report. (*presented 12 Mar*)

18th Report. (*presented 14 May*)

19th Report. (*presented 2 Jul*)

The committee met 3 times in conference with the Senate Publications Committee, for a total of an hour.

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Anthony, Mr Filing, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Reid, Mr Sawford, Mr Slipper.

Reports

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

9 Mar. (*presented 3 Mar*)

23 Mar. (*presented 10 Mar*)

30 Mar. (*presented 24 Mar*)

6 April. (*presented 31 Mar*)

25 May. (*presented 12 May*)

1 Jun. (*presented 26 May*)

22 Jun. (*presented 2 Jun*)

22 Jun. (amended) (*presented 4 Jun*)

29 Jun. (*presented 23 Jun*)

10 Aug. (*presented 30 Jun*)

The committee met 9 times for a total of 3 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

TREATIES (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mr Taylor (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Halverson (from 27 May), Mr Hardgrave, Ms Jeanes, Mr McClelland, Mr McGauran, Mr A. C. Smith (to 27 May), Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Murphy, Senator Neal (to 5 Mar), Senator O’Chee, Senator Reynolds (from 5 Mar).

Current inquiries

Financial Services Agreement to GATS.

Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

Treaties tabled on 26 May 1998.

Treaties tabled on 30 June 1998.

UN Convention on Desertification.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Reports

13th Report. (*presented 6 Apr*)

14th Report—Multilateral agreement on investment—Interim report. (*presented 1 Jun*)

15th Report. (*presented 2 Jul*)

16th Report—OECD Convention on Combating Bribery and draft implementing legislation. (*presented 2 Jul*)

The committee met 25 times for a total of 46 hours and its subcommittees met 8 times for a total of 26 hours.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presented

Schedule

Committee reports—

Schedule of Government responses to the reports of

House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 4 Dec 1997 to

1 Jul, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 1 Jul.....2 Jul

Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to

the schedule tabled on 3 Dec 1997.....25 Jun

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS—*continued*

Presented

Government

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Torres Strait Islanders: A new deal—Greater autonomy for Torres Strait Islanders, Aug 1997	23 Jun
Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Funding and administration of Family Court of Australia, Nov 1995	3 Mar
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—	
Industrial elections: The role of the Australian Electoral Commission in conducting industrial elections	15 Jul
The 1996 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 1996 federal election and matters related thereto	8 Apr
Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—	
Managing Australia's World Heritage, Oct 1996—	
Response	8 April
Statement by Senator Hill (Minister for the Environment)	8 April
Rethinking the funding of community sporting and recreational facilities: A sporting chance, Oct 1997	30 Jun
Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—	
Health on line: Health information management and telemedicine, Oct 1997	2 Jul
Men's health on line: Summary report of a seminar, Nov 1997	2 Jul
Financial Institutions and Public Administration—Standing Committee—	
Cultivating competition: Inquiry into aspects of the National Competition Policy Reform Package—	
Response	12 May
Revised response	26 May
Inquiry into ANAO audit report No. 6 of 1996-97 on Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort	26 May
Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report for 1995-96, Jun 1997	3 Mar

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS—*continued*

Presented

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee— From Empire to partnership: Seminar on the Commonwealth of Nations, Oct 1997	23 Jun
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner and the Commonwealth Ombudsman: Public seminars, Mar 1997	23 Jun
Papua New Guinea update: Seminar, Feb 1997	28 May
Sharpening the focus: Seminar on the Simons Committee report, Oct 1997	8 Apr
National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—A right to protest, May 1997	25 Mar
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee— 3rd Report—Two international agreements on tuna	26 May
7th Report—Australia’s withdrawal from Unido and Treaties tabled on 11 Feb 1997	14 May
9th Report—Amendments to the Bonn Convention	27 May

Presiding Officers

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—A right to protest, May—Further response	12 May
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MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

Additional drinking fountains in public gardens and on tennis court pavilions of Parliament House (*Mr Somlyay, 12 Mar*); agreed to.

Erection of signage on and around headquarters of National Archives of Australia at East Block (*Mr Somlyay, 27 May*); debated and agreed to.

Introduction of parking restrictions at East Block carpark; Introduction of parking restrictions at West Block western carpark access road; construction of an international flag display on the Lake Burley Griffin foreshore; construction of pedestrian and cycle access, Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and Kings Avenue Bridge approaches; demolition of old Parliament House Annex; refurbishment of old Parliament House Library external works; and revised proposal to undertake minor roadworks in front of old Parliament House (*Mr Somlyay, 2 Jul*); agreed to.

Interim landscape works, Constitution Place, Parkes (*Mr Somlyay, 3 Jun*); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Approvals of work—continued

Public Works—

HMAS *Albatross* Stage 1 redevelopment, Nowra, NSW (*Ms Worth, for Mr Fahey, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

New facilities for National Museum of Australia and Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (*Mr Fahey, 1 Jul*); agreed to.

Censure/want of confidence

Government (*Mr Beazley, 12 May*); debated and negatived.

Prime Minister—

(*Mr Beazley, 12 Mar*); debated and amendment moved (*Mr Howard*); amendment debated and agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

(*Mr Beazley, 24 Mar*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 1 Apr*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 1 Jun*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 2 Jul*); debated and negatived.

Senator Bolkus (*Mr Costello, 5 Mar*); amendment moved (*Mr Beazley*); amendment debated and negatived; motion agreed to.

Committees

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Publication of report during non-sitting period (*Ms Worth, for Mr Reith, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

General purpose standing committees—Publication of reports during non-sitting period (*Mr Reith, 2 Jul*); agreed to.

Joint committees—Publication of reports during non-sitting period (*Mr Reith, 2 Jul*); agreed to.

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Joint Committee—Reference of bill (*Mr Moore, 2 Apr*); agreed to.

Extension of time for advisory report (*Mr Miles, 25 May*); agreed to.

Disallowance

Carrier Licence Conditions (*Mr Campbell, 14 May*)(2); debated and negatived.

Carrier Licence Conditions (Vodafone Pty Limited) Declaration 1997 (*Mr Andren, 1 Apr*); debated and negatived.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations (*Mr Martin, 8 Apr*); debated and negatived.

Therapeutic Goods Regulations (*Mr Campbell, 14 May*); debated and negatived.

Private Members' business

Australian Embassy in Croatia (*Mr Filing, 25 May*); debated.

Australian waterfront (*Mr Sawford, 30 Mar*); debated.

Bank facilities (*Mrs Bailey, 6 Apr*); debated.

Bank fees and charges (*Mr Price, 2 Mar*); debated.

MOTIONS—continued

Private Members' business—continued

- Child care (*Mr McClelland, 9 Mar*); debated.
- Child care system (*Miss J. M. Kelly, 1 Jun*); debated.
- Child labour (*Mr A. C. Smith, 23 Mar*); debated. Further debated (*30 Mar*).
- Closed captioning (*Mr McLeay, 1 Jun*); debated.
- Domestic violence (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 30 Mar*); debated.
- Drug epidemic (*Mr Hicks, 2 Mar*); debated.
- East Timor (*Mr Andren, 29 Jun*); debated.
- Human rights in Vietnam (*Mr Filing, 2 Mar*); debated.
- Immigration policy (*Mr Pyne, 25 May*); debated.
- Industrial relations climate (*Mr Brown, 9 Mar*); debated.
- Israel (*Mr Pyne, 22 Jun*); debated.
- Mobile phone towers (*Mr McClelland, 23 Mar*); debated.
- Palliative care (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 23 Mar*); debated. Further debated (*29 Jun*).
- Persecution of religious minorities (*Mr Hockey, 9 Mar*); debated.
- Pork industry (*Mr Neville, 29 June*); debated.
- Public education funding (*Mr McClelland, 25 May*); debated.
- Public secondary school system (*Mr Sawford, 22 Jun*); debated.
- Science and technology—Proposed joint standing committee (*Mr M. J. Evans, 22 Jun*); debated.
- Tax reform (*Mr Pyne, 6 Apr*); debated.

Carried over from previous sittings and debated

- Private health insurance (*Mr E. H. Cameron, from 1 Dec*); further debated (*1 Jun*).

Procedural

Leave of absence to all Members—

(*Mr Truss, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 2 Jul*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 15 Jul*); agreed to.

Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 [No. 2]—Rescission, amendments and time limits

(*Mr Williams, 3 Jul*); agreed to.

Orders of the day—

Discharged (*Mr Miles, 1 Apr*)(2); agreed to.

Return from the Main Committee (*Mr Miles, 1 Apr*); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Procedural—continued

Special adjournment—

(*Mr Reith, 12 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 2 Apr*); agreed to.

(*Mr Truss, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 14 May*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 2 Jul*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 15 Jul*); debated and agreed to.

Standing orders—Amendments—

And adoption of sessional orders as standing orders (*Mr Reith, 30 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Standing order 12 (*Mr Reith, 3 Mar*); agreed to.

Suspension of—

Standing order 48A—

(*Mr Reith, 27 May*); debated and agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 3 Jun*); agreed to.

On 14 May (*Dr Wooldridge, 13 May*); agreed to.

Standing orders 48A and 103—

(*Mr J. N. Andrew, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

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Bill—Reference to committee (*Mr Moore, 2 Apr*); agreed to.

Committee and delegation reports—

(*Mrs Sullivan, 29 Jun*); agreed to.

(*Dr Kemp, 30 Jun*); agreed to.

Extended time for speech (*Mr Reith, 27 May*); agreed to.

Leader of the Opposition—Substantiation of claims made in another place (*Mr Reith, 7 Apr*); debated and agreed to.

Motion—

Concerning waterfront reform (*Mr Reith, 8 Apr*); amendment moved (*Mr Tanner*); amendment debated and negatived; motion agreed to.

Of censure of the Government (*Mr Beazley, 12 May*); agreed to.

Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 [No. 2]—Rescission, amendments and time limits—
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Business—Business accorded priority for 31 August 1998 (*Mr Reith, 15 Jul*); agreed to.

Notices—

(*Mr W. L. Smith, 1 Apr*); agreed to.

(*Ms Worth, 8 Apr*); agreed to.

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Order of the day (*Mr Reith, 1 Jul*); debated and debate adjourned; debate resumed and motion agreed to (*2 Jul*).

Routine of business for 3 March (*Mr Reith, 3 Mar*); agreed to.

Speech time limits (*Mr Reith, 2 Mar*); agreed to.

Other

Apology from Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Member for Banks (*Mr Costello, 2 Apr*); debated and agreed to.

Iraq—Weapons of mass destruction (*Mr Howard, 2 Mar*); debated and agreed to.

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Note: On 8-9 April and 2-3 July the House met on one day and adjourned on another; each occasion comprised a single sitting of the House. Thus there were 39 sittings in 1998 to and including 15 July.



Indicates sittings scheduled as at 16 July for remainder of 1998
 Indicates possible additional sittings