

**Procedural Digest** 

**No. 122** 20 October – 30 October 2014



## Bills

### **122.01** Migration bills agreed to following closure of debate

During Government business time on Wednesday 22 October, when the order of the day was read for the resumption of debate on the second reading of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014, which had been introduced on 25 September and debated earlier on 22 October, the Minister for Communications immediately moved a closure of question. A division was called and the motion was carried. The question that the bill be read a second time was then carried on division. Leave was granted for the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to move the third reading immediately. The question was carried on the voices and the bill was read a third time.

The order of the day was then read for the resumption of debate on the second reading of the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 and debate ensued. After one contribution from an Opposition Member, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection moved a closure of question which was carried on the voices. The question on the second reading was carried on the voices and leave was granted for the Minister to move the third reading immediately. The question was carried on the voices and the bill was read a third time.

> Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11677-84 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/902-4

SOs 63, 81, 126, 142, 155

## **122.02** Social services bills proceed in accordance with resolution agreed to earlier; adjournment negatived

On 22 October, in accordance with the resolution agreed to immediately prior (*see* entry **122.09**), debate resumed on the second readings of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 and two related bills. In accordance with the resolution, after 75 minutes of debate, at 7.08 p.m. the Minister for Social Services was called to sum up the debate. The question that the bills be read a second time was then carried on division.

Shortly after this, at 7.30 p.m., the Chair proposed the question that the House adjourn and the Minister required the question to be put immediately without debate. A division was called, during which some Members apparently realised they were voting in a way they did not intend and changed their position after the doors had been locked. The Manager of Opposition Business raised a point of order regarding the 'disorderly nature of people moving within the Chamber after the doors are locked,' and the Speaker stated that there would be 'no penalty on this occasion.' The adjournment was negatived and three social services bills were then each read a second time.

Messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriation for two of the bills were announced. There being no detail stage required, in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier, one question was then put on the third readings of the bills together and carried on division. The bills were each read a third time.

*Note:* Standing order 129(d) provides that 'No Member may move from his or her place from the commencement of the count until the result of that division is announced.'

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11689-715 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/906-9 SOs 31, 86, 126, 128, 129, 142, 155

## **122.03** Spring repeal day bills proceed in accordance with resolution agreed to earlier

On Wednesday 29 October, in accordance with the resolution agreed to immediately prior (*see* entry **122.16**), debate resumed on the second readings of the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 and two related bills. During the debate the Manager of Opposition Business moved a second reading amendment to the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 to omit certain words with a view to substituting other words. Debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43 and resumed at a later hour that day.

In accordance with the resolution, at 5.30 p.m., the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister was called to sum up the debate. The question on the second reading amendment moved by the Manager of Opposition Business was negatived on the voices. The question that the bills be read a second time was then carried on the voices. There being no detail stage required, in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier, one question was then put on the third readings of the bills together and carried on division. The bills were then each read a third time.

> Hansard: 29 October 2014, 12381-12432, 12484-12505 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/944, 946 SOs, 142, 145, 155

# **122.04** Fewer than five Members vote on one side during divisions on three occasions during consideration of counter-terrorism bill

On Thursday 30 October, when the question was put on the second reading of the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014, a division was called. Three non-aligned Members voted with the 'Noes' and, in accordance with standing order 127, the Chair declared the question carried without completing the count and the names of those in the minority were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings. The bill was read a second time.

The bill was then considered in detail and, by leave, taken as a whole. A non-aligned Member, by leave, moved certain amendments together. Following debate, the question on the amendments was put, and a division was called. Two non-aligned Members voted with the 'Ayes' and in accordance with standing order 127, the Chair declared the question negatived without completing the count and the names of those in the minority were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings. The non-aligned Member then, by leave, moved certain other amendments together and, again, a division was called and two non-aligned Members voted with the 'Ayes'. In accordance with standing order 127, the Chair declared the question negatived with standing order 127, the Chair declared the names of those in the standing order 127, the Chair declared the question was called and two non-aligned Members voted with the 'Ayes'. In accordance with standing order 127, the Chair declared the question negatived without completing the count and the names of those in the without completing the count and the names of those in the minority were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings.

The bill was then agreed to on the voices and consideration in detail concluded. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, by leave, moved that the bill be read a third time. The motion was carried on the voices and the bill was read a third time.

> Hansard: 30 October 2014, 12602-7 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/955-6 SOs 63, 126, 127, 142, 148, 150, 155

## **Business**

### **122.05** 2015 program of sittings agreed to

After question time on Monday 20 October, the Leader of the House presented a document entitled *Parliamentary sittings 2015*. He then, by leave, moved that the program of sittings be agreed to and made a short statement to clarify that, in response to concerns raised by Members, the proposed sitting pattern for 2015 did not include sittings during the school holiday period. The motion was carried on the voices.

Hansard: 20 October 2014, 11339-40 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/887 **SOs 29, 63, 199**  **122.06** Condolence motion for former Prime Minister, the Hon. Gough Whitlam; House adjourns early as mark of respect

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on Tuesday 21 October, the Prime Minister moved a motion of condolence in respect of the death on 21 October of the Honourable Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC, former Member for Werriwa and Prime Minister. Debate on the motion ensued for approximately two hours and 40 minutes, following which all Members rose in their places as a mark of respect.

The Leader of the House, by leave, moved that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent further debate on the Prime Minister's condolence motion from taking place in the Chamber between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Monday 27 October and between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Tuesday 28 October, with any divisions called in that time, other than on a motion moved by a Minister, being deferred to Government business time after ministerial statements. The motion also provided that if any Member was to draw the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House during these periods, the Speaker should announce that he or she would count the House at 12 noon, if the Member so desired. The motion was carried on the voices.

As a mark of respect, the House adjourned at 2.44 p.m. until 9 a.m. the following day.

*Note:* The Senate was not sitting, however, Senate estimates committees met and were immediately adjourned as a mark of respect.

Hansard: 21 October 2014, 11517-50 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/895

SOs 30, 32, 47, 49

# **122.07** *Prime Minister makes ministerial statement regarding Spring repeal day*

During Government business time on Wednesday 22 October, the Prime Minister, by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding Spring repeal day and presented a copy of his speech. An Assistant Minister, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Manager of Opposition Business to speak in reply to the Prime Minister's statement. The motion was carried on the voices and the Manager of Opposition Business addressed the House.

> Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11590-6 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/897-8

SOs 47, 63, 199

## **122.08** *Minister's second reading speech interrupted for Members' statements*

During Government business time on 22 October, the Minister for Small Business, pursuant to notice, presented the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014 and an explanatory memorandum. The bill was read a first time, and the Minister moved the second reading and commenced his second reading speech. While addressing the House, the Minister was interrupted at 1.30 p.m. in accordance with standing order 43 (Members' 90 second statements) and granted leave to continue his speech at a later hour.

> Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11616 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/899

SOs 43, 63, 141, 142

## **122.09** Standing orders suspended to program proceedings on social services bills

During Government business time on 22 October, the Minister for Social Services, on behalf of the Leader of the House and pursuant to notice, moved a programming motion in respect of proceedings on the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 and two related bills. The motion provided for standing orders to be suspended to enable the debate on the second readings of the bills to be called on together. Seventy-five minutes after the resumption of the second reading debate, unless concluded earlier, a Minister was to be called to sum up the second reading debate. Then, without delay, one question was to be put on any second reading amendments and one question was then to be put on the second reading of the bills together. If they were agreed to, messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations for any of the bills were then to be announced together. If required, consideration in detail would proceed, with all bills being taken together for a period not exceeding 30 minutes, at which time any questions necessary to complete the detail stage were to be put. At the conclusion of the detail stage, one question was to be put on the third readings of the bills together. The motion also provided that any variation to the arrangement was only to be made by a motion moved by a Minister.

Debate ensued and the Minister for Social Services moved a closure of question which was carried on division. The suspension motion was then agreed to on division. (*See* entry **122.02** for discussion of the debate that followed.)

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11684-9 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/904-6 SOs 1, 47, 111, 117, 126

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### **122.10** Shortened adjournment debate

On 22 October, after the question on the (automatic) adjournment of the House was negatived on division (*see* entry **122.02**), the House concluded proceedings on three social services bills and the Minister for Social Services then moved the adjournment at 7.53 p.m. Debate ensued until 8.00 p.m. and the House then adjourned until the following day.

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11715-7 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/909

SOs 31, 33

#### 122.11 Statements by indulgence regarding Canadian Parliament

Just prior to question time on Thursday 23 October, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, by indulgence, each made statements in relation to recent events at the Parliament in Ottawa, Canada. The Speaker supported the comments. As a mark of respect, all Members stood, in silence.

Hansard: 23 October 2014, 11812-3 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/914

SO 65

## **122.12** House meets early for resumption of debate on condolence motion for former Prime Minister, the Hon. Gough Whitlam AC QC

In accordance with the resolution agreed to on 21 October (*see* entry **122.06**) and pursuant to the adjournment on 23 October, the House met at 9 a.m. on Monday 27 October. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the order of the day was read for the resumption of debate on the Prime Minister's motion of condolence for the Honourable Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC. Debate resumed and, in accordance with the earlier resolution, was interrupted at 10 a.m. and the resumption of debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Pursuant to the same resolution and the adjournment on 27 October, the House met at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 28 October. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the order of the day was read for the resumption of debate on the condolence motion. Debate resumed and, in accordance with the earlier resolution, was interrupted at 12 noon when the resumption of debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

*Note:* The House usually meets at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 12 noon on Tuesdays.

Hansard: 27 October 2014, 11893-11907; 28 October 2014, 12169-12212 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/919; 935

SOs 29, 30, 34, 49

**122.13** Attempted suspension of standing orders to enable censure motion against Minister for allegedly attempting to improperly alter the Hansard record

During question time on Monday 27 October, the Manager of Opposition Business was given the call and sought leave to move a motion of censure against the Minister for Agriculture. Leave was not granted and the Member proceeded to move a suspension of standing orders to enable him to move a motion censuring the Minister for 'misleading the House on Monday, 20 October 2014' and 'attempting to improperly alter the official Hansard record in order to cover up this misleading of the House.' Debate ensued and the Manager of Opposition Business was closured on division. The suspension motion was seconded by an Opposition Member who was also closured on division. Another Opposition Member was given the call and the Leader of the House immediately moved a closure of debate, which was carried on division. The suspension motion was then negatived on division and question time concluded.

> Hansard: 27 October 2014, 11988-96 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/923-7

SOs 47, 70, 80, 81, 126, 131

## **122.14** Ministerial statement regarding Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement

During Government business time on Tuesday 28 October, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by leave, made a ministerial statement in relation to the Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement and presented a copy of the agreement and a copy of her statement. The Minister then moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Special Minister of State to speak in reply to the statement. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Minister addressed the House in reply to the statement.

> Hansard: 28 October 2014, 12212-16 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/935

#### SOs 47, 63, 199

## **122.15** House agrees to three additional sittings to hear addresses from foreign leaders

After the presentation of documents on 28 October, the Leader of the House, by leave, moved three motions inviting the leaders of the United Kingdom, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India, to attend and address the House on 14, 17 and 18 November respectively. Each motion provided for proceedings to comprise welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition followed by an address by the foreign leader, after which the sitting of the House would automatically be adjourned. The motions also provided for Senators to be invited to attend as guests; and for the provisions of standing order 257(c) to apply to the area of Members' seats as well as to the galleries. Each of the three motions were carried on the voices.

*Note:* Standing order 257(c) provides that: When present in the Chamber or galleries, senators must observe the Speaker's instructions regarding good order.

Hansard: 28 October 2014, 12265-6 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/938-9

SOs 29, 30, 34, 63, 111, 257

## **122.16** Standing orders suspended to program proceedings on Spring repeal day bills

During Government business time on Wednesday 29 October, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Leader of the House and pursuant to notice, moved a suspension of standing orders to program proceedings on the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 and two related bills. The motion provided for the resumption of debate on the second readings of the bills to be called on together and at 5.30 p.m., unless debate concluded earlier, a Minister was to be called to sum up debate, then without delay, one question was to be put on any second reading amendments moved by non-Government members, and one question was to be put on the second reading of the bills together. If required, all bills were to be taken together for the consideration in detail stage, which was not to exceed 60 minutes, at which time any Government amendments circulated in respect of any of the bills were to be treated as if moved together, with one question being put on all the Government amendments, one question being put on any non-Government amendments, and any further questions necessary to complete the detail stage to be put. At the conclusion of the detail stage, one question was to be put on the third readings of the bills together. Any variation to this arrangement could only be made by a motion moved by a Minister.

Debate on the suspension motion ensued, during which the Manager of Opposition Business moved an amendment to refer the bills to the Federation Chamber for further consideration, and to have them returned to the House no sooner than 24 November 2014. The amendment was seconded and, when the Speaker put the question, the amendment was negatived on division. The suspension motion was then carried on division.

> Hansard: 29 October 2014, 12373-81 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/942-4

> > SOs 47, 111, 121, 122, 126

## Prime Minister makes ministerial statement regarding

## Infrastructure

122.17

During Government business time on Thursday 30 October, the Prime Minister, by leave, made a ministerial statement in relation to Infrastructure and presented a copy of his statement. A Minister then moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to reply to the statement. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Minister addressed the House in reply to the statement.

> Hansard: 30 October 2014, 12553-60 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/951

> > SOs 47, 63, 199

### 122.18 Amendment to Government notice moved and carried

After question time on Thursday 30 October, the Leader of the House sought leave to move an amendment to his notice of motion regarding an extension of sitting hours to allow for the continuation of debate on the condolence motion for the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC. Leave was granted and the Leader of the House moved the motion, as amended, and it was carried on the voices.

> Hansard: 30 October 2014, 12642-3 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/957-8 **SO 63**

## Committees

#### **122.19** Joint select committee presents progress report

During the period for committee and delegation business in the House on Monday 27 October, the Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples presented a progress report on the inquiry into Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The Chair and another Member of the Committee each made statements in connection with the report. After debate was adjourned the order of the day was referred to the Federation Chamber for further debate.

> Hansard: 27 October 2014, 11916-19 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/920

SOs 39, 183, 226

### **122.20** Corrigendum to committee report presented

Between items of Government business on Tuesday 28 October, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Industry presented a corrigendum to the committee's report which he had presented the previous day, entitled: *A clearer message for consumers: report on the inquiry into country of origin labelling for food*.

Hansard: 28 October 2014, 12217 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/936 **SO 199** 

## Debate

## **122.21** Member accepts intervention during second reading debate

During a Government Member's contribution to the second reading debate on the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 on Wednesday 22 October, a Shadow Minister sought the call and asked the Chair whether the Member would yield to a question. The Member accepted the intervention and the Shadow Minister asked a question. The Member responded and continued his contribution.

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11580 SO 66A

## **122.22** Members asked to be relevant to bills during cognate second reading debate

On Wednesday 29 October, during the cognate second reading debate on the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 and two related bills, an Opposition Member was twice interrupted by the Chair, who requested that the Member return to the amendment and the bills. Subsequently a number of points of order were raised by Government Members on grounds of relevance, and Opposition Members spoke to the points of order, including the Manager of Opposition Business, arguing that the debate had been wide-ranging. The Member concluded her speech. During the next contribution on the bills by a Government Member, the Member was also asked on three occasions by the Chair to return to the bills.

> Hansard: 29 October 2014, 12428-31 SOs 75, 86

## Documents

### **122.23** Member not permitted to seek leave to table Budget measures

After the Prime Minister's answer to a question on notice from a Shadow Minister on Wednesday 22 October, the Shadow Minister sought leave to table a document from the Diagnostic Imaging Association and a document regarding the Budget. With respect to the Budget measures document, the Speaker ruled that the Member was not permitted to seek to table a document that was already a public document. Leave was not granted for the Member to table the document from the Diagnostic Imaging Association.

*Note:* In a statement to the House on 26 May 2014 regarding the tabling of documents by private Members, the Speaker ruled that a request by a Member for leave to table a document would not be put where the document was already on the public record (*see* entry no. **117.31**).

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11635 SO 63, 199

## **Federation Chamber**

## **122.24** Federation Chamber meets for extended period of constituency statements

In the Federation Chamber on Wednesday 22 October, there being no objection by Members present, the time for constituency statements was extended by 30 minutes. The statements were the only item of business so at the conclusion of constituency statements the Federation Chamber adjourned early, at 10.31 a.m.

*Note:* The Federation Chamber is scheduled to adjourn at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11718-34 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/911

SOs 191, 192, 193

### **122.25** Extended adjournment debates in Federation Chamber

In the Federation Chamber on Thursday 23 October, there being no other business scheduled, the adjournment was moved immediately at the conclusion of Member's constituency statements. There being no objection, the adjournment debate was extended by one hour and the Federation Chamber adjourned at 11.28 a.m.

Similarly, when the Federation Chamber met on the following Thursday 30 October, there being no other business scheduled, the adjournment was moved immediately at the conclusion of Member's constituency statements. The adjournment debate was extended by one hour and the Federation Chamber adjourned at 11.32 a.m.

*Note:* The Federation Chamber is scheduled to adjourn at 1.00 p.m. on Thursdays, after a 30 minute adjournment debate.

Hansard: 23 October 2014, 11869-92; 30 October 2014, 12679-12701 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/917; 2014/960 SOs 191, 192, 193

## Members

### **122.26** Member delivers 90 second statement in AUSLAN

On Wednesday 22 October, during the period for Members' statements in the House, an Opposition Member made an oral statement while simultaneously delivering her speech in AUSLAN. In her statement, the Member noted that it was the National Week of Deaf People.

> Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11616 SO 43

### 122.27 Member not seated during division; vote not counted

On 22 October, during a division on the question that the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 and two related bills (*see* entry **122.02**) be read a second time, the Manager of Opposition Business raised points of order regarding a Government Member who had entered the Chamber for the division after the Chair's instruction to lock the doors. The Member had stood at the back of the Chamber for the division rather than occupying her seat. The Chair ruled that the Member's vote would not be counted in the division.

> Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11709-11 SOs 129, 130

### **122.28** Member reminded that food and drink not permitted in Chamber

On Wednesday 29 October, during a division on an amendment moved by the Manager of Opposition Business to a motion to suspend standing orders moved by a Parliamentary Secretary (*see* entry **122.16**), the Manager of Opposition Business raised a point of order and asked the Speaker whether it was in order to bring cups of coffee into the Chamber, referring to the actions of a Government Member. The Speaker thanked the Manager of Opposition Business for drawing the matter to her attention and reminded the House that, other than water, which is provided, it is not permitted to bring food or drinks into the Chamber.

> Hansard: 29 October 2014, 12379-80 SO 86

#### **122.29** Members sanctioned for use of props

During question time on 29 October, the Leader of the Opposition asked the Prime Minister a question regarding an increase in petrol tax. As the Prime Minister rose to answer the question, numerous Opposition Members held up posters depicting a newspaper headline. The Speaker ruled that the act was a 'deliberate and flagrant abuse' of her ruling regarding props being used in the Chamber and asked the attendants to collect all the props. Four Members who continued to display their props were ordered to leave the Chamber for disorderly conduct.

> Hansard: 29 October 2014, 12441-2 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/945 **SOs 91, 92, 94**

## Parliamentary administration

#### **122.30** Speaker presents DHR Annual Report 2013–14

After question time on Monday 27 October, pursuant to section 65 of the *Parliamentary Services Act 1999*, the Speaker presented the annual report of the Department of the House of Representatives 2013–14.

Hansard: 27 October 2014, 11996 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/927 **SO 199** 

## **Private Members' Business**

## **122.31** Member absent: introduction of bill postponed

At the commencement of private Members' business on Monday 20 October, upon a notice relating to the introduction of a private Member's bill being called on, a non-aligned Member, in the absence of the bill's sponsor and at his request, fixed the next sitting Monday as the day for the presentation of the Telecommunications Amendment (Giving the Community Rights on Phone Towers) Bill 2014.

*Note:* The Member sponsoring the bill was the only Member scheduled to speak on the item. Standing order 113 provides that 'A motion not moved when called on shall be removed from the Notice Paper except if the Member who gave notice, or another Member at his or her request, sets a future time for moving the motion'.

Hansard: 20 October 2014, 11260 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/883 SOs 41, 113

Privilege

## **122.32** Manager of Opposition Business raises matter of privilege

After question time on Monday 27 October, the Manager of Opposition Business raised a possible matter of privilege in relation to an alteration of the Hansard record by the Minister for Agriculture. He also asked a question to the Speaker requesting that she review the tapes from question time on Monday 20 October, to compare the record of what was said to what had been reflected in the Hansard record, and to report back to the House on whether this constituted misconduct in accordance with practice. The Speaker stated that she would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time. Before raising the matter with the Speaker, the Manager of Opposition Business had, earlier during question time, attempted to suspend standing orders to enable him to move a motion censuring the Minister of Agriculture (*see* entry no. **122.13**).

Later that afternoon during Government business time, the Minister for Agriculture was granted indulgence to add to an answer he gave in question time. The Minister stated that he understood a request for minor edits to the Hansard for 20 October was made to Hansard by his staff without his knowledge. He indicated that his staff had been counselled and that, consistent with standing orders, he had asked that the requested changes be removed from the Hansard before it was finalised.

After question time on 28 October, the Speaker reported to the House that, in light of the Minister's explanation given the previous day, she had not reviewed the tapes and stated that it did not appear that a prima facie case had been made out. She added that she considered the matter was now closed.

> Hansard: 27 October 2014, 11996, 12005; 28 October 2014, 12264 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/927; 937 SOs 51, 65, 103

## Questions

### **122.33** *Minister adds to an answer*

Immediately after question time on Monday 20 October, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by indulgence, added to an answer he had given during question time. He clarified that when he had referred to '40 offloads from aircraft', it was in relation to 40 individuals, not groups.

> Hansard: 20 October 2014, 11323, 11337 **SO 65**

### **122.34** *Minister adds to an answer*

During the cognate second reading debate on the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 and two related bills on 22 October, the Minister for Agriculture, by indulgence, added to an answer he had given during question time on 20 October, regarding farm household allowance payments.

Hansard: 20 October 2014, 11325-6; 22 October 2014, 11701 SO 65

## **122.35** *Question not completed within allocated time; Speaker calls on next questioner*

During question time on 22 October, a Shadow Minister asked the Minister for Agriculture a question regarding a statement the Minister had made relating to drought in question time two days prior. The Speaker ruled that the Member did not complete his question within the time permitted under the standing orders. A number of points of order were raised and the Speaker confirmed her original ruling and called on the next questioner.

*Note:* Under standing order 100(f), the duration of each question is limited to 30 seconds.

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11640-2 SOs 86,100

### **122.36** *Question ruled out of order*

During question time on Thursday 23 October, the Manager of Opposition Business asked a question to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection regarding the extent to which his portfolio carried expertise relevant to the work currently being performed by a range of other departments. The Speaker ruled the question out of order and called on the next questioner. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition raised a point of order to indicate that the Minister was prepared to answer the question, but the Speaker confirmed her ruling and called on the next questioner.

> Hansard: 23 October 2014, 11822 SOs 86, 98, 100

### 122.37 Minister's additional answer ruled out of order

After question time on Tuesday 28 October, the Minister for Agriculture, by indulgence, added to an answer he had given during question time regarding agriculture policy. The Speaker intervened and ruled the Member out of order, stating that he was 'not adding to an answer.'

Hansard: 28 October 2014, 12262 SO 65

## Speaker

### 122.38 Questions to Speaker regarding Parliament House security

After question time on Monday 20 October, the Manager of Opposition Business asked five questions to the Speaker relating to security arrangements at Parliament House. The Speaker clarified the new security measures and explained the reasons for their implementation.

> Hansard: 20 October 2014, 11337-9 SO 103

**122.39** Speaker invites Members and visitors to sign condolence book for the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC

After question time on Wednesday 22 October, the Speaker informed the House that a condolence book would be placed in the marble foyer of Parliament House for visitors to signify their respects for the memory of the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC, former Prime Minister. The Speaker informed Members that she had also made arrangements for pages of the condolence book to be made available for Members in the foyer of her office and invited Members to sign them at their convenience.

Hansard: 22 October 2014, 11649

### **122.40** Statement by Speaker regarding Parliament House security

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on Thursday 23 October, the Speaker made a statement in relation to recent events in Ottawa and arrangements for security in Parliament House.

> Hansard: 23 October 2014, 11743 Votes and Proceedings: 2014/913

### **122.41** *Question to Speaker regarding reflections on former Members*

After question time on Wednesday 29 October, a Government Member asked a question to the Speaker regarding an incident on the previous day when, during the second reading debate on the Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014, she was asked by the Chair to withdraw remarks on the basis that she was impugning a former Member. The Member asked for the Speaker's guidance on the matter, given that the standing orders relate to reflections on Members. The Speaker noted that questions to the Speaker 'are supposed to be about...administrative matters only' but that she wished to make an important point. She stated that there is an obligation for Members to comply with requests to withdraw by the Chair, but also clarified that standing orders 89 and 90 (which relate to offensive words and reflections on Members) apply to current Members and Senators only.

Hansard: 28 October 2014, 12291; 29 October 2014, 12461-2 SOs 89, 90, 92, 103

## Withdrawals

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SOs 89, 90, 92